

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Summer Quarter: Zealous for the Truth

Scripture: Third John 1-14

## INTRODUCTION

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> John are the \_\_\_\_\_ documents of the NT  
Less than 300 Gk. words each; not doubt written on a single sheet of papyrus
2. Subject: \_\_\_\_\_  
Receiving and Entertaining Traveling Missionaries/Evangelists/Teachers.
3. Background: \_\_\_\_\_
  - The three men: Gaius, Diotrephes, Demetrius
  - Two are members of the same church (v. 9)  
Demetrius, probably the carrier of this letter (sent by John to Gaius)

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ **GAIUS** (vv. 1-8)

This man is \_\_\_\_\_ by the apostle John

1. John's \_\_\_\_\_ for Gaius (v. 1)
2. John's \_\_\_\_\_ for Gaius (v. 2)
3. John's \_\_\_\_\_ for Gaius (vv. 3-8)
  - A. He is faithful to God's \_\_\_\_\_ (3, 4)
  - B. He is faithful to God's \_\_\_\_\_ (5-8, 12)
    - 1) This ministry honors God (6)
    - 2) This ministry is a witness to the lost (7)
    - 3) This ministry is an obligation (8a)
    - 4) This ministry helps disseminate the truth (8b)

**THE \_\_\_\_\_ DIOTREPHES (vv.9-11)**

This man is \_\_\_\_\_ by the apostle John

1. His personal \_\_\_\_\_ (9)
2. His \_\_\_\_\_ actions (9, 10)
  - A. He would not receive John (9)
  - B. He lied about John (10a)
  - C. He rejected John's associates (10b)
  - D. He disciplined those who disagreed with him (10c)
3. John's \_\_\_\_\_ to Gaius (11)

**SOME TAKE AWAYS . . .**

1. The workman is worthy of his \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 10:7; 1 Ti. 5:17-18)
2. Make sure your love has \_\_\_\_\_ (cp. 2 John 7-11)
3. Wherever there are \_\_\_\_\_ there are \_\_\_\_\_
4. This letter highlights the need for a healthy form of church government, and a godly plurality of leaders ("overseers" & "deacons")