

Sincerely John



**DEAR FRIEND
GAIUS**



¹ The elder,

To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

² Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. ³ It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3 JOHN 1-15

⁵ Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. ⁶ They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honours God. ⁷ It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. ⁸ We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth.

3 JOHN 1-15

⁹ I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us. ¹⁰ So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church.

3 JOHN 1-15

¹¹ Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God. ¹² Demetrius is well spoken of by everyone—and even by the truth itself. We also speak well of him, and you know that our testimony is true.

3 JOHN 1-15

¹³ I have much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. ¹⁴ I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

¹⁵ Peace to you. The friends here send their greetings. Greet the friends there by name.

3 JOHN 1-15

Faithfulness to the Truth

(vv. 3-4)



“It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your **faithfulness to the truth**, telling how you continue to walk in it. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are **walking in the truth.**”

3 JOHN 3-4

Christianity is not something we can compartmentalize. When Jesus is Lord of our lives, he gets the driver seat and we live in a way that is directed by his values, his teaching and his leading.



“I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to ***lead you astray.***” (1 Jn 2:26)

“Dear children, do not let anyone ***lead you astray.***” (1 Jn 3:7)

“...***Many deceivers***, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.” (2 Jn 7)

²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard!

ACTS 20:28-31

“Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son.”

1 JOHN 2:22

“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar.”

1 JOHN 4:20

“If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth...If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 JOHN 1:6, 8-9

God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

56% of Evangelical Christians surveyed expressed that God is pleased by worship that comes from those outside the Christian faith.

*State of Theology Study 2022 (Ligonier Ministries and LifeWay Research)



Jesus was a great teacher, but he was not God.

43% of Evangelical respondents indicated that they agreed with this statement.



Religious belief is a matter of personal opinion; it is not about objective truth.

38% of Evangelical respondents indicated that they agreed with the statement



The Bible, like all sacred writings, contains helpful accounts of ancient myths but is not literally true.

26% of respondents agreed with the statement.



**“To conform to a sick society is to
become sick.”**

(Richard Foster)

Showing Hospitality

(vv. 5-8)



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3 JOHN 5-8

“Demetrius is well spoken of by everyone—and even by the truth itself. We also speak well of him, and you know that our testimony is true.”

3 JOHN 12

“If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching,
do not take them into your house or welcome them.
Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.”

2 JOHN 10

They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶ But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, ⁷ and Jason has welcomed them into his house.

ACTS 17:5-9

They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." ⁸ When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. ⁹ Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

ACTS 17:5-9

SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) Gaius was faithful to the truth
- 2) Gaius modelled it through courageous hospitality

A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

MARK 4:3-8

⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.

MARK 4:3-8

¹⁴ The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵ **Some people** are like seed along the path, where the Truth is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the Truth that was sown in them. ¹⁶ **Others**, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the Truth and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the Truth, they quickly fall away.

MARK 4:14-20

¹⁸ **Still others**, like seed sown among thorns, hear the Truth;
¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and
the desires for other things come in and choke the Truth,
making it unfruitful. ²⁰ **Others**, like seed sown on good soil,
hear the Truth, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty,
some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”

MARK 4:14-20

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