

Seven Bible Studies 2017

Epistles

December 17: 3 John (Ryan Ingle)

Sunday, December 17 ~ 3 John 1

John writes this letter to Gaius wishing good health upon him. John mentions how encouraged he is to receive reports of how Gaius continues to walk in the faith and truth. John writes of how much great joy is brought to him when he sees others walking in truth.

John has received reports of how Gaius has been helping complete strangers who were traveling stay for a short time and "wear" the Christian belief well. Those "strangers" are making the report of the love shown to them while visiting Gaius and others there with him.

Diotrephes was a leader who opposed John's authority. He refuses to welcome John so John makes mention of addressing this matter and the malicious nonsense Diotrephes is spreading when he visits in the future. He also refused to welcome other Christian visitors who want to visit the church.

John then iterates the importance of not imitating what is evil (possibly also referring to how Diotrephes is acting). Anyone who does what is good is of God. Anyone who does evil had not seen God.

Demetrius is mentioned here is being spoken of very highly by everyone who knows him.

John states he plans on visiting them soon as he doesn't want to write much at this time but would rather deliver his message in person soon.

Comment:

Butch O'Neal:
Thank you, Ryan!

Comment:

Marc Hermon:
Thanks Ryan, you've been flying through Bible books these last three weeks. Only one more book to go!

Replies:

Ryan Ingle:
Lol! I think I can do it:)

Comment:

Ginger Hermon: A very short letter but excellent source showing how important it is to have hospitality and love extended to the church. Thank you, Ryan. I have great joy knowing you walk in the Truth! 😊❤️