

1 John: Error is challenged
2 John: Error spreads
3 John: Error takes over

The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

John
a Gentile leader in
an Asian church

² Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be

a love fostered by their
union in Christ

in good health, just as your soul prospers. ³ For I was very glad

v2 Gaius is not a leader
because of wealth or
physical stature but
because of a prosperous
spiritual life

when brethren came and testified to your truth, *that is*, how

missionaries who had
come to Gaius' church

you are walking in truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than this, to

v3 he walks in truth

hear of my children walking in the truth.

v4 when your converts become
leaders you rejoice

⁵ Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish

v5 and here is faithfulness
- supporting missions
and missionaries

for the brethren, and especially *when they are strangers*; ⁶ and

Heb. 13:14

they have testified to your love before the church. You will do

traveling evangelists

well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of

meaning to provide for
their future needs

God ⁷ For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting

Titus 3:13-14
Romans 16:1-24

nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸ Therefore we ought to support

such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth.

v8 when we give it
makes us partners
in mission work.

⁹ I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves

to be first among them, does not accept what we say. ¹⁰ For

this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he

does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied

with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and

he forbids those who desire to do so and puts them out of the

church. *He is an enemy of the truth*

¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The

John addresses Gaius and
the faithful of the church

... and replace him with a faithful man

they are to reject
the leadership of Diotrephes

one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not

Crane actually had a non-Christian leading the church... a first in the N.T.

seen God. ¹² Demetrius has received a *good* testimony from that faithful man is Demetrius

1. People loved everyone, and from the truth itself; and we add our testimony, and respected him
2. He was faithful to apostolic truth

3 The apostles recognized his past faithfulness as they heard from Jesus and were commissioned by Him

and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³ I had many things to write to you, but I am not willing to

write *them* to you with pen and ink; ¹⁴ but I hope to see you

and Judgment is coming.

shortly, and we will speak face to face.

¹⁵ Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by

a one time reference to Christians as "friends"

name.

Jesus said "I no longer call you slaves but friends"

Crane's church is part of something bigger than themselves - the universal body of Christ