

# **A Study of the General Epistles**

## **(NT Survey Lesson 212--3 John)**

**Introduction:** John's third letter was written to a faithful brother named Gaius. In this letter John expresses appreciation for Gaius' hospitality toward those who preach the word and denounces the conduct of Diotrephes.

**Lesson aim:** To emphasize the need to receive and support those who preach the word of God.

### **The influence of Gaius--3 Jn. 1-8**

1. How did John describe himself? To whom is this letter addressed? How did John feel about him?
2. What prayer did John offer in behalf of Gaius?
3. What was John's greatest joy?
4. What characteristic of Gaius did John commend? (v. 5) To what did the brethren bear witness concerning Gaius?
5. What was John encouraging Gaius to do? What had these men done?
6. Why did John say such men should be supported?

### **An indictment of Diotrephes--3 John 9-11**

1. How did John describe Diotrephes? What had Diotrephes done with the message sent to the church?
2. What did John say he would do to Diotrophes when he arrived?
3. Describe Diotrephes' conduct toward the apostles (v. 10). Toward those brethren who went out for the sake of the Name. Toward those who received those who preached the truth.

4. What exhortation was Gaius given? (v. 11) What did John say doing what is good would prove?

### **The introduction of Demetrius and concluding remarks--3 John 12-14**

1. Describe Demetrius' reputation. What was John's personal testimony about him?
2. What did John indicate he was planning to do?
3. How are Christians described in v. 14? What does this say about them?