

*Becoming a Fellow-Worker for the Truth: 3 John 1–8*

Grace Chapel

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**INTRODUCTION**

**1. SALUTATION: John Greet Gaius, whom He Loves in Truth (3 John 1)**

**Elder (cf, 2 John 1; 1 Peter 5:1)**

**Gaius (prob. not the same as in Acts 19:29; 20:4–5; or 1 Co 1:14/Rom 16:23)**

**Destination of letter**

**Date when 3 John was written**  
**Galatians 2:9 (AD 48)**

**Paul forbidden to preach in Asia Minor (Acts 16:6)**

**Peter to Antioch and Corinth (1 Co 1:12; 3:22)**

**John in Ephesus (tradition)**  
**Writing of Gospel (John 5:2) (late 40s/early 50s)**

**John returned to Jerusalem (Possible inference from 1 John 2:19)**  
**Epistles written mid-60s**

**Time gap between Gospel and Epistles**

**John wrote Revelation on the Island of Patmos (AD 71/72)**

**2. Commending Gaius (3 John 2–4)****A. John's prayer for Gaius (3 John 2)****B. The reason for John's prayer (3 John 3–4)****3. Encouraging Gaius to Continue Supporting those who Proclaim Truth (3 John 5–8)****A. Brethren testify of Gaius' hospitable to traveling preachers of truth (3 John 5–6a)**

Both *brethren* and *strangers* are believers, because

**B. His hospitality towards traveling preachers of truth is rewardable (3 John 6b)****C. Why is hospitality to these traveling preachers of truth rewardable (3 John 7)****D. Inference: Believers ought to be hospitable to traveling preachers of truth in order to share in their reward****CONCLUSION**