

**STUDY OF III JOHN**  
**IMPORTANT CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE SERIES**

**I. INTRODUCTION.**

- a. Writer.
- b. To whom written.
- c. Purpose—to encourage a beloved brother, Gaius.

**II. OUTLINE AND STUDY OF III JOHN.**

- a. Introduction. (v.1)
- b. Gaius—the beloved. (vs. 1-8)
  - i. John's "wish" (prayer). (v. 2)
  - ii. John's joy over what he has heard. (vs. 3-8)
    - 1. Gaius walks in truth. (vs. 3-4)
    - 2. Gaius' "faithfulness". (v. 5)
    - 3. Gaius' love and support of others. (vs. 6-8)
- c. Diotrephes—lover of "preeminence". (9-11)
  - i. Seeks to dominate the congregation. (vs. 9-10)
    - 1. John wrote them but this man would not welcome him. (v. 9)
    - 2. If John visits will "remember his deeds". (v. 10)
      - a. Will not receive other brethren.
      - b. Forbids other to show hospitality.
  - ii. Caution: Do not be caught up his deeds. (v. 11)
- d. Demetrius—witness of the truth. (v. 12)
  - i. Good report from others.
  - ii. Good report of "truth" itself.
  - iii. Good report from John.
  - iv. Who is Demetrius?
    - 1. One who is to visit the congregation?
    - 2. The name "Demetrius" elsewhere in scripture.
  - v. How will he be received?

**III. CLOSING. (VS. 13-14)**

- a. John had many things to say to Gaius. (v. 13)
- b. Mentions possible visit. (v. 14)
- c. Greetings to and from mutual friends. (v. 14)