

The Integrity of Our Testimony

Grace Bible Chapel

3rd John Study - emphasis on 3rd John 1-8

Sunday – March 15th, 2026

CONTEXT: 3rd John continues to present the importance of truth from John’s second letter, but from a third-party viewpoint. The focus of the letter is on truth’s testimony, which should belong to all who are His. The word “testified” is used twice in this short letter, and the word “testimony” three times. John will provide three different example testimonies for our edification. Other words: walking, acting, and deeds are also used for John to express the essential importance of a “Christlike” testimony. The two inseparable realities that must be present in every Christian are truth and love. This epistle, while addressing a problem in a local church, deals with the reality of true conversion as seen based on personal testimony. Gaius, the letter’s recipient, has a righteous testimony (vs. 3). Demetrius, likely the letter’s deliverer, has a righteous testimony (vs 12), and Diotrephes, the source of trouble in the church, does not have a righteous testimony (vs. 10), and is thereby working contrary to and against those who do, and ultimately against our Lord.

Key Words & times used

- truth (6)
- good (4)
- testimony (3)
- testified (2)
- walking (2)

Outline of 3rd John

I. The Testimony of a Christian (V. 1-8, 12)

- Righteous love (V. 2, 6)

Introduction:

I. The Testimony of a Christian

- Righteous love (V. 2, 6)

- Righteous walk (V. 3, 12)

- Righteous desires (V. 4)

- Righteous concerns (V. 5, 7-8)

Closing:
