

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE JOHN.

1 **T**HE old man to his friend Gaius,
whom I truly love.
2 I pray above all, friend, that you
may be prosperous and well, just as
3 your soul prospers; for I was ex-
ceedingly delighted when brethren
came and testified of your truth, and
4 how you walk in the truth. I have
no greater delight than to learn that
my children conduct themselves
always in the truth.
5 You practise faith, friend, when you
bestow benefits on the brotherhood
6 who are even strangers; they testify
of your friendship before the assembly,
how well you have done in having
helped them forward for the sake of
7 God. Because for the sake of that
Name they went out, taking nothing
8 from the heathen. Such we ought
therefore to support, so that we may
be workers together for the truth.
9 I wrote something to the assembly;
Diotrephes, however, who likes to
make himself prominent among them,

rejects us. If I come, therefore, I will 10
make him remember his conduct,
sneering at us with vile expressions;
and indeed, not content with these,
he did not receive the brethren, and
hindered those who would, and ex-
pelled them from the assembly.

Do not, friend, imitate the bad, but 11
the good. The well-doer is from God;
the wrong-doer has not seen God.
Demetrius is well reported of by all, as 12
well as by the truth itself; yes, and we
also give evidence, and you know that
our evidence is reliable.

I have much to write to you; but I 13
am unwilling to communicate to you
with pen and ink. Very soon, how- 14
ever, I hope to see you, when we can
speak by word of mouth. Peace to
you. The friends send you regards.
Remember the friends by name.

*(These two short Letters were written
from Ephesus, probably between the years
88 and 90 A.D.)*

THE EPISTLE OF JUDE.

1 **J**UDE, a servant of Jesus Christ,
and brother of James, to the be-
loved by God the Father, and
2 surely called in Jesus Christ:
Mercy to you; and may peace
and love be perfected.
3 Friends, while I was making every
effort to write to you in reference to
our common salvation, I was impelled
to write to you, urging you to strive
energetically for the faith which was
4 once for all entrusted to the holy. For
some impious men have crept in
stealthily, who were of old prescribed
for this crime, who pervert the gift of
our God into profligacy, denying our
only Master and Lord Jesus Christ.

Solemn Warning against Hypocritical Unbelievers.

I now desire to remind you, 5
although you once knew it, that the
people having been saved out of the
land of Egypt, those who afterwards
would not believe perished. Those 6
angels also who did not guard their
own dominion, but abandoned their
proper duty, He reserves in custody
in the spirit land, under darkness, for
a great Day of Judgment. Like Sodom 7
and Gomorrah, and their surrounding
towns—who in the same way gave
themselves up to prostitution, going
after foul sensuality—are placed as a