

## Study 11

### Read 3 John 1-8

**Central Teaching-** Show hospitality worthy of God to brethren, even strangers, who are walking in the truth.

#### **Key Verse- 4**

#### **Ten things this passages says-**

1. John loved Gaius in truth.
2. He prayed that Gaius would prosper and be in good health in all respects.
3. He prayed that Gaius' health would prosper as his soul prospered.
4. Brethren spoke well of Gaius, because he was walking in the truth.
5. John's greatest joy came when he heard his children were walking in the truth.
6. Gaius was acting faithfully in everything he accomplished towards the brethren; especially towards strangers.
7. Those he had ministered to testified to Gaius' love before the church.
8. We should treat those we are showing hospitality to in a manner worthy of God.
9. People who are truly serving the Lord are doing it for His Name, not their own gain.
10. When we support men who are motivated by truth, we are fellow workers in that truth with them.

#### **What does this passage teach us about God?**

He loves in truth.

He desires us to pray for physical, as well as spiritual well-being.

He rejoices when we speak well of each other.

He rejoices when we walk in the truth.

He is faithful.

He is not a respecter of persons. Brethren and strangers alike receive equal treatment.

He rewards those in supporting roles (such as hospitality) in the ministry, as well as those out in the forefront.

#### **Questions-**

1. What kinds of people are called "beloved," both in this book and in the rest of the NT?  
V1
2. What does it mean to "love in truth"? V1

3. What does John's prayer for Gaius say about his spiritual health? V2
4. What does his prayer show us about praying for someone's physical health? V2
5. How does his prayer contradict the idea that ill health is due to sin or a lack of faith in one's life? V2
6. What two things brought John joy in this verse? V3
7. What does it mean to "walk in the truth"? V3
8. In response to this verse, what kinds of changes should we make to our own lives? V3
9. Who were John's children? V4
10. What brought him the greatest joy? V4
11. Conversely, what do you think would have brought him the greatest sorrow? V4
12. What things bring you joy? Do they match up with the eternal perspective that John had? V4
13. Why is it significant that he was "acting faithfully"? What does that mean? V5
14. Who was Gaius showing hospitality to? V5
15. Can you think of any cross references that tell us specifically who we should practice hospitality towards? V5

16. How was Gaius' "love" demonstrated? V6
  
17. What was one way that Gaius' guests showed their gratefulness? What do you think the result of their testimony was? V 6
  
18. How did John indicate that he wanted Gaius' hospitality to continue? V6
  
19. What does it mean to "send them on their way in a manner worthy of God"? V6
  
20. What should the motivation be of a preacher that we show hospitality towards? V7
  
21. Who is "the Name" referring to? V7
  
22. Who do "the Gentiles" refer to? V7
  
23. Why is it important that such a preacher accepts nothing from the Gentiles? V7
  
24. What kind of men should we support? V8
  
25. How should we support them? V8
  
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