



Letters of John

Feb 11, 2024 - 3rd John

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Feb 4, 2024 - 2 John*
 - ✓ *Manor Lake – Feb 6*
- ✓ *Feb 11, 2024 – 3 John*
- *Feb 18, 2024 – New Study*
 - *Manor Lake – Feb 20*
- *Feb 25, 2024 – New Study*

Easter is 3/31/24, and Palm Sunday is 3/24/24

Quick Update things you may have missed - ICYMI

- Middle East updates
 - Gaza getting difficult – expect casualties – a confined area near Egypt
 - Northern Israel – Continual cross-border action with Hezbollah, Syria, and Iranian militias in Iraq
 - US action in Yemen, and Iraq and Syria – B1 bombers from Europe
 - US putting a 45-day time limit on Israel to report back compliance with ICC violations of lose military aid
- Russia, Iran, and Turkey joint discussions
- US Domestic
 - Turmoil in Biden team regarding election and Special Counsel Report
 - Border policy, monetary policy, Bank rules, and Layoffs across the country are fostering a summer of Chaos, and election chaos. Something is up according to sources
 - Terror threats, and Drug deaths due to border situation
- China and North Korea are saber-rattling

Apostle John in 90 AD in Ephesus

- *Preached in Ephesus for perhaps 50 years*
- *Where are his sermons? We have all the sermons of preachers like Charles Spurgeon, but none from the Apostle John.*
- *Yet, we have the Gospel of John, the Revelation of Christ, and 1 John, all of which are considered intended for reading publicly and dissemination*
- *In addition, we have 2 personal letters from the Apostle which gives us some insight into both him, and his desire to help at 90 years old*
 - *2nd and 3rd John*

3rd John

- *Written by the Apostle John in about 90 AD to a man named Gaius, who John knows and has disciplined*
- *We see only John's letter and not the incident or reason for the letter*
 - *We must figure it out in the letter*
 - *But we do know the situation in Asia Minor concerning churches and heresies from 1 John and 2 John so we can make educated guesses*
- *We see a deeper side to both John and Gaius, and specific remedies for the small house church*
- *The letter is short and to the point, but uses a common structure for personal letters for the time*

3 John 1-2 *Friend to friend*

¹ *The **elder**,*

*To my dear friend **Gaius**, whom I **love in the truth***

² *Dear friend/ (beloved), I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.*

3 John 3-4

Joy and Truth

³ It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it.

⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3 John 5-8 Faithful Servant of the Lord

*⁵ Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are **strangers to you**.*

⁶ They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God.

*⁷ It was for the **sake of the Name** that they went out, receiving **no help from the pagans**.*

*⁸ We ought **therefore** to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for **the truth**.*

3 John 9 The Problem in the Church

*⁹ I wrote to the church, but **Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us.***

*¹⁰ **So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers.***

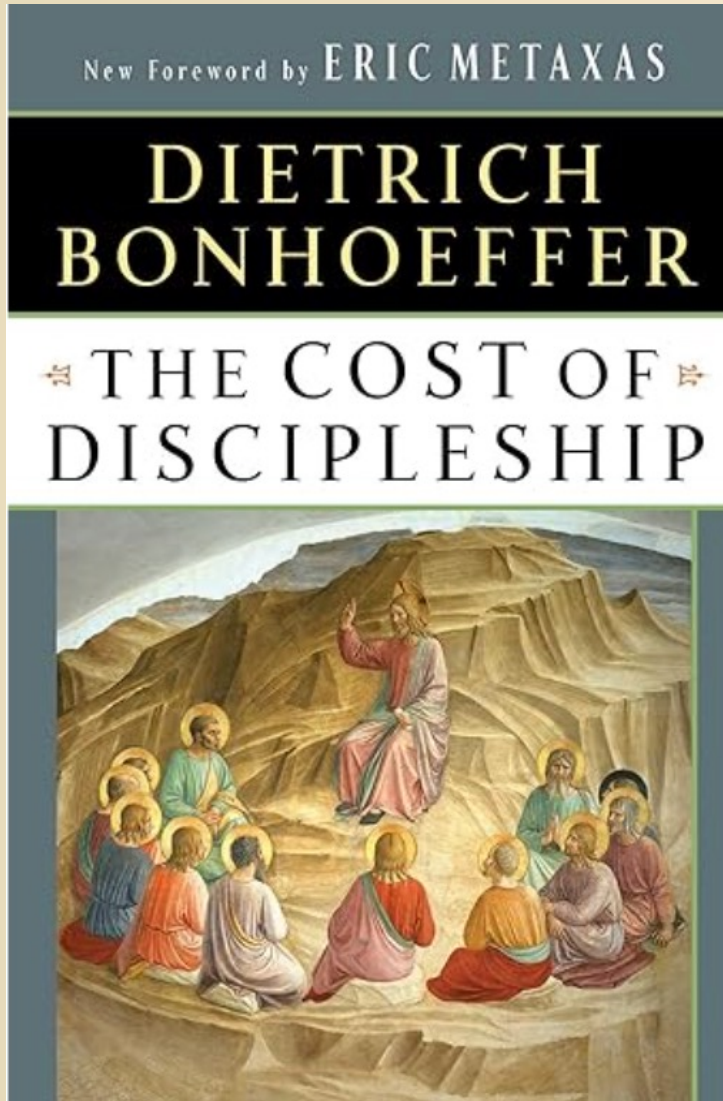
*He also stops those who want **to do so** and puts them out of the church.*

3 John 11-12. A call to action

*¹¹ Dear friend, **do not imitate what is evil but what is good.** Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.*

¹² Demetrius is well spoken of by everyone—and even by the truth itself. We also speak well of him, and you know that our testimony is true

The Cost of Discipleship – Dietrich Bonhoeffer



To take a quote on Faith and Obedience (p64)

*For Faith is only real when there is Obedience,
never without it, and Faith only becomes Faith
in the act of Obedience.*

What is John asking of Gaius?

- *Greet the bearer of this letter as a friend and fellow believer (Demetrius)*
- *I have vouched for him, and he is a brother and truth teller*
- *Show hospitality to them while they are there and send them on their way afterward as God would have you do.*

I know this will cause you hardship with Diotrephes, and may get you booted from the church, but this is the right thing to do in the Lord.

Be faithful and obedient

3 John 13-15 Final Thoughts from John

13 I have much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink.

14 I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

*15 Peace to you. The friends here send their greetings. Greet the friends there **by name.***

What do you think happened?

- *Did Gaius do what John asked of him?*
- *Did he have trouble with Diotrephes?*
- *Did John ever make it and confront the lack of hospitality, love, and obedience in this small house church?*

I don't know, but the lessons and challenges for Gaius are the same for us today.

- *We must **walk in the Truth** of God...everywhere, in whatever we do.*
- *We must also **walk in Obedience and Love**.*
- *Sometimes we must take a principled stand for the Word of God against the evils and lies of this world.*

I pray for God's Peace to be with us as we make this stand.

Next Week

- *I will send a note as to the next study*
- *Pray for each other... a lot is going on*
- *Pray for Israel and the Peace of Jerusalem*
- *Pray for our country and its leaders*
- *Pray for our State and County and their leaders*
- *Pray for our Church, its Pastors, Teachers, and Members that we will be faithful to His Call and Direction*
- *Pray that we will be faithful when we are called to Stand for the Lord and His Word*