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## Chapter 1

- (1) The elder to the well beloved Gaius, a whom I love in the truth.
- (2) Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.
- (3) Because I rejoiced greatly, when the brothers came and testified of the truth that is in you, even as you walk in the truth.
- (4) I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
- (5) Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do to the brothers and to strangers;
- (6) Who have borne witness of your charity before the church: whom if you bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, you will do well:
- (7) Because for His Name's sake they went forth, taking nothing from the Gentiles {non-Jews}.
- (8) We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth.

- (9) I wrote to the church: but Diotrephes, who loves to have first place among them, does not receive us.
- (10) Therefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he does, speaking against us with malicious words: and not content to do just that, he himself does not even receive the brothers, and forbids those who would receive them, and casts them out of the church
- (11) Beloved, do not follow that which is evil, but that which is good. He who does good is of God: but he who does evil has not seen God.
- (12) Demetrius<sup>b</sup> has a good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yes, and we also bear witness; and you know that our witness is true.
- (13) I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write to you:
- (14) But I trust I shall shortly see you, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to you. Our friends salute you. Greet the friends by name.

1:1a – Gaius – Acts 19:29; 20:4; Rom. 16:23; 1 Cor. 1:14
1:12b – Demetrius – Acts 19:38