1. The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

2. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3. For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

4. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

5. Beloved, thou dost faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;

6. Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:
Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth evil hath not seen God: but he that doeth good is of God; he that doeth good hath seen God.

Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, and forbiddeth them that do good, and forbiddeth them that speak good word: and he putteth them in bondage, and doeth exceeding many evil things.

Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth [them] out of the church.

8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowworkers to the truth.

9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth [them] out of the church.

7 Because that for his name’s sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.
Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace [be] to thee. [Our] friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.