

Gaius

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John the Elder went to visit his dear friend Gaius.

I'm so happy to see you are in good health and to hear you are abiding in the Lord.

I strive to live by the truth, to walk in the truth.

Which brings me great joy! As does seeing people from your congregation living in obedience to the Lord.

Yes! Although we had a problem not too long ago. Some people came saying something about Jesus not really being Jesus. You're nodding. You've heard of this teaching?

Yes, I have. They say anything physical, like the body, is evil and that only pure spirit is good. They say Jesus wasn't human at all, that he was pure spirit and only appeared to have a body.

That's exactly what they were saying. I warned my people this was a false teaching. I said, "Don't miss out on the reward you've worked so hard for – your relationship with both the Father and the Son." I told them not to support these people in any way, or they would be complicit in their evil work.

Very wise! But I trust you're still offering support to those who teach the truth, those who are traveling for the Lord.

Oh, yes. But there is Diotrephes. He loves to be in charge. He not only refuses to welcome them but tells us not to help them either. He's even thrown people out of the church for not listening to him. Still, most of us try to send them on their way in loving friendship, in a manner pleasing to God.

Well, don't let his bad example influence you. Do what's right. I've heard good things about Demetrius. Maybe he could help. In the meantime, follow the Lord's great command. "Love one another as I have loved you."