

3 John 1-4

¹The elder,

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

²Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. ³It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. ⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

TALK 1

Love for Truth's Sake (3 John 1-4)

1. Love for the Sake of the Truth (v 1)

2. Love Prays for the Well-Being of Others, Both Body and Soul (v 2)

3. Love Rejoices in the Faithfulness of Others (v 3-4)

Discussion Questions

1. Why is love that is rooted in the truth better and more secure than “spontaneous” love or love rooted merely in how one feels? How does love rooted in truth affect our relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ, especially in our church?
2. Can you think of other examples in Scripture where believers rejoice in or point out the faithfulness of others? Why is this a good and even necessary practice to cultivate in our relationships with fellow church members? Our spouse? Our children?
3. Commenting on 3 John 2, Matt said, “This is how Christians pray: yes, for health; but most importantly the health of our souls.” Using a passage like Paul’s prayer in Philippians 1:9-11 or Colossians 1:9-12, spend time praying for one another’s spiritual health and growth.