

3 John 1:5-7 (Henry Allan Ironside) 203135

Daily Sacrifice, November 10 (1:5-7)

“Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; 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: because that for His name’s sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles” —3 John 5-7.

JOHN’S third Epistle is addressed to one known as Gaius, host to visiting brethren on numerous occasions, and evidently at times to John himself. There is now no way of knowing whether he was identical with “Gaius mine host” of whom Paul writes in Romans 16:23, or whether this is the same as the Gaius whom he baptized at Corinth (1 Cor. 1:14). Gaius, answering to the Roman Caius, was a very common name in apostolic times.

By assisting these traveling servants of Christ, Gaius earned the commendation of the apostle, who was thus speaking for his Lord. Similar conduct today will have the Lord’s approval, we may be sure. He counts all done to His servants as done to Himself (Matt. 25:40). This principle abides in all dispensations.

—Anon.