



1 John 1:1-2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—

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2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us...

3 John

1 The elder to the beloved Gaius,
whom I love in truth.

3 John

2 Beloved, I pray that all may go well
with you and that you may be in good
health, as it goes well with your soul.

3 For I rejoiced greatly when the
brothers came and testified to your
truth, as indeed you are walking in
the truth.

3 John

4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Jacob Burlingame





3 John

5 Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, 6 who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God.

3 John

7 For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.

8 Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

3 John

9 I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority.

3 John

10 So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.



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The church is both an instrument of God's work and, at the same time, a culturally bound monument to human fallenness.

-Eugene Peterson

Many of those who criticize the church do so on the basis of an ideal. They set up an abstract picture of the church, and then criticize the real church when it fails to resemble the fantasy. We are humans, and our communities reflect our humanity at its best and its worst.

-Will Willimon

He who loves his dream of community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

People who do not understand the dual nature of relationships will never succeed at them.

-Tom Varney

Sacred Discontent: a godly, productive disillusionment that accepts both the reality of sin and the future hope of God.

-Tom Varney

3 John

11 Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.

Romans 5:8

8 But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

