

New England Bible Conference – Oct 25, 2014

Living the Truth – III John

Introduction

John the beloved apostle in his three epistles challenges and encourages his readers to authenticity (i.e., being real !!). The first epistle focuses on the evidence that a person is born of God. The genuine believer enjoys the fellowship with the Father and the Son and with all other believers.

The second epistle commends authentic living – walking in truth and having no part with what is anti-Christ. Christ is the embodiment of truth (John 14:6) – So hold fast to the doctrine of Christ!

The third epistle continues the same theme of the second, with the emphasis on **walking in truth**, **helping the truth** and **maintaining good works** in keeping with the truth.

There are four men mentioned in the epistle, the elder (John the author), Gaius the recipient, Diotrephes and Demetrius... The little mentioned about them in this epistle provide some valuable lessons on living authentic Christian lives because of the Truth.

9:30 to 10:00 AM Prayer

10:00-10:15 AM Break

10:15 to 12:00 Reading 1 : III John 1- 4; John and Gaius

- A. Love in truth
- B. Indwelling truth
- C. Walking in truth

12:00-1:30 PMLunch

1:30 – 2:45 PM Reading 2: III John 5-9

- A. Faithful service for the truth
- B. Helpers to the truth

2:45-3:00 PM Break

3:00-4:00 PM Reading 3 III John 9-14 – Diotrephes and Demetrius

Two more examples – object lesson on truth bearing

- A. Diotrephes – Hindering the truth
- B. Good works accompanying the truth
- C. Demetrius – Truth's Testimony

4:00- 5:00 pm Ministry or Gospel