

❖ 3 JOHN CHAPTER 1

IN 3 JOHN, THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS ON THE ISLAND OF PATMOS, FROM WHERE HE WROTE TO A FAITHFUL DISCIPLE NAMED **GAIUS** WHO WAS RESIDING IN **THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD IN EPHESUS** IN ASIA, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS LABOUR OF LOVE IN THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL TOWARDS THE **HEBREW BRETHREN**, WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA BECAUSE OF THE PERSECUTION OF THE ROMANS FOR THE TRUTH OF THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

GAIUS WAS REPORTEDLY SHOWING THE LOVE OF GOD TOWARDS THE HEBREW BRETHREN AND WERE ASSISTING SOME ON THEIR JOURNEY INTO ASIA AND RECEIVING THEM INTO THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD IN EPHESUS IN ASIA AGAINST OPPOSITION BY SOME OF THE BRETHREN IN **THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD IN EPHESUS**.

SOME OF THE HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WOULD HAVE MIGRATED TO THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS WOULD HAVE VISITED THE APOSTLE JOHN ON THE ISLAND OF PATMOS AND REPORTED TO THE APOSTLE JOHN THE LABOUR OF LOVE OF **GAIUS** TOWARDS THEM.

THE APOSTLE JOHN IN THIS EPISTLE TO **GAIUS** ONCE AGAIN DID NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF BY HIS NAME AND APOSTLESHIP, BUT BY THE TITLE “**THE ELDER**”, HIGHLIGHTING THAT HE WAS A SPIRITUAL ELDER FROM THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA AND WAS WRITING TO THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED OUTCAST BY THOSE HEBREW BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA.

(THIS WAS SIMILAR TO THE APOSTLE PAUL WHO WAS THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES AND WHO DID NOT MENTION HIS NAME OR APOSTLESHIP WHEN WRITING **THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS** TO THE HEBREW BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA, WHO WOULD HAVE REJECTED HIM AND HIS TEACHING WHICH WAS AGAINST THE LAW OF MOSES).

THE APOSTLE JOHN ALSO MENTIONED IN HIS THIRD EPISTLE TO **GAIUS** THAT HE WOULD HAVE PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN TO THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS TO RECEIVE THE **HEBREW BRETHREN**, BUT **DIOTREPES** WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN A LONG-TIME DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS, WAS IN OPPOSITION TO THE **HEBREW BRETHREN** BEING RECEIVED IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS AND WAS EXPELLING THOSE **GENTILE** AND **ISRAELITE BRETHREN** WHO WERE ACCEPTING THE HEBREW BRETHREN.

THE APOSTLE JOHN THEN MENTIONED TO **GAIUS** THE GOOD REPORT HE RECEIVED OF THE DISCIPLE **DEMETRIUS**, FOR HIS LOVE IN THE TRUTH IN RECEIVING THE **HEBREW BRETHREN** WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN EPHESUS AND THE MENTION OF THE NAME OF THE DISCIPLE **DEMETRIUS** WAS EVIDENCE THAT **THE EPISTLES OF THE APOSTLE JOHN** WERE WRITTEN TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

THE APOSTLE JOHN FURTHER ENCOURAGED **GAIUS** NOT TO BECOME WEARY OF DOING GOOD AND TO AVOID DOING EVIL AS SOME WERE DOING IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

THE APOSTLE JOHN CONCLUDED HIS THIRD EPISTLE TO **GAIUS** BY SENDING GREETINGS FROM THOSE **HEBREW BRETHREN** WHO WERE WALKING IN THE LOVE AND THE TRUTH IN OBEDIENCE TO THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST AND INSTRUCTED **GAIUS** TO ALSO GIVE GREETINGS TO THE **ISRAELITE** AND **GENTILE BRETHREN** WHO WERE RECEIVING THE **HEBREW BRETHREN** IN THE LOVE AND IN THE TRUTH OF GOD WHOM HE CALLED "**FRIENDS**".

❖ **WHICH GAIUS WAS THE APOSTLE JOHN ADDRESSING IN HIS THIRD EPISTLE?**

IN **3 JOHN**, THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS WRITING A PERSONAL EPISTLE TO EXPRESS HIS LOVE IN THE TRUTH TO **GAIUS** WHO

WAS A DISCIPLE IN THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT
EPHESUS IN ASIA AND WHO WAS LABOURING FAITHFULLY IN
THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE TRUTH OF GOD BY RECEIVING THE
HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN THE
CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA, BECAUSE OF THE PERSECUTION
OF THE ROMANS AGAINST THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN
JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA.

THE SCRIPTURES ARE NOT CLEAR ON WHICH OF THE THREE
GAIUS'S THE APOSTLE JOHN IS WRITING TO IN 3 JOHN.

THERE WERE TWO (2) GAIUS'S MENTIONED IN THE ACTS OF
THE APOSTLES BY THE WRITER LUKE THE PHYSICIAN, WHO
WERE BOTH PRESENT DURING THE THIRD MISSIONARY
JOURNEY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO EPHESUS.

LUKE THE PHYSICIAN IDENTIFIED THE TWO (2) GAIUS' BY THE
LOCATION OF THEIR CITIZENSHIP IN THEIR CITY OR PROVINCE.

1. GAIUS OF THE PROVINCE OF MACEDONIA

IN ACTS 19:29, A GAIUS OF MACEDONIA WAS MENTIONED WITH
ARISTARCHUS OF MACEDONIA BY LUKE THE PHYSICIAN
(ARISTARCHUS WAS FROM THESSALONICA IN MACEDONIA,
WHILE GAIUS OF MACEDONIA MAY HAVE BEEN FROM ANOTHER
CITY OF MACEDONIA (POSSIBLY PHILIPPI).
GAIUS AND ARISTARCHUS OF MACEDONIA MAY HAVE BECOME
DISCIPLES DURING THE APOSTLE PAUL'S SECOND
MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

GAIUS FROM THE PROVINCE OF MACEDONIA WOULD HAVE
ACCOMPANIED THE APOSTLE PAUL INTO EPHESUS DURING
HIS THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

THIS MAY HAVE NOT BEEN THE GAIUS TO WHOM THE APOSTLE
JOHN WAS WRITING HIS EPISTLE.

**Acts 19:26-29 (KJV) 26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone
at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath**

persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

Acts 19:27 (KJV) 27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

Acts 19:28 (KJV) 28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

Acts 19:29 (KJV) 29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: AND HAVING CAUGHT GAIUS AND ARISTARCHUS, MEN OF MACEDONIA, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

2. GAIUS OF THE CITY OF DERBE IN GALATIA.

IN ACTS 20:1-4, LUKE THE PHYSICIAN MENTIONED ANOTHER GAIUS OF DERBE WITH TIMOTHY OF DERBE, WHO ALSO MAY HAVE BECOME A DISCIPLE DURING THE APOSTLE PAUL FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

TIMOTHY WOULD HAVE BEEN A MINISTER IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS WHEN HE WAS SET AT LIBERTY FROM THE APOSTLE PAUL FROM PRISON IN ROME.

TIMOTHY ENTRANCE INTO THE MINISTRY TO THE GENTILES BY THE APOSTLE PAUL DURING HIS SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

Acts 16:1-3 (KJV) 1 THEN CAME HE TO DERBE AND LYSTRA: AND, BEHOLD, A CERTAIN DISCIPLE WAS THERE, NAMED TIMOTHEUS, THE SON OF A CERTAIN WOMAN, WHICH WAS A JEWESS, AND BELIEVED; BUT HIS FATHER WAS A GREEK:

Acts 16:2 (KJV) 2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

Acts 16:3 (KJV) 3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

GAIUS OF DERBE MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE EARLIEST DISCIPLES FROM THE APOSTLE PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY

JOURNEY AND WAS THE **GAIUS** WHO WOULD HAVE ACCOMPANIED THE APOSTLE PAUL **DURING HIS SECOND AND THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEYS** AMONGST THE GENTILES AND WAS WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL IN EPHESUS FROM WHERE THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE **1 CORINTHIANS**.

IN **ACTS 20:1-4**, WE SEE LUKE THE PHYSICIAN MENTIONING **GAIUS OF DERBE** WITH **TIMOTHEUS** ACCOMPANYING THE APOSTLE PAUL INTO EPHESUS DURING HIS **THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY**.

THE **GAIUS OF DERBE** WAS FROM THE SAME CITY OF **TIMOTHY** AND WOULD HAVE BEEN RESIDING AT THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS AND THIS MAY BE EVIDENCE THAT THIS **GAIUS** COULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO WHOM THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS WRITING HIS EPISTLE.

Acts 20:1-4 (KJV) 1 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

Acts 20:2 (KJV) 2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

Acts 20:3 (KJV) 3 And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

Acts 20:4 (KJV) 4 AND THERE ACCOMPANIED HIM INTO ASIA Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and **GAIUS OF DERBE, AND TIMOTHEUS**; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

3. GAIUS OF THE CITY OF CORINTH

IN **1 COR 1:14**, THE APOSTLE PAUL MENTIONED THAT HE BAPTIZED A **GAIUS OF THE CITY OF CORINTH** WHEN HE WROTE **1 CORINTHIANS** WHILE HE WAS AT THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS DURING HIS THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL (BY THE HAND OF TERTIUS) WROTE **THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS** WHILE HE WAS AT THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH, HE MENTIONED THIS **GAIUS OF CORINTH**

AS HIS HOST WHO WAS EXERCISING THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY.

THIS GIFT OF HOSPITALITY BY THE GAIUS OF CORINTH MAY BE THE EVIDENCE THAT THIS GAIUS COULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO WHOM THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS WRITING HIS EPISTLE.

GAIUS OF CORINTH WOULD HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED BY THE APOSTLE PAUL DURING HIS SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY WHEN HE FIRST VISITED CORINTH.

1 Cor 1:12-14 (KJV) 12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

1 Cor 1:13 (KJV) 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

1 Cor 1:14 (KJV) 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and GAIUS;

IN ROMANS 16:23, GAIUS OF CORINTH IS MENTIONED AS A HOST TO THE APOSTLE PAUL AT THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH WITH ERASTUS WHO WAS THE CHAMBERLAIN (GOVERNOR) OF THE CITY OF CORINTH WHEN THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS WAS WRITTEN FROM CORINTH.

Rom 16:22-23 (KJV) 22 I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord.

Rom 16:23 (KJV) 23 GAIUS MINE HOST, AND OF THE WHOLE CHURCH, SALUTETH YOU. ERASTUS THE CHAMBERLAIN OF THE CITY SALUTETH YOU, and Quartus a brother.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO TIMOTHY AT THE END OF HIS MINISTRY THAT ERASTUS OF CORINTH WAS RESIDING AT CORINTH WHICH IS EVIDENCE THAT GAIUS OF CORINTH MAY STILL HAVE BEEN IN THAT LOCATION AND NOT AT EPHEBUS.

2 Tim 4:20 (KJV) 20 ERASTUS ABODE AT CORINTH: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

❖ 3 JOHN CHAPTER 1 VERSE 1

IN 3 JOHN 1:1, THE APOSTLE JOHN ONCE AGAIN DID NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF BY NAME OR APOSTLESHIP, BUT AS THE SPIRITUAL “ELDER” OF THE CHURCH OF GOD FROM JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA.

THE APOSTLE JOHN WOULD HAVE RECEIVED A GOOD REPORT ON THE LABOUR OF LOVE IN THE TRUTH OF THE WELL-BELOVED DISCIPLE NAMED **GAIUS** IN THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS TOWARDS **THE HEBREW BRETHREN** AND **STRANGERS** AGAINST OPPOSITION FROM SOME IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

THE APOSTLE JOHN WOULD HAVE RECEIVED THIS REPORT FROM THOSE BRETHREN WHO WERE VISITING HIM ON THE ISLAND OF PATMOS FROM THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS WRITING A PERSONAL EPISTLE TO ALSO CONFIRM HIS LOVE TO **GAIUS** FOR HIS LABOUR OF LOVE IN THE TRUTH IN RECEIVING THE **HEBREW BRETHREN** AND **STRANGERS** FROM THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA BECAUSE OF THE PERSECUTION OF THE ROMANS.

3 John 1:1 (KJV) 1 **THE ELDER UNTO THE WELLBELOVED GAIUS, WHOM I LOVE IN THE TRUTH.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON **SPIRITUAL ELDERS** FROM THE CHURCH OF GOD AT JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA.

THE APOSTLES PETER AND JOHN WOULD HAVE BEEN AMONGST THE SPIRITUAL ELDERS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT JERUSALEM.

Acts 15:6 (KJV) 6 And **THE APOSTLES AND ELDERS** came together for to consider of this matter.

Acts 16:4 (KJV) 4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, THAT WERE ORDAINED OF THE APOSTLES AND ELDERS WHICH WERE AT JERUSALEM.

THE APOSTLE PETER WAS A SPIRITUAL ELDER IN THE FAITH AND AN ELDER IN AGE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

1 Peter 5:1-4 (KV) 1 THE ELDERS WHICH ARE AMONG YOU I EXHORT, WHO AM ALSO AN ELDER, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

1 Peter 5:2 (KV) 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

1 Peter 5:3 (KV) 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:4 (KV) 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

2 John 1:1 (KJV) 1 THE ELDER UNTO THE ELECT LADY AND HER CHILDREN, WHOM I LOVE IN THE TRUTH; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE TRUTH OF GOD.

1 Peter 2:22-23 (KJV) 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1 Peter 2:23 (KJV) 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

1 John 2:5-6 (KJV) 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1 John 2:6 (KJV) 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

1 John 3:18 (KJV) 18 MY LITTLE CHILDREN, LET US NOT LOVE IN WORD, NEITHER IN TONGUE; BUT IN DEED AND IN TRUTH.

❖ 3 JOHN CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSE 2

IN 3 JOHN 1:2, THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS PRAYING (WISHING) FOR GAUIS TO BE PROSPEROUS IN SOUND DOCTRINE (HEALTH) IN HIS MIND AS HIS SOUL BECOMES SPIRITUAL PROSPEROUS IN TRANSFORMATION BY THE RENEWAL OF HIS MIND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS NOT ADDRESSING THE PHYSICAL HEALTH OF THE BODY OF GAUIS AS MANY WOULD HAVE FALSELY ASSUMED THIS SCRIPTURE TO BE ADDRESSING.

3 John 1:2 (KJV) 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in HEALTH, even as thy soul prospereth.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE **SPIRITUAL HEALTH OF THE SAINTS** AS PRIORITY **WITH GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST** OVER OUR **PHYSICAL HEALTH**.

Prov 3:7-8 (KJV) 7 BE NOT WISE IN THINE OWN EYES: FEAR THE LORD, AND DEPART FROM EVIL.

Prov 3:8 (KJV) 8 IT SHALL BE HEALTH TO THY NAVEL, AND MARROW TO THY BONES.

Prov 16:24 (KJV) 24 PLEASANT WORDS ARE AS AN HONEYCOMB, SWEET TO THE SOUL, AND HEALTH TO THE BONES.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE HEALTH WHICH IS FOR THE SOUL AND NOT THE BODY OF FLESH.

Matt 11:28-30 (KJV) 28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matt 11:29 (KJV) 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS.

Matt 11:30 (KJV) 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON GOD THE FATHER IS THE ONE TO PROSPER US BOTH SPIRITUALLY IN OUR SOUL AND IN MATERIAL WEALTH FOR THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL.

1 Cor 16:2 (KJV) 2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, AS GOD HATH PROSPERED HIM, that there be no gatherings when I come.

1 Tim 1:10 (KJV) 10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, AND IF THERE BE ANY OTHER THING THAT IS CONTRARY TO SOUND DOCTRINE;

1 Tim 6:3-6 (JV) 3 IF ANY MAN TEACH OTHERWISE, AND CONSENT NOT TO WHOLESOME WORDS, EVEN THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH IS ACCORDING TO GODLINESS;

1 Tim 6:4 (JV) 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

1 Tim 6:5 (JV) 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

1 Tim 6:6 (KJV) 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Heb 4:12 (KJV) 12 FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD, PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVIDING ASUNDER OF SOUL AND SPIRIT, AND OF THE JOINTS AND MARROW, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

OTHER SCRIPTURES ON THE PROVISION FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK SOUL AND THE SICK BODY OF SINFUL FLESH.

THE APOSTLE JAMES IS REFERRING TO TWO (2) DISTINCT SICKNESSES, ONE OF THE SOUL AND THE OTHER OF THE BODY.

1. SICKNESS OF THE BODY WHICH IS THE INFIRMITIES OF THE FLESH.

2. SICKNESS OF THE SOUL AS A RESULT OF THE UNFORGIVENESS OF SINS BY GOD THE FATHER BECAUSE OF UNCONFESED SINS BEFORE GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST AND TO EACH OTHER.

James 5:13-16 (KJV) 13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

James 5:14 (KJV) 14 IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

James 5:15 (KJV) 15 AND THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:16 (KJV) 16 CONFESS YOUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER, AND PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

2 Cor 12:7-9 (KJV) 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

2 Cor 12:8 (KJV) 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

2 Cor 12:9 (KJV) 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

THE APOSTLE PETER IS REFERRING TO SICKNESS IN THE BODY OF SINFUL FLESH.

1 Peter 2:24 (KJV) 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: BY WHOSE STRIPES YE WERE HEALED.

❖ **3 JOHN CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 3-4**

IN 3 JOHN 1:3-4, THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS GREATLY REJOICING FOR THE GOOD REPORT HE WOULD HAVE RECEIVED FROM THOSE HEBREW BRETHREN VISITING HIM ON THE ISLAND OF PATMOS, OF **GAIUS** AND THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN LOVE IN THE TRUTH IN RECEIVING THE HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

THE APOSTLE JOHN USED THE WORD “**CHILDREN**” REFERRING TO THOSE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS WHO WERE NOW OPERATING AS **MATURE SONS OF GOD** BECAUSE OF THEIR LOVE IN THE TRUTH IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA IN ACCEPTING THEIR HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE.

3 John 1:3-4 (KJV) 3 FOR I REJOICED GREATLY, WHEN THE BRETHREN CAME AND TESTIFIED OF THE TRUTH THAT IS IN THEE, EVEN AS THOU WALKEST IN THE TRUTH.

3 John 1:4 (KJV) 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON WALKING IN THE TRUTH OF GOD BY OBEDIENCE TO THE SCRIPTURES AND THE LEAD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Psa 86:11 (KJV) 11 Teach me thy way, O Lord; I WILL WALK IN THY TRUTH: unite my heart to fear thy name.

1 Tim 3:14-15 (KJV) 14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

1 Tim 3:15 (KJV) 15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself IN THE HOUSE OF GOD, WHICH IS THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH.

James 5:19-20 (KJV) 19 BRETHREN, IF ANY OF YOU DO ERR FROM THE TRUTH, and one convert him;

James 5:20 (KJV) 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

1 John 1:6 (KJV) 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, **AND DO NOT THE TRUTH:**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE JOHN USE OF THE WORD “**CHILDREN**” REFERRING TO THOSE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS WHO WERE NOW OPERATING AS **MATURE SONS OF GOD.**

1 John 3:1-2 (KJV) 1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, **THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED THE SONS OF GOD:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1 John 3:2 (KJV) 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

❖ 3 JOHN CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 5-7

IN 3 JOHN 1:5-7, THE APOSTLE JOHN COMMENDED THE DISCIPLE **GAIUS** FOR HIS **FAITHFULNESS** AND **SPIRITUAL MATURITY** IN LABOURING IN THE LOVE AND TRUTH OF GOD TOWARDS THE **HEBREW BRETHREN** AND **TO THE STRANGERS** (WHO DID NOT BELONG TO THE CHURCH OF GOD BUT WERE ALSO JOURNEYING WITH THE HEBREW BRETHREN), IN ASSISTING THEM ON THEIR JOURNEY AND RECEIVING THEM INTO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

THE **HEBREW BRETHREN** WOULD HAVE REPORTED TO THE APOSTLE JOHN WHEN THEY VISITED THE APOSTLE JOHN ON THE ISLAND OF PATMOS FROM THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS, THE LABOUR OF LOVE IN THE TRUTH OF **GAIUS** TOWARDS THEM AND **TO THE STRANGERS** ON THEIR JOURNEY AND IN RECEIVING THEM DESPITE THE OPPOSITION OF THOSE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

THE APOSTLE JOHN FURTHER INFORMED **GAIUS** THAT THOSE HEBREW BRETHREN FROM THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA, WOULD HAVE **FORSAKEN EVERYTHING** (MATERIAL POSSESSIONS, FAMILY, HOUSES AND LANDS) FOR **THE NAME'S SAKE OF CHRIST**, BECAUSE OF THE PERSECUTION BY THE ROMANS AND TOOK NOTHING FROM THE GENTILES ALONG THEIR JOURNEY.

3 John 1:5-7 (KJV) 5 BELOVED, THOU DOEST FAITHFULLY WHATSOEVER THOU DOEST TO THE BRETHREN, AND TO STRANGERS;

3 John 1:6 (KJV) 6 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:

3 John 1:7 (KJV) 7 BECAUSE THAT FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE THEY WENT FORTH, TAKING NOTHING OF THE GENTILES.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT REQUIRED **AS STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** TOWARDS GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST.

Luke 16:10-12 (KJV) 10 HE THAT IS FAITHFUL IN THAT WHICH IS LEAST IS FAITHFUL ALSO IN MUCH: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Luke 16:11 (KJV) 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

Luke 16:12 (KJV) 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE ETERNAL REWARD OF SERVING **STRANGERS** AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.

Matt 25:34-40 (KJV) 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Matt 25:35 (KJV) 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I WAS A STRANGER, AND YE TOOK ME IN:

Matt 25:36 (KJV) 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Matt 25:37 (KJV) 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

Matt 25:38 (KJV) 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Matt 25:39 (KJV) 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

Matt 25:40 (KJV) 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON JESUS CHRIST ALSO COMMENDING THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS (TO WHOM THE APOSTLE JOHN WOULD HAVE WRITTEN HIS THREE EPISTLES) FOR LABOURING IN PATIENCE FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

JESUS CHRIST CORRECTED THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS FOR LEAVING **THEIR FIRST LOVE TOWARDS GOD THE FATHER BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WERE LOVING IN THE LETTER WHICH ALLOWED INIQUITY TO ABOUND.**

Rev 2:1-7 (KJV) 1 Unto the angel of THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

Rev 2:2 (KJV) 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

Rev 2:3 (KJV) 3 AND HAST BORNE, AND HAST PATIENCE, AND FOR MY NAME'S SAKE HAST LABOURED, AND HAST NOT FAINTED.

Rev 2:4 (KJV) 4 NEVERTHELESS I HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE.

Rev 2:5 (KJV) 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Rev 2:6 (KJV) 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

Rev 2:7 (KJV) 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Matt 24:12 (KJV) 12 AND BECAUSE INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND, THE LOVE OF MANY SHALL WAX COLD.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE EVIDENCE OF THE LOVE OF GOD TO THE TRUTH.

1 Cor 13:4-8 (KJV) 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

1 Cor 13:5 (KJV) 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

1 Cor 13:6 (KJV) 6 REJOICETH NOT IN INIQUITY, BUT REJOICETH IN THE TRUTH;

1 Cor 13:7 (KJV) 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

1 Cor 13:8 (KJV) 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Rom 12:13 (KJV) 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY.

Heb 13:1-2 (KJV) 1 Let brotherly love continue.

Heb 13:2 (KJV) 2 BE NOT FORGETFUL TO ENTERTAIN STRANGERS: FOR THEREBY SOME HAVE ENTERTAINED ANGELS UNAWARES.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON JESUS CHRIST EXPECTING “US”, HIS TRUE DISCIPLES TO FORSAKE ALL TO FOLLOW HIM IN THIS LIFE.

Luke 18:28-30 (KJV) 28 Then Peter said, Lo, WE HAVE LEFT ALL, AND FOLLOWED THEE.

Luke 18:29 (KJV) 29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, THERE IS NO MAN THAT HATH LEFT HOUSE, OR PARENTS, OR BRETHREN, OR WIFE, OR CHILDREN, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD'S SAKE,

Luke 18:30 (KJV) 30 WHO SHALL NOT RECEIVE MANIFOLD MORE IN THIS PRESENT TIME, AND IN THE WORLD TO COME LIFE EVERLASTING.

JESUS CHRIST EXPECT HIS TRUE DISCIPLE TO FORSAKE CONTROL OF THEIR SOUL LIFE IN THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD.

John 12:25 (KJV) 25 HE THAT LOVETH HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; AND HE THAT HATETH HIS LIFE IN THIS WORLD SHALL KEEP IT UNTO LIFE ETERNAL.

❖ 3 JOHN CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSE 8

IN 3 JOHN 1:8, THE APOSTLE JOHN ENCOURAGED **GAIUS** TO RECEIVE THOSE HEBREW BRETHREN FROM THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA INTO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS WHO WERE **FELLOW-HELPERS** AND **FELLOW-LABOURERS** “TO THE TRUTH” OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE APOSTLE JOHN WOULD HAVE EXPECTED **GAIUS** TO TRY **THE SPIRITS** OF THOSE HEBREW BRETHREN SEEKING REFUGE FROM THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA INTO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE FELLOWHELPERS **TOWARDS PROMOTING THE TRUTH** OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND NOT THE LAW OF CIRCUMCISION AND THE LAW OF MOSES.

3 John 1:8 (KJV) 8 We therefore ought to receive such, THAT WE MIGHT BE FELLOWHELPERS TO THE TRUTH.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES THAT WE ARE CALLED TO BE FELLOW-HELPERS OR FELLOW-LABOURERS “TO THE TRUTH” OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WITHSTOOD PETER BEFORE THE CHURCH OF GOD AT ANTIOCH IN SYRIA “TO THE TRUTH” OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Gal 2:14 (KJV) 14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according TO THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE FROM PRISON TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE AND MENTIONED THOSE WHO WERE FELLOW-WORKERS “TO THE TRUTH” OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Col 4:7-11 (KJV) 11 All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and FELLOWSERVANT IN THE LORD:

Col 4:8 (KJV) 8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;

Col 4:9 (KJV) 9 With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.

Col 4:10 (KJV) 10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

Col 4:11 (KJV) 11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. THESE ONLY ARE MY FELLOWWORKERS UNTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, which have been a comfort unto me.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WHILE IN PRISON, MENTIONED IN HIS EPISTLE TO PHILIPPIANS THOSE WHO WERE HIS FELLOW-

LABOURERS “TO THE TRUTH” OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Phil 4:1-3 (KJV) 1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

Phil 4:2 (KJV) 2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

Phil 4:3 (KJV) 3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, HELP THOSE WOMEN WHICH LABOURED WITH ME IN THE GOSPEL, WITH CLEMENT ALSO, AND WITH OTHER MY FELLOWLABOURERS, WHOSE NAMES ARE IN THE BOOK OF LIFE.

THE APOSTLE PAUL MENTIONED IN HIS PERSONAL EPISTLE TO PHILEMON THOSE WHO WERE HIS FELLOW-PRISONER AND FELLOW-LABOURERS WITH HIM “TO THE TRUTH” OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Philemon 1:23-24 (KJV) 23 There salute thee Epaphras, MY FELLOWPRISONER IN CHRIST JESUS;

Philemon 1:24 (KJV) 24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, MY FELLOWLABOURERS.

❖ 3 JOHN CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 9-10

IN 3 JOHN 1:9-10, THE APOSTLE JOHN MENTIONED TO GAIUS THAT HE WOULD HAVE WRITTEN PREVIOUSLY UNTO THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS TO RECEIVE THE HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE AMONGST THE GENTILE BRETHREN AND THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA.

THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS NOT AFRAID TO CALL OUT DIOTREPHES WHO MAY HAVE BEEN AN ELDER IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS AND WAS REJECTING THE HEBREW BRETHREN, CREATING OPPOSITION AND CONTENTION IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

DIOTREPHES WAS ALSO FORBIDDING THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN AND GENTILE BRETHREN FROM RECEIVING THE HEBREW BRETHREN INTO THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS AND WAS CASTING OUT THOSE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT ASIA WHO WERE RECEIVING THEIR HEBREW BRETHREN.

THE APOSTLE JOHN USED THE TERM “US” REFERRING TO THOSE HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WERE WALKING IN THE TRUTH BELONGING TO THE HOUSE OF JUDAH FROM THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA.

3 John 1:9-10 (KJV) 9 I WROTE UNTO THE CHURCH: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

3 John 1:10 (KJV) 10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, PRATING AGAINST US WITH MALICIOUS WORDS: AND NOT CONTENT THEREWITH, NEITHER DOT HE HIMSELF RECEIVE THE BRETHREN, AND FORBIDDETH THEM THAT WOULD, AND CASTETH THEM OUT OF THE CHURCH.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL MENTIONING OTHER FALSE BRETHREN BY NAME TO TIMOTHY, WHO WERE CAUSING DIVISIONS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS BY PROMOTING THEIR OWN SENSUAL BEHAVIOURS AND FALSE DOCTRINE AGAINST THE TRUTH OF JESUS CHRIST.

▪ HYMENAEUS AND PHILETUS

2 Tim 2:15-18 (KJV) 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Tim 2:16 (KJV) 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

2 Tim 2:17 (KJV) 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: OF WHOM IS HYMENAEUS AND PHILETUS;

2 Tim 2:18 (KJV) 18 WHO CONCERNING THE TRUTH HAVE ERRED, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

▪ **ALEXANDER THE COPPERSMITH**

THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNED TIMOTHY OF ALEXANDER THE COPPERSMITH WHO WAS A JEW LIVING IN EPHESUS AND SERVED IDOLS OF THE GODDESS DIANNA AND WHO BECAME A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST AND BEGAN PROMOTING ERRORS AND OPPOSING THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Acts 19:33-35 (KJV) 33 AND THEY DREW ALEXANDER OUT OF THE MULTITUDE, THE JEWS PUTTING HIM FORWARD. AND ALEXANDER BECKONED WITH THE HAND, AND WOULD HAVE MADE HIS DEFENCE UNTO THE PEOPLE.

Acts 19:34 (KJV) 34 BUT WHEN THEY KNEW THAT HE WAS A JEW, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

Acts 19:35 (KJV) 35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

ALEXANDER AND HYMENAEUS WERE PROMOTING FALSE DOCTRINE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

1 Tim 1:18-20 (KJV) 18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

1 Tim 1:19 (KJV) 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

1 Tim 1:20 (KJV) 20 **OF WHOM IS HYMENAEUS AND ALEXANDER;** whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

2 Tim 4:14-15 (KJV) 14 **ALEXANDER THE COPPERSMITH DID ME MUCH EVIL:** the Lord reward him according to his works:

2 Tim 4:15 (KJV) 15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

❖ 3 JOHN CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSE 11

IN 3 JOHN 1:11, THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS ENCOURAGING GAUIS TO FOLLOW AFTER THAT WHICH IS GOOD BY RECEIVING THEIR HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA AND NOT TO BECOME WEARY OF WELL-DOING.

3 John 1:11 (KJV) 11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. HE THAT DOETH GOOD IS OF GOD: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGING THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT GALATIA TO BE DOING GOOD UNTO **ALL MEN** AS THEY HAVE OPPORTUNITY.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON **DOING GOOD** AND NOT EVIL. THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT GALATIA NOT TO BECOME WEARY OF DOING GOOD.

Gal 6:9-10 (KJV) 9 AND LET US NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING: FOR IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP, IF WE FAINT NOT.

Gal 6:10 (KJV) 10 AS WE HAVE THEREFORE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD UNTO ALL MEN, ESPECIALLY UNTO THEM WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT ROME TO CLEAVE TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD.

Rom 12:9 (KJV) 9 Let love be without dissimulation. ABHOR THAT WHICH IS EVIL; CLEAVE TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD.

Rom 12:21 (KJV) 21 BE NOT OVERCOME OF EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA TO FOLLOW AFTER THAT WHICH IS GOOD.

2 Thess 3:13-15 (KJV) 13 BUT YE, BRETHREN, BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.

2 Thess 3:14 (KJV) 14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

2 Thess 3:15 (KJV) 15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

1 Thess 5:15 (KJV) 15 SEE THAT NONE RENDER EVIL FOR EVIL UNTO ANY MAN; BUT EVER FOLLOW THAT WHICH IS GOOD, both among yourselves, and to all men.

THE APOSTLE JAMES WARNED THE SCATTERED ISRAELITE BRETHREN THAT IF THEY KNOW AND HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DO GOOD AND DO NOT DO IT, THE RESULT IS SIN.

James 4:17 (KJV) 17 THEREFORE TO HIM THAT KNOWETH TO DO GOOD, AND DOETH IT NOT, TO HIM IT IS SIN.

THE APOSTLE PETER WARNED THE SCATTERED ISRAELITE BRETHREN TO REFRAIN FROM DOING EVIL AND DO GOOD. THE APOSTLE PETER WAS QUOTING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS.

1 Peter 3:10-11 (KJV) 10 For he that will love life, and see good days, LET HIM REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL, AND HIS LIPS THAT THEY SPEAK NO GUILE:

1 Peter 3:11 (KJV) 11 LET HIM ESCHEW EVIL, AND DO GOOD; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES FROM THE PSALMIST DAVID.

Psa 34:12-14 KJV) 12 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Psa 34:13 KJV) 13 KEEP THY TONGUE FROM EVIL, AND THY LIPS FROM SPEAKING GUILE.

Psa 34:14 KJV) 14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Psa 37: 27 (KJV) 27 DEPART FROM EVIL, AND DO GOOD; AND DWELL FOR EVERMORE.

❖ 3 JOHN CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSE 12

IN 3 JOHN 1:12, THE APOSTLE JOHN IN WRITING TO GAIUS MENTIONED THE DISCIPLE DEMETRIUS WHO HAD A GOOD REPORT AMONGST THE BRETHREN AND WAS WALKING IN THE TRUTH AND LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST TOWARDS THE HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS RECOMMENDING TO GAUIS THAT HE CAN ASSOCIATE WITH DEMETRIUS WHO WAS ALSO WALKING IN THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL.

THE MENTION OF THE NAME OF THE DISCIPLE DEMETRIUS, WHO BECAME A DISCIPLE DURING THE APOSTLE PAUL'S SECOND VISIT TO EPHESUS DURING HIS THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY IS EVIDENCE THAT THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS WRITING TO THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS WHOM HE CALLED "THE ELECT LADY AND HER CHILDREN".

3 John 1:12 (KJV) 12 DEMETRIUS HATH GOOD REPORT OF ALL MEN, AND OF THE TRUTH ITSELF: YEA, AND WE ALSO BEAR RECORD; AND YE KNOW THAT OUR RECORD IS TRUE.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON ONE OF THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION FOR A ROLE WITHIN THE CHURCH OF GOD IS A GOOD REPORT AMONGST THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

Acts 6:1-6 (KJV) 1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians

against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

Acts 6:2 (KJV) 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

Acts 6:3 (KJV) 3 WHEREFORE, BRETHREN, LOOK YE OUT AMONG YOU SEVEN MEN OF HONEST REPORT, FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST AND WISDOM, WHOM WE MAY APPOINT OVER THIS BUSINESS.

Acts 6:4 (KJV) 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:5 (KJV) 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: AND THEY CHOSE STEPHEN, A MAN FULL OF FAITH AND OF THE HOLY GHOST, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Acts 6:6 (KJV) 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL STATING THAT ONE OF THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF A BISHOP INTO THE MINISTRY IS A GOOD REPORT FROM THOSE WHO ARE STRANGERS NOT BELONGING TO THE CHURCH OF GOD.

1 Tim 3:1-7 (KJV) 1 This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

1 Tim 3:2 (KJV) 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

1 Tim 3:3 (KJV) 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

1 Tim 3:4 (KJV) 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

1 Tim 3:5 (KJV) 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

1 Tim 3:6 (KJV) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1 Tim 3:7 (KJV) 7 MOREOVER HE MUST HAVE A GOOD REPORT OF THEM WHICH ARE WITHOUT; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1 Thess 4:9-12 (KJV) 9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

1 Thess 4:10 (KJV) 10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

1 Thess 4:11 (KJV) 11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

1 Thess 4:12 (KJV) 12 THAT YE MAY WALK HONESTLY TOWARD THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES THAT DEMETRIUS WAS FROM THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS WHICH PROVIDES EVIDENCE THAT THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS WRITING TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

BOTH DEMETRIUS AND ALEXANDER WERE BAPTIZED AND BELONGED TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS, YET ALEXANDER WHO WAS A JEW TURNED BACK FROM THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Acts 19:24 (KJV) 24 For a certain man named DEMETRIUS, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

Acts 19:33-38 (KJV) 33 AND THEY DREW ALEXANDER OUT OF THE MULTITUDE, THE JEWS PUTTING HIM FORWARD. AND ALEXANDER BECKONED WITH THE HAND, AND WOULD HAVE MADE HIS DEFENCE UNTO THE PEOPLE.

Acts 19:34 (KJV) 34 BUT WHEN THEY KNEW THAT HE WAS A JEW, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

Acts 19:35 (KJV) 35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, YE MEN OF EPHESUS, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

Acts 19:36 (KJV) 36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

Acts 19:37 (KJV) 37 For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

Acts 19:38 (KJV) 38 Wherefore if DEMETRIUS, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.

❖ 3 JOHN CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 13-14

IN 3 JOHN 1:13-14, THE APOSTLE JOHN CONCLUDED HIS ENCOURAGEMENT TO **GAIUS** BY STATING THAT HE HAD MUCH MORE TO WRITE UNTO HIM, BUT HE WAS HOPING TO COME TO THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS TO SEE HIM FACE TO FACE.

THE APOSTLE JOHN FURTHER SENT GREETINGS FROM THOSE BRETHREN WHO WERE IN HIS COMPANY IN THE ISLAND OF PATMOS.

THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS CALLING BOTH THOSE **ISRAELITE BRETHREN** AND **HEBREW BRETHREN** WALKING IN THE LOVE AND THE TRUTH OF GOD THE FATHER IN OBEDIENCE TO JESUS CHRIST "**FRIENDS**".

3 John 1:13-14 (KJV) 13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

3 John 1:14 (KJV) 14 But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. OUR FRIENDS SALUTE THEE. GREET THE FRIENDS BY NAME.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE JOHN REFERRING TO THOSE BRETHREN WHO WERE WALKING AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS CHRIST AS "**FRIENDS OF GOD**".

JESUS CHRIST CALLED HIS TRUE DISCIPLES HIS FRIENDS.

Luke 12:4-5 (KJV) 4 And I say unto you MY FRIENDS, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

Luke 12:5 (KJV) 5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

THE EXAMPLE OF PILATE AND HEROD BECOMING UNGODLY FRIENDS AGAINST JESUS CHRIST.

Luke 23:12 (KJV) 12 AND THE SAME DAY PILATE AND HEROD WERE MADE FRIENDS TOGETHER: FOR BEFORE THEY WERE AT ENMITY BETWEEN THEMSELVES.

JOHN THE BAPTIST CALLED HIMSELF THE FRIEND OF THE BRIDEGROOM.

John 3:29 (KJV) 29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: BUT THE FRIEND OF THE BRIDEGROOM, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

JESUS CHRIST CALLED LAZARUS HIS GODLY FRIEND.

John 11:11 (KJV) 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, OUR FRIEND LAZARUS SLEEPETH; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON BEING A GOOD FRIEND TO OTHERS IN THEIR DISTRESS.

Prov 17:17 (KJV) 17 A FRIEND LOVETH AT ALL TIMES, AND A BROTHER IS BORN FOR ADVERSITY.

Prov 18:24 (KJV) 24 A MAN THAT HATH FRIENDS MUST SHEW HIMSELF FRIENDLY: AND THERE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKETH CLOSER THAN A BROTHER.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE ON UNRIGHTEOUS FRIENDS.

JESUS CHRIST IN THE PARABLE CALLED THOSE WHO MURMURED AGAINST WHAT THEY AGREED TOO AS UNRIGHTEOUS FRIENDS.

Matt 20:10-13 (KJV) 10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

Matt 20:11 (KJV) 11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

Matt 20:12 (KJV) 12 Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

Matt 20:13 (KJV) 13 But he answered one of them, and said, FRIEND, I DO THEE NO WRONG: DIDST NOT THOU AGREE WITH ME FOR A PENNY?

JESUS CHRIST IN THE PARABLE OF THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB CALLED THE ONE WHO DID NOT HAVE ON A SPIRITUAL WEDDING GARMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AN UNRIGHTEOUS FRIEND.

Matt 22:12 (KJV) 12 And he saith unto him, FRIEND, HOW CAMEST THOU IN HITHER NOT HAVING A WEDDING GARMENT? And he was speechless.

JESUS CHRIST WAS A FRIEND OF GOD THE FATHER TO JUDAS ISCARIOT AND CALLED JUDAS ISCARIOT AN UNRIGHTEOUS FRIEND AS HE WAS ABOUT TO BETRAY HIM WITH A KISS.

Matt 26:48-50 (KJV) 48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.

Matt 26:49 (KJV) 49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

Matt 26:50 (KJV) 50 AND JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, FRIEND, WHEREFORE ART THOU COME? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus and took him.

A TRUE SPIRITUAL FRIEND OF GOD WILL BUILD UP THE SPIRITUAL COUNTENANCE OF HIS BRETHREN.

Prov 27:17 (KJV) 17 IRON SHARPENETH IRON; SO A MAN SHARPENETH THE COUNTENANCE OF HIS FRIEND.

JESUS CHRIST CALLED HIS TRUE DISCIPLES HIS **RIGHTEOUS FRIENDS** IF THEY ARE DOING WHAT HE COMMANDED THEM TO DO, BY HIS WORDS AND HIS SAYINGS IN THE TRUTH AND LOVE OF GOD.

John 15:12-15 (KJV) 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

John 15:13 (KJV) 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for **HIS FRIENDS**.

John 15:14 (KJV) 14 **YE ARE MY FRIENDS, IF YE DO WHATSOEVER I COMMAND YOU.**

John 15:15 (KJV) 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

THE APOSTLE JAMES STATED THAT ABRAHAM WAS CALLED A **RIGHTEOUS FRIEND OF GOD** BECAUSE OF HIS FAITH IN GOD.

James 2:23 (KJV) 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: **AND HE WAS CALLED THE FRIEND OF GOD.**

THE APOSTLE JAMES **WARNED** THAT WE CANNOT HAVE **RIGHTEOUS FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST** AND HAVE THE **UNRIGHTEOUS FRIENDSHIP** OF THE WORLD.

James 4:4 (KJV) 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? **WHOSOEVER THEREFORE WILL BE A FRIEND OF THE WORLD IS THE ENEMY OF GOD.**

THE APOSTLE PAUL MADE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THOSE WHO WERE FOLLOWING THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST ("**OURS**") AND THOSE WHO WERE NOT.

Titus 3:14 (KJV) 14 **AND LET OUR'S ALSO LEARN TO MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS FOR NECESSARY USES, THAT THEY BE NOT UNFRUITFUL.**