

The King James Version Composite Bible

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The KJV Composite Reflection Bible is intended to make you think more deeply about the text by progressive comparison of literal versions. The mind works differently when understanding one text, when comparing two texts and when looking at more than two. As a result, an overall meaning is obtained, which I call a “composite” understanding. When you have reached this level of understanding, you will want to record your thoughts about what the text now says, what it means to you spiritually and how you plan to apply its meaning to your life. This composite understanding will lead to true meaning for your life. I hope that you will find this work a help in your studies and a blessing in understanding what God would like you to know.

The King James Version

The American Standard Version of 1901

Young's Literal Translation

3 John

1 The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

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

The Elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth!

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

beloved, concerning all things I desire thee to prosper, and to be in health, even as thy soul doth prosper,

- 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.
For I rejoiced greatly, when brethren came and bare witness unto thy truth, even as thou walkest in truth.
for I rejoiced exceedingly, brethren coming and testifying of the truth in thee, even as thou in truth dost walk;**
- 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
Greater joy have I none than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.
greater than these things I have no joy, that I may hear of my children in truth walking.**
- 5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;
Beloved, thou doest a faithful work in whatsoever thou doest toward them that are brethren and strangers withal;
Beloved, faithfully dost thou do whatever thou mayest work to the brethren and to the strangers,**
- 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:
who bare witness to thy love before the church: whom thou wilt do well to set forward on their journey worthily of God:
who did testify of thy love before an assembly, whom thou wilt do well, having sent forward worthily of God,**
- 7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.
because that for the sake of the Name they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.
because for [His] name they went forth, nothing receiving from the nations;**

- 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.
We therefore ought to welcome such, that we may be fellow-workers for the truth.
we, then, ought to receive such, that fellow-workers we may become to the truth.**
- 9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.
I wrote somewhat unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.
I did write to the assembly, but he who is loving the first place among them -- Diotrephes -- doth not receive us;**
- 10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth [them] out of the church.
Therefore, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his works which he doeth, prating against us with wicked words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and them that would he forbiddeth and casteth [them] out of the church.
because of this, if I may come, I will cause him to remember his works that he doth, with evil words prating against us; and not content with these, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and those intending he doth forbid, and out of the assembly he doth cast.**
- 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.
Beloved, imitate not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: he that doeth evil hath not seen God.
Beloved, be not thou following that which is evil, but that which is good; he who is doing good, of God he is, and he who is doing evil hath not seen God;**

- 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.**
Demetrius hath the witness of all [men], and of the truth itself: yea, we also bear witness: and thou knowest that our witness is true.
to Demetrius testimony hath been given by all, and by the truth itself, and we also -- we do testify, and ye have known that our testimony is true.
- 13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:**
I had many things to write unto thee, but I am unwilling to write [them] to thee with ink and pen:
Many things I had to write, but I do not wish through ink and pen to write to thee,
- 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.
but I hope shortly to see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace [be] unto thee. The friends salute thee. Salute the friends by name.
and I hope straightway to see thee, and mouth to mouth we shall speak. Peace to thee! salute thee do the friends; be saluting the friends by name.