

God; ³ that ye may ^o know that ye have ¹¹ eternal ¹¹ life, ^o and that ye may ¹⁰- believe on the name of the ⁵ Son of ¹ God.

14 And this is the ^o confidence that we have ^o in Him, that ^o if we ^o ask any thing ^o according to His ^o will, He heareth us:

15 And ^o if we ¹³ know that He hear us whatsoever we ¹⁴ ask, we ¹³ know that we have the ^o petitions that we ^o desired ^o of Him.

16 ¹⁴ If ^o any man ^o see his brother ^o sin a ^o sin which is ¹⁰ not ^o unto death, he shall ¹⁴ ask, and He shall give him ¹¹ life for them that ^o sin ¹⁰ not ^o unto death. There is ^o a ^o sin ^o unto death: I do ³ not say ³ that he shall ^o pray ^o for ^o it.

17 All ^o unrighteousness is ¹⁶ sin: and there is ¹⁶ a ¹⁶ sin ³ not ¹⁶ unto death.

18 We ¹³ know that ¹ whosoever is ¹ born ¹ of ¹ God ^o sinneth ³ not; but ^o He that is ¹ begotten ¹ of ¹ God ³ keepeth ^o himself, and that ^o wicked one ^o toucheth him ³ not.

19 And we ¹³ know that we are ¹ of ¹ God, and the whole ⁴ world lieth ¹⁰ in ^o wickedness.

M 20 And we ¹³ know that the ⁵ Son of ¹ God ^o is come, and hath given us an ^o understanding, ³ that we may ² know Him That is ^o true, and we are ¹⁰ in Him That is ^o true, even ¹⁰ in His ⁵ Son ⁶ Jesus Christ. ^o This is the ^o true ¹ God, and ¹¹ eternal ¹¹ life.

21 ^o Little children, ^o keep yourselves ^o from ^o idols. ^o Amen.

know. Ap. 132. I. i.

and . . . may. The texts read "even unto you that".

14 confidence. See 2. 28.

in=toward. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

if. Ap. 118. 1. b.

ask. Ap. 134. I. 4.

according to. Ap. 104. x. 2.

will. Ap. 102. 2.

15 if. Ap. 118. 1. a.

petitions. Ap. 134. II. 5. Cp. Matt. 7. 7. John 14. 13; 15. 7.

desired=have desired. Same as "ask", v. 14.

of. Ap. 104. xii. 1.

16 any man=any one. Ap. 123. 3.

see. Ap. 133. I. 1.

sin=sin. Ap. 128. I. i.

sin. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1.

unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

a. Omit.

pray. Ap. 134. I. 3.

for=concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

=that. The sin unto death was one that might result in the brother being cut off. Cp. 1 Cor. 11. 30, where many had sinned unto death—"many sleep". See also Jas. 5. 14, 16, where there is the same recognition of sickness being due to some special sins, as in 1 Cor. 11. 30, and of intercessory prayer as here. It is not a single act, but a continued habit.

17 unrighteousness. Ap. 128. VII. 1. Cp. 3. 4.

18 sinneth not. I. e. does not practise, or continue in, sin. Cp. 3. 6, 9. Rom. 6. 1-12. Ap. 128. I. i.

He that, &c. This refers to the Lord. As the Jehovah of the O.T. He was the keeper of Israel (Ps. 121. 4, 5, &c.). See also John 17. 12. 2 Thess. 3. 3. Rev. 3. 10.

himself. Most texts read "him".

wicked one. Ap. 128. III. 1. Cp. 2. 13, 14; 3. 12. toucheth. Gr. *haptomai*. In John's writings only here and in John 20. 17. Thirty-one times in the three other Gospels, generally in connexion with the Lord's miracles. Elsewhere, 1 Cor. 7. 1. 2 Cor. 6. 17. Col. 2. 21.

19 wickedness=the wicked one, as v. 18. He is the prince of this world (John 14. 30, &c.), and the god of this age (2 Cor. 4. 4). 20 is come. Not the word used in 4. 2, 3; 5. 6 (*erchomai*), but *hēkō*, to be present. Cp. John 8. 42. Heb. 10. 7, 9, 37. In the last ref. the two verbs are seen: "shall come" (*erchomai*); "will come" (*hēkō*). understanding. Gr. *dianoia*. Transl. nine times "mind", once "imagination" (Luke 1. 51), and "understanding" here, Eph. 1. 18; 4. 18.

true. Ap. 175. 2. This refers to the Father. Cp. 2. 5, 24; 3. 24; 4. 12-16. This, &c. Also referring to the Father, the source of life (John 5. 26), which life was manifested in His Son (1. 2), and is given to us through, and in, Him (vv. 11, 12 above, and Rom. 6. 23).

21 Little children. Ap. 108. ii. keep=guard, as Jude 24. from. Ap. 104. iv. idols. As in 1 Cor. 8. 4. An idol may not be a material one, but may consist in whatever a man looks to for help, apart from the Living God. See Eph. 5. 5. Col. 3. 5. Amen. The texts omit.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion.)

A | 1-3. ELECT LADY AND CHILDREN: BENEDICTION.

B | 4-6. CHILDREN WALKING ACCORDING TO THE FATHER'S COMMANDMENT.

C | 7-8. WARNING AGAINST DECEIVERS.

B | 9-11. TRANSGRESSORS REJECTING CHRIST'S TEACHING.

A | 12, 13. JOY FULFILLED: CHILDREN OF ELECT SISTER. SALUTATION.

THE SECOND AND THIRD EPISTLES OF JOHN.

NOTES.

The likeness of these two epistles indicates that both were by one writer, and in each case the internal evidence supports the traditional belief that both were written by the apostle John. Several of the early "fathers" quote the Second Epistle, certain passages of which so closely resemble parts of the First Epistle as to confirm the view of its being by the same writer.

The Second Epistle is addressed "unto the elect lady and her children", and some have understood a certain church and its members. Alford, however, gives good grounds for believing that an individual is meant. The Third Epistle is to "Gaius the beloved", a notable believer. The name was a common one, and the bearer may not be of those mentioned in *Acts*, &c.

The probability is that both epistles were written from Ephesus and about the same time, but nothing is known definitely as to either place or time of writing.

The reader will readily see the Structure of these two short epistles. Each takes the form of an *Introversion*, the intermediate members marking exhortation and warning. The Third Epistle contains a personal element, commendation of Gaius and Demetrius, and condemnation of Diotrephes.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN.

- A** 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;
 2 °For the °truth's sake, which °dwelleth °in us, and shall be °with us °for ever.
 3 °Grace °be °with you, °mercy, and peace, °from °God the °Father, and °from the °Lord °Jesus Christ, the °Son of the °Father, °in °truth and °love.
- B** 4 I °rejoiced °greatly that I found °of thy °children walking °in °truth, as we °have received a commandment °from the °Father.
 5 And now I °beseech thee, °lady, °not as though I wrote a °new commandment °unto thee, but that which we had °from the beginning, °that we °love one another.
 6 And this is °love, °that we walk °after His commandments. This is the commandment, °that, as ye °have heard °from the beginning, ye should walk °in it.
- C** 7 For many °deceivers are entered °into the °world, who confess °not °that °Jesus Christ is come °in the flesh. This is °a °deceiver and °an °antichrist.
 8 °Look to yourselves, °that °we °lose °not those things which we °have wrought, but that °we receive a full °reward.
- B** 9 Whosoever °transgresseth and °abideth °not °in the doctrine of °Christ, hath °not °God. He that °abideth °in the doctrine °of Christ, he hath both the °Father and the °Son.

1 elder. Ap. 189. Here not an official title, but referring to the apostle's age. Cp. Philem. 9.
 unto=to.
 elect. Cp. 1 Pet. 1. 2. But perhaps used in the sense of "excellent".
 lady. Gr. *kuria*, fem. of *kurios*. In all probability a proper name, "Kyria".
 children. Ap. 108. i.
 love. Ap. 135. I. 1.
 in. Ap. 104. viii.
 the. Omit.
 truth. See p. 1511. The element or sphere in which the love was seen. Cp. Eph. 4. 15.
 not. Ap. 105. I.
 also, &c.=all they also.
 known. Ap. 132. I. ii.
 2 For, &c.=On account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) the truth.
 dwelleth=abideth. Gr. *menō*. See p. 1511.
 with. Ap. 104. xi. 1.
 for ever. Ap. 151. II. A. ii. 4. a.
 3 Grace. Only here, and three times in the Gospel, and twice in Rev., in John's writings. Ap. 184. I. 1. Cp. 1 Tim. 1. 2.
 be=shall be.
 mercy. Only here in John.
 from. Ap. 104. xii. 1.
 God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.
 Father. Ap. 98. III.
 Lord. The texts omit.
 Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.
 Son. Ap. 108. iii. The expression "The Son of the Father", is found here only. Cp. John 1. 18. 1 John 1. 3.
 love. Ap. 135. II. 1.
 4 rejoiced. Cp. 3 John 3. Several of Paul's epistles open with thanksgiving.
 greatly. Gr. *lian*. Only here and 3 John 3 in John's writings.

of. Ap. 104. vii. Not implying that there were others who did not so walk, but referring to such as he had met. have. Omit. 5 beseech=ask. Ap. 134. I. 3. new. Gr. *kainos*. See Matt. 9. 17. from the beginning. Gr. *ap' archēs*. See 1 John 1. 1. that=in order that. Gr. *hina*. 6 after. Ap. 104. x. 2. have. Omit. In this verse is the Fig. *Antimetabolē*, "walk . . . commandments—commandment . . . walk". 7 deceivers. Gr. *planos*. See 2 Cor. 6. 8. Cp. 1 John 4. 1. into. Ap. 104. vi. world. Ap. 129. 1. not. Ap. 105. II. that, &c. Lit. Jesus Christ coming in the flesh. The present participle is used, as in Rev. 1. 4. In 1 John 4. 2, 3, the perfect is used, referring to His first coming. This refers to His second coming. Cp. Acts 1. 11. a, an=the. antichrist. See 1 John 2. 18. 8 Look to. Ap. 133. I. 5. we. The texts read "ye" in both occ. lose. Gr. *apollumi*. See John 17. 12. have wrought. I. e. the truth and love resulting from John's teaching. reward. Gr. *misthos*. In John's writings only here, John 4. 38 (wages), and Rev. 11. 18; 22. 12. 9 transgresseth. Ap. 128. VI. 1. The texts read "goeth before", Gr. *proagō*. See 1 Tim. 1. 18; 5. 24. Heb. 7. 18. This refers to false teachers who claimed to bring some higher teaching, beyond the apostle's doctrine. Cp. 1 Tim. 6. 3. 2 Tim. 1. 13; 3. 14. abideth. See "dwelleth", v. 2. Christ. Ap. 98. IX. of Christ. The texts omit.

10 ° If ° there come ° any ° unto you, and bring
1 not this doctrine, receive him 7 not 7 into your
house, ° neither ° bid him God speed:

11 For he that 10 biddeth him God speed ° is
partaker of his ° evil deeds.

A 12 Having many things to write 1 unto you,
I ° would 1 not write ° with ° paper and ° ink: but
I ° trust to come 10 unto you, and ° speak ° face to
face, ° that ° our ° joy may be ° full.

13 The 1 children of thy 1 elect sister ° greet
thee. ° Amen.

10 If. Ap. 118. 2. a.

there . . . any = any one (Ap. 123. 3) cometh.

unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

neither, &c. = and . . . not (Ap. 105. II).

bid . . . God speed. Lit., say, Hail! (Gr. *chairein*, to
rejoice. See Matt. 26. 49).

11 is partaker = partaketh. Gr. *koinōneō*. See Rom.
15. 27. 1 Tim. 5. 22.

evil. Ap. 128. III. 1.

12 would. Ap. 102. 3.

with = by means of. Ap. 104. v. 1.

paper. Gr. *chartēs*. Only here.

ink. See 2 Cor. 3. 3.

trust = hope.

face, &c. Lit. mouth to (Ap. 104. xv. 3) mouth.

joy. See 1 John 1. 4. full. See 1 John 1. 4.

our. The texts read "your".

13 greet = salute. Amen. The texts omit.

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion.)

A | 1, 2. SALUTATION.

B | 3, 4. WITNESS AS TO WALK IN THE TRUTH.

C | 5-8. COMMENDATION: LOVE TO STRANGERS.

D | 9, 10. MALICE OF DIOTREPHESES.

C | 11. EXHORTATION: FOLLOW GOOD.

B | 12. WITNESS AS TO WALK IN THE TRUTH.

A | 13, 14. SALUTATION.

A 1 ° THE elder ° unto the ° wellbeloved ° Gaius,
whom 3 ° love ° in ° the ° truth.

2 1 Beloved, I ° wish ° above all things that thou
mayest ° prosper and ° be in health, even as thy
° soul ° prospereth.

B 3 For I ° rejoiced greatly, when ° the brethren
came and ° testified of ° the 1 truth that is in thee,
even as thou walkest 1 in 1 the 1 truth.

4 I have ° no greater ° joy, ° than to hear that
° my ° children ° walk 1 in ° truth.

C 5 1 Beloved, thou doest ° faithfully whatso-
ever thou ° doest ° to the brethren, and ° to
strangers;

6 Which ° have borne witness of thy ° charity
° before the ° church: whom ° if thou bring for-
ward on their journey ° after a godly sort, thou
shalt do well:

7 ° Because that ° for ° His name's sake they
went forth, ° taking ° nothing ° of the ° Gentiles.

8 We therefore ought to receive such, ° that we
° might ° be ° fellowhelpers to the 1 truth.

D 9 I ° wrote 1 unto the ° church: but ° Diotrophes,
° who loveth to have the preeminence ° among
them, ° receiveth us 4 not.

1 The elder. See 2 John 1.

unto = to.

wellbeloved. Ap. 135. III. Same as "beloved",
v. 2, &c.

Gaius. It is impossible to say whether this was the
same as any one of the others of the same name men-
tioned Acts 19. 29: 20. 4. Rom. 16. 23. 1 Cor. 1. 14.

love. Ap. 135. I. 1.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

the. Omit.

truth. See p. 1511.

2 wish = pray. Ap. 134. I. 1.

above = concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

prosper. Gr. *euodoumai*. See Rom. 1. 10.

be in health. Gr. *hugainō*. See Luke 5. 31.

soul. Ap. 110. V. 1. As Gaius had a sound mind,
John desires for him a sound body also.

3 rejoiced greatly. See 2 John 4.

the. Omit.

testified. Gr. *martureō*. See p. 1511.

the truth, &c. Lit. thy truth.

4 no = not. Ap. 105. I.

joy. See 1 John 1. 4.

than, &c. Lit. than these things, that (Gr. *hina*) I may
hear of.

my = mine own.

children. Ap. 108. i.

walk = walking.

truth = the truth.

5 faithfully = as a faithful (deed). Ap. 150. III.

doest = werkest. to. Ap. 104. vi. to. The texts read "that to". The brethren referred to were
strangers. Cp. Heb. 13. 2. 6 have borne witness = bare witness. Same as "testify", v. 3. charity =

love. Ap. 135. II. 1. before = in the sight of. church. Ap. 186. if . . . journey. Lit. having
sent forward. Gr. *propempō*. See Acts 15. 3. Cp. Ap. 174. 4. after a godly sort = worthily of God (Ap.

98. I. i. 1). 7 Because that = For. for, &c. = on behalf of (Ap. 104. xvii. 1) His name. His. The
texts read "the". taking = receiving. nothing. Gr. *mēdeis*. of. Ap. 104. iv. Gentiles. Gr.

ethnos. 8 that = in order that. Gr. *hina*. might = may. be = become. fellowhelpers. Gr.
sunergos. See 1 Cor. 3. 9. 9 wrote = wrote something, as the texts. Diotrophes. Nothing is known
of him. who loveth, &c. Gr. *philoprōteuō*, love to be first. among = of. receiveth.

Gr. *epidechomai*. Only here and v. 10.