

64-3John-Transcript

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the elder unto the well beloved Gaius.

53:39So now this is to a specific individual Gaius whom here it is again, I love in the truth.

53:48So this is not just I just love everybody just I just soft all over an all inclusive diversity, equity and inclusion.

53:56I'm sort of drinking that Kool aid and then everything's everybody's equal and everything is the same and we just include everybody and love.

54:03John is very discerning and with all of this discernment, this man Gaius really got John's attention and he loves him in the truth.

54:15And that's a very clear thread line or theme in John's writings, beloved.

54:21I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health and and many people see this and think see we're supposed to be prosperous, we're supposed to be healthy.

54:31Let's just focus on the here and now.

54:36But John puts a proviso here.

54:39I want you to prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers.

54:44So Abraham prospered was a healthy man, lived a long life.

54:51It was 100 and 39 something like that and live a very long life and it was very prosperous, but he prospered spiritually and he could handle the material prosperity because of his spiritual maturity.

55:07And so we need spiritual maturity.

55:09Some of us may not be prospering physically and maybe that's very good because there are lessons that we learn in different seasons of our life.

55:19And and maybe we're just, it wouldn't be God is looking at the whole picture and it just may not be appropriate for us to be prospering physically.

55:28That's OK.

55:29The main thing is that we abide in Christ and our soul prospers.

55:34And then as our soul is prospering, God knows what we need in our development.

55:38He says here.

55:40So remember he rejoiced greatly that there were brethren Children of the yak lady, some of them who were walking in the truth.

55:50And now he's writing to one of them.

55:52And he says for I rejoice greatly when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you even as you walk in the truth.

56:04This this this is what brought the elder great joy.

56:09There were reports of what Gaius was doing and that he was walking in the truth and and obeying the Lord's commands.

56:18And this brought great joy to John.

56:21In fact, John says, I have no greater joy than to hear that my Children walk in truth.

56:29This is the greatest joy for me.

56:32Why?

56:33Because this is his mission.

56:34 This is his purpose.

56:35 This is why Christ sent him to bear fruit that remains so now he's hearing that in all of this controversy, Gaius is on mission.

56:46 Gaius has not deviated.

56:48 This brings him great joy.

56:50 This is why the Children of the elect lady who are walking in the truth brought him great joy.

56:54 He has no greater joy as an apostle, as a teacher than to hear that the Children that he had brought into this truth and developed.

57:06 They're continuing, they're walking in truth in Proverbs 23 it says the father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice.

57:14 And John is seeing himself in, in a human sense that the father of these Children and that he and he that begets a wise child shall have joy of him.

57:27 That this is the greatest joy that a parent can have.

57:30 And so the elder is in this role of parent to the church is here.

57:34 And this is saying this is his greatest joy to hear that they walk in truth.

57:38 And why again, what I said earlier and again, the sermon that I gave on Sabbath and actually the sermon before that a fruit that remains, this is the very mission of these teachers.

57:52 Christ said to John, you didn't choose me, you didn't choose me as your rabbi.

57:56 I chose you as my disciple and I ordained you for a special purpose.

58:01 What is that purpose that you should go?

58:04 I'm sending you to bring forth fruit.

58:07 And so that's what John was doing.

58:08 He was bringing forth the fruit and that your fruit should remain.

58:14 So in order for that fruit to remain, John had to remain in Christ, abide in Christ so that John could provide the teaching that would nourish the Children.

58:23 So that now those who love the truth when there's this onslaught of error and false teaching, because they've been nourished because they now understand the word of God and they're abiding in the doctrine of Christ.

58:37 They hold on and they follow the command to love one another.

58:42 And now John hears about Gaius and he's rejoicing fruit that remains, that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain that whatsoever you shall ask of my father in my name.

58:55 He'll give it to you.

58:57 So no doubt John was asking a lot from the father in Christ's name because he was in this purpose of bearing fruit that remains, he says, beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do to the brethren and to strangers.

59:18 So this is wonderful.

59:19 So there's this community of brethren.

59:21 There, there are strangers who are coming in through, passing through town.

59:24 Gaius is just there.

59:25 He's just committed.

59:26 He's addicted to the saints and serving the saints.

59:29 And we have brethren like this.

59:32I see the gift of service where they'll give you the shirt off their back.

59:38They just so much want to support God's people and God's work.

59:44And so here's one guess, beloved you do faithfully.

59:48What's whatever you do to the brethren and to and to strangers.

59:51This is, this is coming from a place of faith.

59:54It's coming from a spiritual operation that's taking place in you.

59:58And, and these people now have come with a good report to John of what is going on.

1:00:05And he says they have borne witness of your agape, your love.

1:00:10You're following this commandment and they're bearing witness of your agape before the church whom if you bring forward on their journey after a Godly sort, you shall do well.

1:00:23So this is kind of awkward language today in today's English.

1:00:28But basically, when brethren are doing God's work and you support them and make sure they have provisions for their journey.

1:00:40So they're not having to be at risk, maybe having to do incur all kinds of unnecessary cost.

1:00:49You're looking after them putting a care package together, feeding them, sending them on their way with a package.

1:00:55John is saying this is wonderful.

1:00:58This is amazing that you're bringing them forward on their journey.

1:01:01You're you're you're supporting them on their journey financially after a Godly sort, you're doing very well.

1:01:08Jonathan believe me, the father is observing this because that for his name's sake, they went forth.

1:01:18So they understand we shall be hated of all nations.

1:01:23All the tribes of the earth will hate us for his name's sake.

1:01:28This name that's associated with the covenant, this gospel that is associated with the covenant that we preach faithfully.

1:01:36This is what creates the host, the whole world lies in wickedness and it's against the covenant and the covenant people.

1:01:43And here we have these people who, for his name's sake, they're going forth to bear fruit that remains taking nothing from the gentiles.

1:01:52They would not accept support from the gentiles because they know in a little bit we're gonna get to such and such a brother's house, such and such a sister and brother's house, they're going to support us.

1:02:02We don't need anything from the gentiles here.

1:02:06It kind of reminded me of Abraham when the king of Sodom said to Abram, give me the people back, but you keep the good, you keep the treasures.

1:02:15And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand unto the Lord Jehovah, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth that I will not take from a thread even to a shoe lat and that I will not take anything that is yours lest.

1:02:33You should say I made Ibram rich.

1:02:37So we're taking this whole operation.

1:02:39We're not taking anything from the gentiles.

1:02:43And so he says, John says to the brethren, so I just thought of Abraham there but John says to the brethren and to Gaius, we therefore ought to receive such.

1:02:53They're taking nothing from the gentiles.

1:02:54They're very purposeful.

1:02:56They know what the mission is.

1:02:57They're all there.

1:02:58They're going forth for the Lord's for the name, the Lord's name sake.

1:03:03We therefore ought to receive such.

1:03:05We should, we should support people like this, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth.

1:03:11The same way that one could be a partaker in the evil works of the false teachers.

1:03:18We can also be fellow helpers to the truth.

1:03:22John is very focused on the truth and these brethren are going forward for his name's sake in the truth.

1:03:31And John is saying absolutely gay.

1:03:32This is amazing, supporting them.

1:03:35You will be a fellow help, you'll be a partaker of their works and you know, taking no help from the gentiles.

1:03:43It's it's this, this spiritual operation where Paul says to the Corinthians.

1:03:48Look at your calling brethren that many, not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called, but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confuse the wise and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

1:04:06So when we take nothing from the gentiles and when this whole operation is concluded, it's going to be absolutely astonishing.

1:04:16How did this happen?

1:04:18God did this through you?

1:04:20Oh, yes, spiritual operation.

1:04:23So we're not looking for any assistance.

1:04:25We don't, we don't need to conform to the globalist agenda so that we can, we can have their provisions.

1:04:34We'll do whatever they say because we need their help to preach the gospel.

1:04:40We reject that.

1:04:41We don't need their help.

1:04:43We need your help and, and we need to abide in Christ so that it's Christ, different parts of the body working on the earth and shame on those ministers and teachers who are going forward looking for all the support from the gentiles.

1:05:01Anything they say we'll do, we'll comply.

1:05:03In fact, we'll take our instructions and our marching orders from the gentiles.

1:05:07And that's how we'll preach the gospel.

1:05:09It doesn't work.

1:05:12And he says this, John says, you know, he's saying to he's really explained to gas and then the others will read the letter he wrote into the church di atrophies who loves to have the preeminence among them receives a snot.

1:05:32 So here we have Gaius being contrasted with the atrophies.

1:05:37 Gas is totally aware of who he can see clearly.

1:05:42 And he was fully supportive of these brethren that are doing the work for the Lord's sake, for his name's sake.

1:05:51 The Alice is in some kind of bizarre competition and he's not receiving John and the other teachers that are faithful instead it's a competition to him and he needs to be the pre eminent one.

1:06:08 So he was he will not receive John Christ said to John, whoever shall not receive you nor hear your words when you depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust off your feet.

1:06:22 And so there the g atrophy, the brethren coming through, the atrophies had the opportunity.

1:06:27 He didn't.

1:06:27 Instead Gaius received them and the other faithful brethren received them and helped them along their journey.

1:06:33 But this is a curse.

1:06:35 John says wherefore if I come, I will remember his deeds, which he does praying against us with malicious words.

1:06:44 The way of truth is being evil, spoken of.

1:06:45 So insulting us, humiliating us.

1:06:48 denigrating our our reputation with malicious words and he's not and he won't stop there.

1:06:54 He's not content there with neither does he himself receive the brethren and forbids them.

1:07:01 That would.

1:07:02 So, so Gaius wants to receive the brethren.

1:07:05 He's forbidding the gases, do not receive them.

1:07:08 And the way of good, the way of truth is being evil spoken of and then he's casting them out of the church.

1:07:13 If you're not going to obey me, then you're out, you're, you're just fellowship and he's in all this wonderful power and glory.

1:07:21 John is saying, I'll remember what he did.

1:07:24 He says, beloved don't follow that which is evil.

1:07:29 And we we should be clear about this.

1:07:32 We, we shouldn't be confused about that which is evil because if we're confused about what's evil, then it's easy for us to follow it.

1:07:41 If we're very clear minded and clear sighted and we know what is evil and we're not going to follow it.

1:07:48 Follow, not that which is evil but that which is good.

1:07:52 Again, in John's world, there's no in between be very clear and follow that which is good.

1:07:57 And again, in the recent message I gave, we should hear my sheep, hear my voice and they follow me.

1:08:04 So we should have a discerning ear.

1:08:07 You know, job says that the, the ear, taste words, the way the mouth taste meat, we can chew it and discern it.

1:08:16 He that does good is of God.

1:08:20 There's, there's a kind of a good an operation of good.

1:08:24 That's not possible unless one is attached to the vine.

1:08:29 So we're looking for that, we die would have no fruit.

1:08:35 So if we're just listening to clever words, then, yeah, di atrophies has a really clever argument there.

1:08:40 That sounds really good.

1:08:41 But if we're looking at fruit, he's casting the brethren out of the church.

1:08:45 He, he's not loving the brethren.

1:08:48 He that does good is of God, but he that does evil has not seen God so we can pretend and we can show up every week in our nicest clothes and nicest cologne or perfume and grooming.

1:09:06 And we just look at the part.

1:09:09 But if we're not loving the brethren, if we cannot bear fruit, if we're not doing good, we're not of God and we haven't seen God.

1:09:18 It's all pretense now.

1:09:21 We can contrast di atrophies with Demetrius.

1:09:26 Look at the, look at Demetrius.

1:09:27 He says here, if you do good, you're of God.

1:09:31 If you do evil, you haven't seen God that atrophies hasn't all this preaching that atrophies hasn't seen God doesn't know God demetrius.

1:09:37 On the other hand, has a good report of all men and of the truth itself.

1:09:43 So he's in he's in the truth.

1:09:45 Yes.

1:09:46 And we also bear record and you know that our record is true.

1:09:51 So John knows Demetrius and he's bearing record.

1:09:54 Yes, this man is in the truth and we should be able to do that to discern who's in the truth and who isn't.

1:10:02 I had many things.

1:10:03 He has had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen, write unto you.

1:10:09 But I trust I shall see you.

1:10:10 I shall shortly see you and we shall speak face to face.

1:10:14 So similar to the first letter or second epistle to the elect lady and her Children hoping to come and see them face to face.

1:10:21 This is to a specific individual within that community that he's hoping to come and see face to face.

1:10:27 But there are certain things that are urgent that have to be said.

1:10:30 Now peace be to you.

1:10:32 Our friends, salute you, greet the friends by name.

1:10:36 So just again, John is modeling this incredible love for the truth and for the people of God.

1:10:44 So brother that ends the epistles of John.

1:10:49 Wonderful, wonderful epistles.

1:10:52 just so nourishing and what we're going to do God willing is when we come back, not next week, but the week after live Q and A with Pastor Murray and then the following week after that, we will return to the scroll of Ezekiel and we're in the section of Ezekiel.

1:11:14 I'll just remind you where now it's judgment on the, the surrounding gentile nations.

1:11:19 So we've been through the, the judgment and the accusation and the case against Judah and the punishment of Judah.

1:11:26 Now we're going to see the case against the surrounding gentile nations.

1:11:30 Goes back to Moses.

1:11:31 Moses said, God is gonna use gentiles to punish you.

1:11:37 But once that has its effects and you repent and return to covenant, then God is gonna punish those gentile nations.

1:11:44 So that's what we'll be doing when we return to Ezekiel.

1:11:48 God willing in a couple of weeks, I'll just check the chat here.

1:11:51 See if there's anything that I need to respond to and we're back.

1:11:57 That's good.

1:11:58 All right, very, very good brethren.

1:12:00 God bless all of you and just this incredible, this God that we serve, abide in Him, let him abide in you, abide, we, we, we love Him, love each other.

1:12:13 And it's amazing this understanding that God will develop within us so that we'll have this commitment to endure to the end.

1:12:22 Jesus Christ is Lord God bless you brethren.

1:12:25 I should mention this Sabbath, I believe Pastor Murray in the chat if you can correct me.

1:12:33 But I think it's deacon jam that will be speaking this Sabbath.

1:12:37 God bless you brethren.