



Introduction

Encouragement and a warning for Gaius, an early believer.



Questions

1. What makes John rejoice greatly and gives him great joy?
2. What has been testified of Gaius?
3. What are the problems caused by Diotrephes?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 8** Gaius is commended for keeping to the truth (see theme) and for his hospitality to visiting believers
- **v 9 and 10** Gaius is warned against Diotrephes who is disrupting the assembly with his bad behaviour
- **v 11 to 14** By contrast Demetrius is well spoken of. John hopes to visit Gaius soon, so will refrain from writing more now

Timeline 60 AD (see below)



Theme

The one faith

A selection of verses showing what the Bible says about the one faith or Good News.

In his ministry Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Belief in his teaching called for a new way of life (repentance):

Mark 1 verses 14 and 15

At the end of his ministry Jesus instructed his disciples to continue to preach this Good News:

Mark 16 verses 15 and 16

Paul emphasises that the Good News is a unified set of teachings:

Ephesians 4 verses 4 to 6

The apostle Paul tells us what the Good News is all about:

Romans 1 verse 16

Paul warns the believers in Galatia that the Good News, as a body of distinctive teachings, is always at risk of being corrupted:

Galatians 1 verses 6 and 7

The apostle John gives similar warnings:

2 John 1 verses 7 to 9



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3 and 4, Q 2: v 6, Q 3: v 9 and 10



Bible timeline

