

“Have You Seen God?”

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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.

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- **Actions of Seeing God**

Gaius

- (1.) A Macedonian, Paul's fellow-traveller, and his host at Corinth when he wrote his Epistle to the Romans (16:23). He with his household were baptized by Paul (1 Cor. 1:14). During a heathen outbreak against Paul at Ephesus the mob seized Gaius and Aristarchus because they could not find Paul, and rushed with them into the theatre. Some have identified this Gaius with No. (2).
- (2.) A man of Derbe who accompanied Paul into Asia on his last journey to Jerusalem
- (3.) A Christian of Asia Minor to whom John addressed his third epistle (3 John 1:1).

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Romans 16:23

23 Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

1. Love in Truth

3 John 1

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

2. Desire Spiritual/Physical Prosperity of Others

3 John 2

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

3. Walk in Truth

3 John 3-4

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.

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

4. Extend Hospitality to Fellow Helpers in the Truth

3 John 5-8

5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to 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:

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 truth.

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- Actions of Not Seeing God

1. Loves the Highest Rank

3 John 9

9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

2. Talks Long and Foolishly With Ill Will

3 John 10

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.

3. Not Hospitable to Other Teachers

3 John 10

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.

4. Excommunicated Those who Accepted Other Teachers From the Church

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De-Me'-tri-us

While there is only one verse about De-me'-tri-us, it gives us insight to the character of this noble saint of God. We cannot identify him with any other of the same name. His name means "belonging to Demeter" (Ceres, god of agriculture), which identifies him as a convert from paganism.

- Dr. J. Vernon McGee

1. Good Report of All Men

3 John 12

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.

2. Steady in the Truth

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3. Credible Believers Bear Record

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- Exhortation of Elder John

Exhortation of the Elder

3 John 13-14

13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto 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.

**Those who have seen God
live a life of giving,
acceptance, and charity
(love); The only division
being heresies.**
