

Series with The Other Guys
Walking in the Truth
3 John 1-15

This little book might be the shortest book of the Bible, but it has much to teach us in our time. I'm not sure if you have turned on any device recently, but it is hard to miss the fact that our culture struggles to define truth, integrity, and unity. Truth is found in feelings more than a holy standard – God. Integrity is honestly missing in the lives of many, and division is rampant throughout our world. As believers, how are we to think about such things? Where do we find our truth and unity?

1. Gaius: A man walking in truth and love.
2. Diotrephes: A man with a harmful agenda.
3. Demetrius: A man with a good testimony.
4. John: A man with a pastor's heart.

People can't see your heart, but they can see your life. So, walk, live out, day by day, the gospel truth that is in you by virtue of your union with Christ. We reflect his love and truth to those around us. In his earlier letter, John writes, "We love because he first loved us." It's because of the sacrificial love of the Father that we have the capacity to love others. John 15:5 says this, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." Church, abide in Christ! It is him that we imitate. It is God that defines absolute truth. It is God that unifies.

Big Takeaway

As follower of Jesus, our lives and reputations ought to reflect His love, affection, and hospitality toward one another.