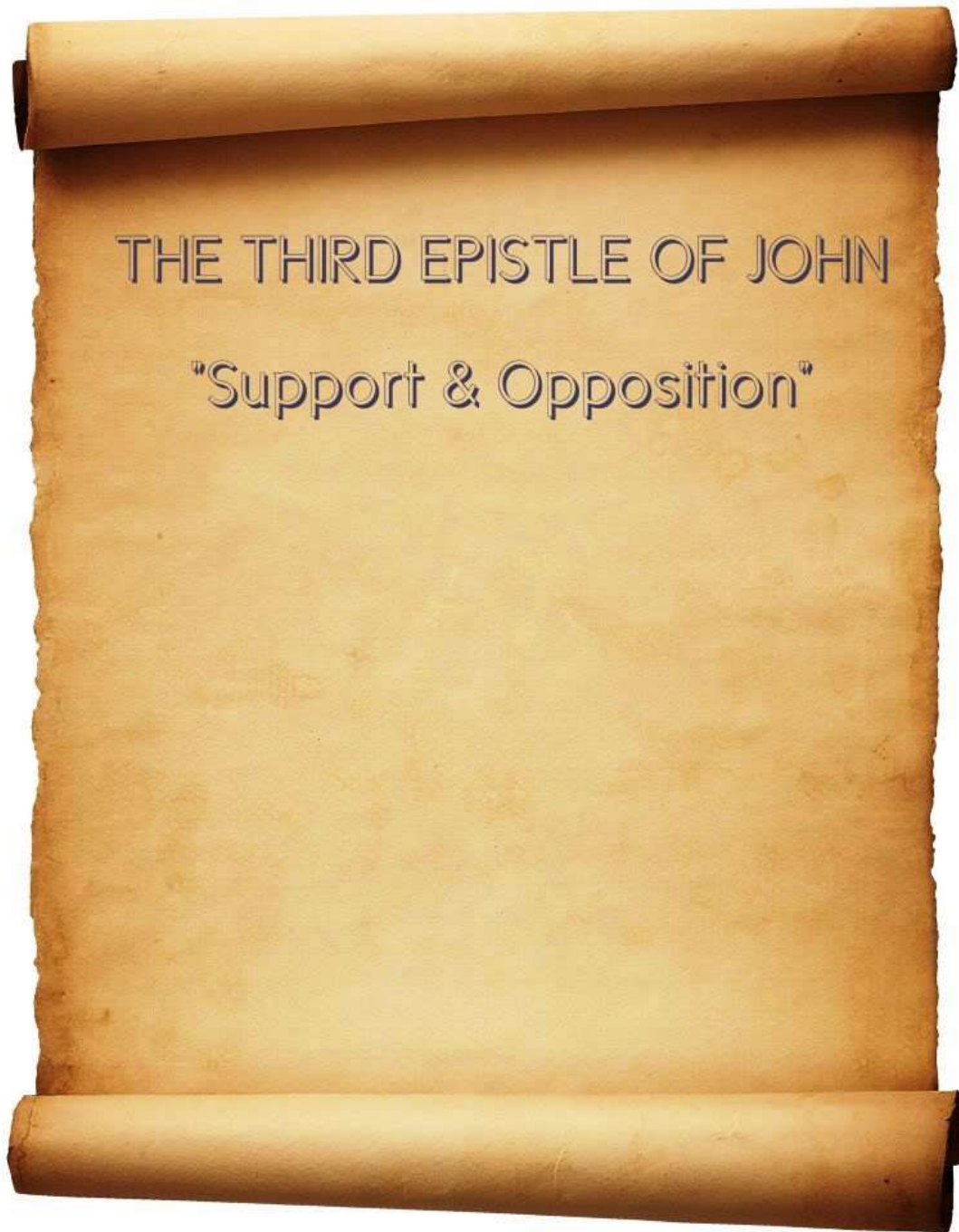


# THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN



# INTRODUCTION TO THE THIRD LETTER OF JOHN

Author: John    Date: 90

**Characteristics of the Letter**    *This is a very personal letter, addressed to Gaius, which focuses on an ecclesiastical problem regarding traveling teachers. Gaius had given them hospitality, while Diotrephes, a self-assertive leader in one the churches, had refused to receive them. John exhibits his apostolic authority in his rebuke of Diotrephes (v. 10). Demetrius, who himself may have been a traveling teacher probably delivered the letter to Gaius.*

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