

THREE KINDS OF CHURCH MEMBERS

3 John 1-12

The elder, To my dear friend Gaius,
whom I love in the truth.

²Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. ³It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

⁵Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. ⁶They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. ⁷It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. ⁸We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth.


⁹I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will have nothing to do with us. ¹⁰So if I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, gossiping maliciously about us. Not satisfied with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church.

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The Cooperative Program unites all Southern Baptists into a missions team fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).



The ministry of over 10,200 Southern Baptist missionaries is coordinated by the North American Mission Board (NAMB), the International Mission Board (IMB), and individual state conventions including our own SBCV.



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Southern Baptists are the 3rd largest disaster relief provider in the nation.




*We start 68 Bible-based churches every day
(24,944 worldwide annual total).*




*We celebrate 1 baptism every 38 seconds
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- One who dominates: Diotrephes
- One who demonstrates: Demetrius

