

The Book of 3 John Message 1

“Life in the Church: Part 1”

3 John 1:1-14

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I. The Church **Loves** (vs 1-2a)

Colossians 3:12 “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;”

II. The Church **Truthfully Operates**

John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**”

John 17:17 “**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**”

1 John 5:6 “This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.”

1 John 3:19-22 “And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. <sup>20</sup> For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. <sup>22</sup> And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.”

Matthew 11:28 “**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**”

Charles Haddon Spurgeon “it does not matter whether 50,000 espouse its cause, or only five, or only one. Truth does not reign by the ballot box, or by the counting of heads: it abideth forever. All the tongues of men and of angels cannot make truth more true; and all the howling’s of devils and doubters cannot transform it into a lie. Glory be to God for this!”

III. An **Encouraging** Application

- a. We Must **Recognize** the Persecuted
- b. We Must **Identify** the Persecuted
- c. We Must **Encourage** the Persecuted

Thomas Case “What slight evidences we are satisfied with when the candle of the Almighty shines in our tabernacles and prosperity and peace are all around us! In the hours of testing, the sure evidence of an interest in Christ and the love of God is worth ten thousand worlds to us. Nothing will serve the moment but that which is able to endure the trial of fire in the day of Christ.”