

## The Book of 3 John Message 4

## “Life in the Church: Part 4”

3 John 1:1-14

Message Title: “Life in the Church: Part 4”

- I. The Church **Loves** (vs 1-2a)
- II. The Church **Truthfully Operates**
- III. The Church **Prays** (vs 2)
- IV. The Church **Rejoices** (vs 3-4)
- V. The Church **Testifies** (5-6a)
- VI. The Church **Supports Missions** (6-8)
- VII. The Church **Encounters Resistance** (vs 9)

Hebrews 6:10 “For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”

Philippians 2:4 “Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”

Galatians 5:13 “For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.”

Mark 10:45 “**For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.**”

- a. Preeminent Loving People **Withhold the Truth**
- b. Preeminent Loving People **Reject Godly Authority**
- c. Preeminent Loving People **Falsely Accuse the Brethren**
- d. Preeminent Loving People **Reject the Brethren**
- e. Preeminent Loving People **Hinder the Brethren’s Service For the Lord**
- f. Preeminent Loving People **Excommunicate All Who Are in Their Way**

- VIII. The Church **Disciplines** (vs 10)

Matthew 18:15-18 “**Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.** <sup>16</sup> But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. <sup>17</sup> And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the

church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. <sup>18</sup> Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

IX. The Church **Maintains Holiness** (vs 11-12)

a. A Holy Life is Measured by Its **Reputation**

b. A Holy Life is Measured by Its **Doctrine**

c. A Holy Life is Measure by **Proven Saints**

X. The Church is **Engaged** (vs 13-14)

XI. The **Application**

Thomas Cranmer “...Wherein I have written many things untrue. And forasmuch as my hand offended in writing contrary to my heart therefore my hand shall first be punished. For if I may come to the fire, it shall be first burned. And as for the Pope, I refuse him, as Christ’s enemy and antichrist, with all his false doctrine.

Thomas Cranmer “this hand hath offended!”