

3 John Series

Lesson #001

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**3 Jn 1 The Elder, To the beloved Gaius,
whom I love in truth:**

**3 Jn 2 Beloved, I pray that you may
prosper in all things and be in health, just
as your soul prospers.**

**3 Jn 3 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren
came and testified of the truth *that is* in
you, just as you walk in the truth.**

**3 Jn 4 I have no greater joy than to hear
that my children walk in truth.**

Similarities Between 2 and 3 John

- 1. The author describes himself as “the elder” (2 John 1; 3 John 1).**

2. The recipients are those whom he “loves in/”by means of” the truth” (2 John 1; 3 John 1).

3. The recipients are the occasion of “great rejoicing” (2 John 4; 3 John 3).

4. The recipients “walk in/”by means of” the truth” (2 John 4; 3 John 3).

5. The elder has received good reports about both (2 John 4; 3 John 3, 5).

6. Both letters contain a warning (2 John 8; 3 John 9).

7. The elder desires to see both face to face (2 John 12; 3 John 14).

8. Others sent their greetings (2 John 13; 3 John 14).

Words of Pastor-Teacher in the NT

1. Eph 4:11 uses two words from which we get our term "pastor-teacher." POIMEN means a shepherd, and denotes the shepherd's leadership over the flock.

1 A sheep cannot guide himself.

2 A sheep cannot cleanse himself.

3 A sheep is a defenseless animal.

4 A sheep is helpless when injured.

5 The sheep cannot find food or water for himself.

6 A sheep is easily frightened or panicked.

7 The sheep produces wool as a result of the care of the shepherd.

8. Sheep are the only animals that cannot live on their own; they must be taken care of.

1. Pastor translates the Greek word for shepherd, *poimen*.

2. The second word in Eph 4:11 is *didaskolos*, a noun used for one person teaching a group of people.

3. *Episkopos* means guardian of the flock, overseer, supervisor, superintendent, and policy maker.

Phil 1:1; 1 Tim 3:1-2; Tit 1:7; 1 Pet 2:25, 5:2.

**3. *Diakonos* means minister, servant,
or waiter.**

4. *Presbuteros* emphasizes seniority and authority.

5. *Kerux* means a herald of the king, one who announces the policy of the king.

6. *Kerusso* means to proclaim the plan and policy of the king.