

The image shows the interior of a cave with dark, textured rock walls and ceiling. A large opening on the left side of the cave reveals a bright, green landscape with trees and a body of water. The floor of the cave is uneven and rocky. The text is overlaid on the image in white font.

3 John 1-14

The Elder

*John the Apostle

*Ministry in Ephesus



Heraclea.

Egnation Way

Propontis

BITHYNIA AND PAPHLAGONIA

GALATIAN PONTUS

MYSIA

ALEXANDRIA TROAS

ASSOS

ADRAMYTTIUM

PERGAMUM

LYDIA

SARDIS

EPHESUS

MAGNESIA

MILETUS

ACARIA

HALICARNASSUS

CNIDUS

RHODES

RHODES

XANTHUS

PATARA

MYRA

Byzantium • Calchedon • Nicomedia • Claudiopolis • Nicaea • Prusa

Dorylaeum • Gordium • Cotiaem • Pessinus

Appia • Amorium

Antioch • Hierapolis • Laodicea • Colossae • Apamea

PISIDIA

PAMPHYLIA

ANTIOCHUS

Ancyra • Tavium

Gangra

Archelais

Derbe

Tarsus • Soli

Seleucia (Free city)

Amisus • Side • Amasea • Comana Pontica

Caesarea (Mazaca)

Comana Cappadociae

CILICIA AND SYRIA

Antioch • Seleucia Pieria • Laodicea

Aegean Sea

3 John 1-14

The Elder

*John the Apostle

*Ministry in Ephesus

*Letters to churches in Asia Minor

*2 John

3 John 1 - 5

Gaius

- *beloved Gaius, whom I love in Truth
- *your soul prospers
- *you are walking in truth
- *my children walking in truth
- *you are acting faithfully

3 John 9-10

Diotrephes

- * loves to be first among them
- * does not accept what we say
- * unjustly accusing us with wicked words
- * he does not receive the brethren
- * he forbids others to receive brethren
- * he kicks them out of the church

3 John 5 – 8

Brethren - Evangelists sent from John

- * especially when they are strangers
- * they bear witness to your love
- * send them on their way in a manner worthy of God
- * they went out for the sake of the name
- * support such men that we may be fellow-workers with the truth

3 John 10, 12

Demetrius - Letter Carrier & Evangelist

*Demetrius received good testimony

- from everyone

- from the truth itself

- we also bear witness to Demetrius

*Diotrephes does not receive brethren

- Diotrephes will not receive Demetrius



Church – God’s Collective Community

I have no greater joy than to hear of my children
walking in the truth

They went out for the sake of the Name . . . We ought
to support such men, that we may be fellow-workers
with the truth

I wrote to the church; but Diotrephes who loves to be
first among them, does not accept what we say.

Diotrephes puts the brethren out of the church

A photograph of a cave interior. The cave has a large opening on the left side, and a smaller, arched opening in the center. The cave walls are dark and textured. The floor is also dark and textured. The light from the openings illuminates the cave interior. The text "Church – God's Collective Community" is overlaid on the image.

Church – God's Collective Community

People United for the Cause of Christ

Churches United for the Cause of Christ