

A CHRISTIAN YOU NEVER HEAR ABOUT

3 John

MANY "UNSUNG" HEROES

- Frank Wills – brought down a president
- Alfred Fielding – invented bubble wrap
- John Walker – invented matches
- Clarence Birdseye – method to freeze food and keep freshness

MANY “UNSUNG” HEROES

- In the New Testament there are 348 individuals mentioned or discussed
- How many can you name?
- We think of Jesus and apostles and a few others

GAIUS – 3 JOHN 1-4

- ¹ The Elder, To the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth: ² Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. ³ For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in you, just as you walk in the truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

GAIUS LIVED A RIGHTEOUS LIFE

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- He walked in it
- He lived it
- He was consistent in it
- He did not preach cream and live skim milk

GAIUS PRACTICED WHAT HE PREACHED

- Not sure he was a public speaker
- He preached by his example and life
- We should be people by whom the truth is held

EDGAR A. GUEST POEM

- I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
- I'd rather one would walk with me than merely point the way.
- The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;
- Fine counsel is confusing but example's always clear.

EDGAR A. GUEST POEM

- The best of all the preachers are the ones who live their creed,
- For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.
- I soon can learn to do it if you let me see it done.
- I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast man run.

EDGAR A. GUEST POEM

- And the sermon you deliver may be very wise and true,
- But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
- For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give.
- But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

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- V. 3 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in you
- He kept a good reputation
- In a wicked world – immorality everywhere
- Gaius remained in the truth

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- V. 3 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in you
- No telephone, internet, Facebook, Twitter
- But many knew of him

PEOPLE SAW HIM AND TALKED ABOUT HIM

- **Acts 16:2** – about Timothy – He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.
- Could this be said of us?

GAIUS WAS HOSPITABLE

- ⁵ Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, ⁶ who have borne witness of your love before the church. *If* you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well
3 John 5-6

GAIUS WAS HOSPITABLE

- He used his resources to help others
- John's prayer – V. 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

GAIUS SUPPORTED MISSION WORK

- V. 6-8 ⁶ who have borne witness of your love before the church. *If* you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well, ⁷ because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸ We therefore ought to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.

GAIUS SUPPORTED MISSION WORK

- Jesus send out 70 – Luke 10:1
- Antioch sent missionaries – Acts 13:1-3
- Great Commission is still a command for us

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