

The Book of 3 John Message 3

“Life in the Church: Part 3”

3 John 1:1-14

Message Title: “Life in the Church: Part 3”

- 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)

Acts 1:8 “**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**”

- a. The **Extent** of Church’s Support

2 Corinthians 12:9 “And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

Philippians 4:19 “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Romans 5:8 “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Isaiah 54:17 “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.”

- b. The **Prerequisite** for the Church’s Support

- c. The **Reasons** the Church Should Support Missions

1. The Church Supports Missions Because **A True Missionary Has No Other Support**
2. The Church Supports Missions Because **it Ought To**
3. The Church Supports Missions **All for the Sake of the Truth**

Matthew 10:40-42 “He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. ⁴¹ He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴² And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.”

VII. The **Application**

a. An Application of **Examination**

John Calvin “The human heart has so many crannies where vanity hides, so many holes where falsehood works, is so decked out with deceiving hypocrisy, that it often dupes itself.”

b. An Application of **Efficiency**

Martin Luther “God does not need our good works, but our neighbor does.”