

Light, Life and Love: A Series in 1 John
Encouragement in a Challenging World
1 John 2:12-14

“I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name’s sake.”

1 John 2:12

Main Point: God’s love and forgiveness are far greater than the spiritual darkness of this world.

“I am writing to you...” -more than just the written words on a paper, it is an expression of personal address with strong feeling, purpose and determination.

Audience

- Little children- all of the Christians who will be reading this letter.
- Fathers- a dignified term referring to the older readers of the letter.
- Young men- the younger readers of the letter who are of age to understand.

John’s age distinctions should not be taken as spiritually mature vs. immature.

Why is John writing?

- *To remind all of us that our sins are forgiven for His name's sake.*
- *To remind us that we already know Jesus Christ and that (more importantly) we are known by Him.*
- *To remind us that we have overcome the evil one.*
- *To remind us that the Word of God abides in us currently.*

These are all present and completed realities in the life of the Christian!

So remember...

1. Our sins are forgiven (1 John 1:9).
2. Practicing truth and walking in the light show that you are truly His (1 John 1:7; 2:3-6).
3. Because God abides in you, and because God is greater than the evil one, we have victory over the evil one through faith (1 John 4:4).
4. You are strong because the Word of God lives in you (1 John 2:14).

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Next week: The Traps of this World 1 John 2:15-17