

Believer's Fellowship

Sunday, February 23: I John 2: 12 – 14

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

14 I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men, because you are strong,

and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Who is John writing to:

- Little Children
- Fathers (two comments)
- Young men (two comments)
- Children

What is his general purpose?

- He wants to remind each group of something he believe is so important to them at their age and stage in life
 - Little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake
 - Fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. (twice)
 - Young men, because you have overcome the evil one.
 - Children, because you know the Father.
 - Young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Little Children

What a great reminder for all, but think about how important this is for a little child to grasp hold of and believe

- No condemnation
- Security and comfort
- A healthy identity
- A forgiving heart
- Relieved, grateful, and worshipful

Fathers

What a great reminder for all, but think about how important this is for a father to grasp hold of and believe.

- Think of how that father would live his life and how he would be as a husband and a parent.
 - A deep spirit of rest, soul rest
 - Not anxious about tomorrow or provision
 - Able to be present and engaged with those around
 - A deep sense of joy
 - A beautiful spirit of worship

Young Men

What a great reminder for all, but think about how important this is for a young man to grasp hold of and believe.

- Think of how that young man would live his life
 - Freedom
 - Confidence
 - Fearless
 - At peace
 - Relieved, grateful, and worshipful

Children

What a great reminder for all, but think about how important this is for a child to grasp hold of and believe.

- Think of how that child would live their life
 - Knowing they are deeply loved!
 - They could cry out “Abba!”
 - Excited about tomorrow
 - Healthily competitive
 - Quick to say, “Thank you!”

Me and You?

- Because our sins are forgiven for his name’s sake.
- Because we know him who is from the beginning.
- Because we have overcome the evil one.
- Because we know the Father.

Me and You at this Age and Stage in Life?

- The ability to truly give thanks and worship?
- To trust the Father with tomorrow, health issues, provision, and all things that are simply out of our control?
- To experience a deep sense of rest, a rest in our soul?
- To finish strong in whatever role that might be?
- Adult child, Husband/Wife, Father/Mother, Grandfather/Grandmother?
- Church Member, Sunday Morning Community Member, Neighbor, Volunteer?
- Employer, Employee, Retiree?

Scriptures to be “reminded” of:

- Psalm 95: 1 – 5
- Proverbs 3: 5 – 8
- Matthew 11: 28 – 30
- Galatians 2: 20