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# 1 John 2

**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.

# 1 John 2

**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. **15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

# 1 John 2

**16** For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. **17** And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

# 1 John 2:12–2:17

1. John's Encouragement
2. John's Command
3. How to Keep the Command

# John is addressing:

1. **“Children”** - those who are young in their faith
2. **“Young men”** - those who are in the middle of their journey with Jesus
3. **“Fathers”** - those who have been walking with Jesus for a long time

**1 John 2:12** I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake

**1 John 2:13** ... I write to you children, because you know the Father.

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1. John's Encouragement - “**Children**”

**1 John 2:13** I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

**1 John 2:14** 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.

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1. John's Encouragement - **“Young men”**



**1 John 4:4** Greater is he (*Christ*) that is in you, than he (*Satan*) who is in the world.

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1. John's Encouragement - **“Young men”**

**1 John 2:13** I am writing to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the  
beginning.

**1 John 2:14** I write to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the  
beginning.

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1. John's Encouragement - **“Fathers”**

# John's encouragement to:

**New Christians** → you are forgiven in Christ.

**Young Christians** → you HAVE overcome through Christ.

**Older Christians** → you know and are known by Christ

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## 1. John's Encouragement

**1 John 2:15** Do not love the world or the things of the world...

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2. John's Command

**1 John 2:16** For all that is in the world—  
the desires of the flesh and the desires  
of the eyes and pride of life

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2. John's Command

**1 John 2:15** ... If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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2. John's Command

**1 John 2:16** For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

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2. John's Command

**1 John 2:17** And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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2. John's Command



**John 17:15** I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. **16** They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

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3. How to keep the command

1 John 2:14 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.

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3. How to keep the command

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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3. How to keep the command

# **Gospel realities that filter out the world:**

1. You are forgiven in Christ.
2. You HAVE overcome through Christ.
3. You know and are known by Christ

**THE WORTH OF JESUS** filters out the world!

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3. How to keep the command

**Romans 12:1** ... by the mercies of  
God... **2** Do not be conformed to this  
world, but be transformed by the renewal  
of your mind...

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3. How to keep the command