

# Progressive Faith



TRANSFORMING TRUTH

*Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.*

From the Series,  
"Authentic Trust"

*1 John 2:12-14*  
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## 1. Starting In Simplicity - Little Children (12, 13c)

*"I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for His name's sake...13c I write to you, children, because you know the Father."*

- a. These have experienced salvation - "...your sins are forgiven..."
- b. These are vulnerable, naive & innocent - "...little children..."
- c. These are trained to look to God for everything - "...because you know the Father."

## 2. Standing In Power - Young Men (13b, 14b)

*"13b I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. 14b 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."*

Building upon all they experienced and learned as the little children of the Father:

- a. These are clearly maturing in the faith - "...young men..."
- b. These have entered into the spiritual battles - "...you have overcome the evil one...you have overcome the evil one."
- c. These are becoming strong and skilled in God's Word - "...because you are strong and the word of God abides in you..."

### 3. Seasoned With Wisdom (13a, 14a)

*"13a I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. 14a I write to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning."*

Building upon their progression as little children and young men:

- a. These are producing disciples of their own - "...fathers..."
- b. These are deepening in their relationship with God - "you know Him...you know Him..."
- c. These are growing in eternal perspective - "...Him who is from the beginning...Him who is from the beginning..."