

THE TRUTH ABOUT MATURE CHRISTIANS

1 John 2:1-6

1. They pursue holiness

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin... (1)

2. They run to Jesus after sinning

...But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1-2)

3. They desire to obey Christ's commands

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. (3)

4. They care about glorifying God

Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: (4-5)

5. They follow Christ's example

whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (6)