

**THE TRUTH ABOUT GROWING SPIRITUALLY**  
**1 John 2:12-14**

**1. A spiritual infant knows his sins are forgiven**

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

**2. A spiritual child doesn't know much but knows he is loved**

*I write to you, children,  
because you know the Father. (13)*

**3. A spiritual youth realizes he is in a fight**

*I am writing to you, young men,  
because you have overcome the evil one. (13)*

**4. A spiritual youth stops fighting in his own strength**

*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. (14)*

**5. A spiritual adult enjoys the companionship of God**

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

**6. A spiritual adult is satisfied with God**

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