

Scripture Text

1 John 2:12-14

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- 12) I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.
- 13) I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.
- 14) I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

Subject:

*Spiritual Maturity in
God's Family*

In God's Family,

1. All His Children has received His Gift of Salvation.

1 John 2:12

I write to you, little **children**, Because
your sins are forgiven you for His
name's sake

Children, *teknion* ... little child or children; all offsprings,

In God's Family,

1. All His Children has received His Gift of Salvation.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Psalms 25:11

For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

Isaiah 43:25

I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.

In God's Family,

2. Some are children.

1 John 2:13c

I write to you, little **children**, Because
you have known the Father.

Children, *paidion* ... a little child, boy or girl

In God's Family,

3. Some are young men.

1 John 2:13b-14b

13b I write to you, **young men**, Because you have overcome the wicked one.

14b I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

In God's Family,

3. *Some are fathers.*

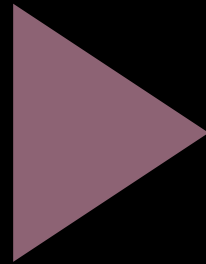
1 John 2:13b-14b

I write to you, **fathers**, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.

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Message Challenge

What has God revealed to you regarding your spiritual maturity?



What specific area in your Christian walk will you ask God to help you mature more into the likeness of Christ?