

Overcoming the Evil One

(1 John 2:12-14) The Life Changed by Christ

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First address: “Little Children” – “ _____ & Daughters” the church as a whole (v. 12).

- As such you are forgiven for Christ’s name’s sake!
 - Forgiveness in the sense of redemption (bought back) by faith in Christ’s death for your sin.
 - Forgiveness in the sense of regular confession of individual acts of sin *after* salvation.
- Children, Fathers, Young Men: why is out of order?
- Addressing two categories within the church (v. 13a)
 - Fathers – wisdom and experience reflected in “knowledge”
 - Knowing who Jesus is – Jesus was in the beginning with God (John 1:1-2)
 - Young men – overcoming Satan
 - Satan is after folks (young and old) (male *and* female)
 - The stakes are higher for younger – he can entangle them for a longer period of time
 - They need encouragement to hang in there

Second address (v. 13b): “Children” – “_____” = emphasizes immaturity/ subordination over relationship. At the same time, the emphasis to those in the church is that we can know God the Father (not just *about* Him).

- Fathers – he wrote this before and again (to men *and* women). Understanding Jesus’ divinity is important!
- Young men – here are two *keys* to overcoming Satan (these apply to young *and* old)
 - 1) Be “strong” would be a useless encouragement without the connection by “AND” to...
 - 2) The word of God abiding in you.
 - a. Memorization
 - b. Form a _____ of turning to it for all things
 - c. These require effort / “exercise”

All of these things (vs. 12-14) are keys to overcoming the evil one.

Are you _____?

Do you know _____?

Do you know God the _____?

Are you “_____” to become strong in God’s word?