

The Things You Need to Know

ARE YOU GROWING IN YOUR WALK WITH JESUS?

1 John 2:12-14 Jeff Schreve

I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. 1 John 2:13

Where are you in your spiritual journey?

1. Every true Christian has experienced a second birth.

I am writing to you, little children (teknion), because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. 1 John 2:12

- A. A true Christian has been forgiven for his sins.
- B. A true Christian has been adopted into God's family.
- C. A true Christian has been indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. Romans 8:9

2. Every true Christian is commanded to grow.

I have written to you, children (paidion), because you know the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been 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 evil one. 1 John 2:13-14

- A. The baby stage is a beginning, relational stage.
 - * This stage needs care, feeding, and protection.
- B. The maturing stage is a learning, overcoming stage.
 - * This stage needs training, opportunities, and the Word.

C. The mature stage is an established, Christ-like stage.

* This stage needs to keep growing in love with Jesus.

Where are you right now ... and what do you need to grow?