

THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

#7 = WHO AND WHY (2:12-14)

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- Who is he writing to?
 - “Little children” = Picturing those newly _____ and starting a relationship with God. We are born into God’s family as little children.
 - “Fathers” = Picturing those who have stayed faithful to the One they have known and loved since their salvation. Those spiritually experienced and _____. These people know God in a much deeper and richer way because they have walked with Him for a while.
 - “Young men” = Picturing those in the youth of their Christianity, who are overcoming the devil through the power of the Word of God abiding in them. They are in the _____ of spiritual life, fighting and battling on the front lines.
- Why did he write to them? John is writing to them because no matter what stage of Christian life you are in, you still need _____!
- If your spirit is, “I’ve heard it all before,” you haven’t heard _____
- “Fathers” and “Mothers” in the Church should be helping in the instruction of the “little children.”
- It is okay to be a little child, but no one is meant to _____ one.
- 1 Peter 2:2, “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:”

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE INVOLVES...

1. _____. (v. 12)
 - a. The Christian life _____ with forgiveness!
 - b. Those who have progressed in the Christian life know that forgiveness does not end with salvation. We need a continual cleansing and forgiveness.
 - c. Not only do we need to continually _____ forgiveness, but a big part of the Christian life also includes _____ forgiveness.
2. _____. (vs. 13-14, *known*)
 - a. 1:3 = We were made to have fellowship with _____!
 - b. One of the greatest joys of the Christian life is the privilege of fellowshiping with God every day.
 - c. Every Christian needs fellowship with other Christians. God made you to fellowship with others.
3. _____. (Vs. 13-14, *ye have overcome the wicked one*)
 - a. The Christian life is a life lived on the _____.
 - b. Romans 8:37, “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.”
 - c. How can we be overcomers? = **1 John 4:4; 5:4-5**
 - d. John 16:33, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”
 - e. We are already overcomers; we just need to _____ the victory.
4. _____. (vs. 13-14, *from the beginning*)
 - a. God doesn’t expect us to do everything, but He does expect faithfulness.
 - b. Whatever stage of the Christian life you are in, you still need teaching.
 - c. Whatever stage of the Christian life you are in, you should seek to _____.

**What stage are you in? Are you listening to teaching? Are you growing?
Which one of these four areas needs more _____ in your Christian life?**