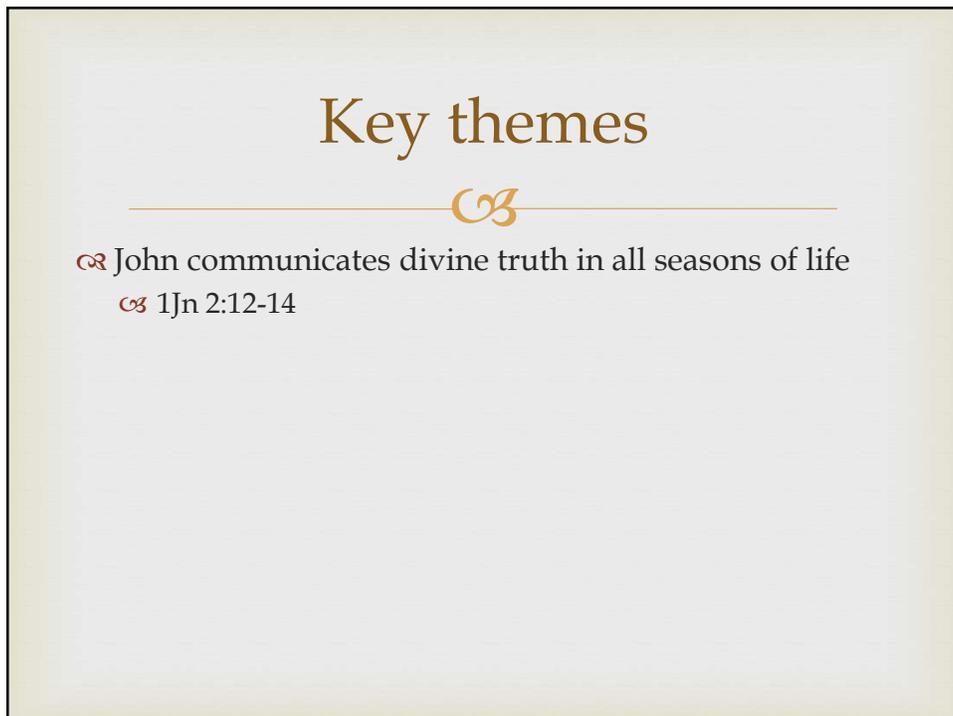


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Scripture Reading



1 John 2:12-14 (NASB Strong's)

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake. 13 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. 14 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.

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Overview of today's passage



Theme:

- ☞ John communicates divine truth in all seasons of life
- ☞ 1Jn 2:12-14

Doctrine:

- ☞ Truth is not bound by time nor one's age and is applicable to all believers
- ☞ All of our sins (past/present/future) are forgiven
- ☞ We are saved because of and for "His Name's sake"

Application:

- ☞ Holding on to the testimony of Scripture is the key to overcome sin, death, and Satan

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Exposit: 1Jn 2:12



12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His Name's sake.

- ☞ "little children" (7x in this letter)
- ☞ "your sins have been forgiven you"
- ☞ "His name's sake"

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"little children"



Greek for "little children" is 'teknion' which means little child (infant)

- ☞ Denotes a parent-to-infant relationship
- ☞ Only John (no other apostle) uses this phrase
- ☞ Jesus uses this phrase 1x towards His disciples
John 13:33 (after the Last Supper meal)
33 Little children (teknion), I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'
- ☞ Indicative that the same Spirit in Jesus is in John

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“little children”



- ☞ TRUTH: Believers are God’s infant children who are entrusted by God to apostles/shepherds

Galatians 4:1-2

1 Now I say, as long as the heir is a *child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, 2 **but he (the child) is under guardians and managers** until the date set by the father.

- ☞ *child here is a different Greek word (nēpios) which means immature
- ☞ TRUTH: Under shepherds (apostles and pastors) along with the Law are “spiritual guardians and babysitters”

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“your sins have been forgiven you”



- ☞ Can be rendered:
 - ☞ “all of your sins have been forgiven”
 - ☞ “all your sins are forgiven you”
- ☞ In the past tense
 - ☞ All of the believer’s sins (past/present/future) are already forgiven upon saving faith
- ☞ “forgiven you”
 - ☞ This is not loosie-goosie sentiment in a general sense
 - ☞ Personal pronoun is used to make it clear this is a personal pardon from Jesus Christ to every believer

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“your sins have been forgiven you”



☞ Examples of Scripture to support all believers’ sins are already forgiven:

Romans 5:19-6:3

19 For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. 20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:

1 What shall we say then? **Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?** 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

1 Peter 2:24

24 and He Himself bore **[all] our sins** in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

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“His Name’s sake”



Greek for ‘Name’ is ‘onoma’ which means authority, cause
Greek for ‘sake’ is ‘dia’ which means on account of, because of

- ☞ God saves by His authority and for His cause
- ☞ God saves on account of His authority and because of His authority
- ☞ God saves on account of His cause and because of His cause
- ☞ God saves because He has the authority to save
- ☞ God saves because it is consistent with who He is, Savior

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“His Name’s sake”



John 5:39-47 (Jesus speaking)

39 You (the Pharisees) search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; 40 and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life. 41 I do not receive glory from men; 42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves. 43 **I have come in My Father’s name** (authority and cause), and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name (authority and cause), you will receive him. 44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

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“His Name’s sake”



Matthew 1:21-22

21 She (Mary) will bear a Son; and you shall call **His name (onoma)** Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Can be rendered:

21 She (Mary) will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins [for His Name’s sake].”

TRUTHS:

- ☞ God’s incarnate name is “Jesus” which means “Savior”
- ☞ God (Jesus) → comes in His Father’s authority → to Save people from their sins
- ☞ Believers are saved because of and for “His Name’s sake”

12

Catarroja AMP: 1Jn 2:12



12 I am writing to you, [God's infants], because [my role as your apostle and pastor is to nourish you by proclaiming that all of] your sins [are already] forgiven [when you believed in the testimony of Scripture that Jesus alone has authority to save and He alone is Savior]

Peter echoes the same thing:

1 Peter 2:1-3

Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, **2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,** **3** if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

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Exposit: 1Jn 2:13



13 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.

☞ Addresses the following groups:

- ☞ In v. 12: "little children"
- ☞ In v. 13: "fathers" → "young men" → "children"

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“Fathers”



Greek for ‘father’ is ‘patēr’ who is the father in the household

In Scripture:

- ☞ Patēr is used to identify the father in a family relationship
- ☞ Patēr is used to identify God the Father (Patēr) in the Trinity
- ☞ In John’s gospel, every use of patēr is literal
 - ☞ Speaking of earthly fathers or God the Father
 - ☞ No need to spiritualize “father” in this verse
- ☞ There are some believers who are fathers (have children)
 - ☞ John is addressing them
 - ☞ Truth is applicable to all believers

15

“Fathers”



John says that these fathers:

- ☞ ‘know’ (ginōsko) God their Creator
- ☞ TRUTH: all believers ginōskō their Creator and Maker
 - ☞ No longer cut off (banished from the garden) from the tree of life (Jesus)
 - ☞ When Adam sinned, life was cut short, and thus, we all die
 - ☞ When Christ died for sin, life was reconnected to our life source (Jesus), and thus, we all shall live

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“young men”



Greek for ‘young men’ is ‘neaniskos’ a male beyond puberty and usually before marriage (i.e. often a single bachelor, or young husband with no children), still in prime of life of strength and vigor

A few examples in Scripture:

Mark 14:51-52 (the night Jesus was betrayed and arrested)

51 A **young man (neaniskos)** was following Him, wearing nothing but a linen sheet over his naked body; and they seized him. 52 But he pulled free of the linen sheet and escaped naked.

Acts 5:10 (after Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit)

10 And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the **young men (neaniskos)** came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

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“young men”



Matthew 19:16-22 (The Rich Young Ruler)

16 And someone came to Him and said, “Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?” 17 And He said to him, “Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” 18 Then he *said to Him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not commit murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; 19 Honor your father and mother; and You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 20 The **young man (neaniskos)** said to Him, “All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?” 21 Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” 22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.

☞ The Rich Young Ruler = The Rich Young Bachelor

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“young men”



Side note: neaniskos is used to describe an angel at the empty tomb:

Mark 16:5-6

5 Entering the tomb, they saw a **young man (neaniskos)** sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.

- ☞ Matthew’s account added “appearance was like lightening” and “clothing as white as snow”; guards passed out in fear (Mt 28:3-4)
- ☞ Nugget of truth: How old will we be when we’re redeemed? If this is a clue, we’ll be young men and women past the age of puberty and will be wearing white robes in the prime years of life for all eternity (Rev 6:11; 7:9,13)

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“young men”



In Scripture “young men”:

- ☞ Young men
- ☞ Youth and strength
- ☞ Prime of life and vigor
- ☞ Because he is strong, overcomes he who is weak
- ☞ There are some believers who are young men either unmarried or married without children
 - ☞ John is addressing them
 - ☞ Truth is applicable to all believers

20

“young men”



John says that these young men:

- ☞ “have overcome the evil one”
 - ☞ Past tense, already a present reality
- ☞ TRUTH: all believers have secured victory over Satan (the author of sin and death)

Romans 16:20

20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

21

“children”



Greek for ‘children’ is ‘paidion’ which is a child before the age of puberty

A couple of examples in Scripture:

Matthew 2:11

11 After coming into the house they saw **the Child (paidion)** with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

22

“children”



Mark 10:13-16 (Jesus Blesses Little Children)

13 And they were bringing **children (paidon)** to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, “Permit the **children (paidon)** to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a **child (paidon)** will not enter it at all.” 16 And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.

- ☞ This passage is supported by churches that do baby dedications
- ☞ Does this mean all children have “free ticket” to heaven?

☞ TRUTH: Heaven will be populated with God-to-child relationships

23

“children”



John says that these children (sometime after infancy, but before puberty):

- ☞ ‘know’ (ginōsko) God their Creator
- ☞ TRUTH: all believers ginōskō their Creator and Maker
 - ☞ Born again to a living hope

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be **born again to a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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Catarroja AMP: 1Jn 2:13



13 I am writing to you, fathers (with children), because you know (ginōskō) Him who has been from the beginning (your Creator and Maker). I am writing to you, young men, because you [are young and strong and] have overcome the evil one [who is weak]. I have written to you, children, because you know (ginōskō) the Father...

- ✎ Connects “fathers” with “know[ing] (ginōskō) Him (Jesus)”
- ✎ Connects “children” with “know[ing]” (ginōskō) the Father”
- ✎ In between connects “young men” with “overcom[ing] the evil one”

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Exposit: 1Jn 2:14



14 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.

v. 14 is really a repeat of v13:

- ✎ Addresses fathers (2x) and connects with ginōskō again of their Creator and Maker
- ✎ Addresses young men (2x) and connects with
 - ✎ Strength because the word of God abides (remains, continues) in them
 - ✎ And because of such strength have overcome the evil one

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Heart of v. 13-14



- ✧ Overcoming sin and the enemy of our souls begins with and ends with knowing (ginōskō) Jesus the Son of God and God His Father:

Revelation 12:10-12

“Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 **And they overcame him (Satan) because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony**, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. 12 For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.”

- ✧ John was using real life seasons to communicate divine truth on how to overcome sin and death and Satan