

# 1 John 2:12-14

Gospel Truths for Every Age

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write 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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### John's purposes in reminding them:

1. To assure Christians of the foundations of their faith
2. To prepare Christians for conflict with the world

### Gospel Truths for Every Age

1. To all Christians: Your sins are forgiven for His name's sake. (v.12)

#### Why remind them of basic gospel truths?

- To remind them that the forgiveness of sins is not just "elementary" but "foundational"
- To remind them that they were sinners
- To remind them of the freedom of God's mercy

### Gospel Truths for Every Age

1. To all Christians: Your sins are forgiven for His name's sake. (v.12)
2. To mature Christians: You know Him who is from the beginning (vv.13a, 14a)
3. To young Christians: You have victory over the evil one (vv. 13b, 14b)