

Spiritual State
1 John 2:12-17

1. _____ Vs 12-14

Stages of faith:

A. _____ Vs 12 & 13c - "I write to you little children..."
1 Corinthians 6:11 "But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus..."

1 Peter 2:2 "as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word..."

I. "Children" (new Christians) are happy with _____ milk, not with meat!

B. _____ Vs 13b "I write to you young men..." & 14b- "I have written to you, young men..."
Ephesians 6:10 "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."
Hebrews 5:12-14 "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food."

I. "Youth" (growing Christians) feed on the _____ in scripture.

C. _____ Vs 13a "I write to you fathers..." & 14a- "I have written to you, fathers..."

I. Fathers (mature Christians) are _____ in the scriptures, in understanding and application and their relationship with Christ.

D. Relational perspective:

I. _____ are those who knew Jesus personally. Vs 13
"...you have known Him from the beginning..."

II. _____ are those who those who have believed in Christ through the fathers witness and teaching and are strong in the faith. Vs 14b *"...because you are strong and the word of God abides in you"*

III. _____ are those who have believed through the teachings of fathers and youth but never met Jesus in the flesh...believe but are dependent on the Word of God, faith, and trust, from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

E. John was _____ those in each stage of their faith.

2. _____ for the world. Vs 15 *"Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."*

James 4:4 *"...Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."*

3. _____ of the world. Vs 16 *"For all that is in the world-the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes..."*

Ecclesiastes 5:10 *"He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver..."*

4. _____ of God. Vs 17 *"And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."*

1 Corinthians 7:31 *"...and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away."*