

DELINEATING GROWTH IN THE FAMILY
(1 John 2:12-14)

I. GETTING INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

A. The Urgent Need Expressed (John 3:3) “Except a man be _____ he cannot see the kingdom of God”

B. The Promises Offered

II. GROWING IN GRACE IN THE FAMILY OF GOD

A. Needing Grace & the Knowledge of Christ

B. The Goal in Knowing Christ

C. The 3 Stages of Christian Growth (1 John 2:12-14)

1. The terms used:

a. “Little children” (*teknion*) =

b. “little children” (*paidion*) =

c. “young men” (*neaniskos*) =

d. “fathers” (*pater*) =

2. Their Characteristics:

a. “little children” (*teknion*) —inclusive to all 3 groups mentioned, all “teknion” have at least one thing in common—they are children in the forever _____ of God & have their sins _____ for His names sake.

- Does scripture indicate this?

b. This second term “little ones” (paidion) refers to those who are spiritual _____ in the Lord, those who are _____.

- What do spiritual new born’s need?

c. “Young men” in the faith (2:14)

1) John says they are _____ ! (Eph 6:10)

2) John says, young men in the faith have learned the secret of _____ (John 15:7)

3) Abiding in Christ & His word abiding in you will give you victory or success because you can _____.

d. John says, concerning “fathers” ... “you have _____ Him from the beginning”

* There is relative _____ in their lives (Phil 3:10)

* What perspective did Paul’s maturity give him?

* What is the first thing John warns these little children about? (2:15-18)