

1 John Lesson 30 Outline
“Step-by-Step Spiritual Growth” 1 John 2:12-14
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Spiritual growth is a privilege and an obligation for a believer.

There are differing elements of sanctification: positional and ultimate. And in between those two is progressive sanctification.

Foundational elements of spiritual growth:

#1 - Spiritual growth has nothing to do with your standing before God in Christ.

#2 - Spiritual growth has nothing to do with God's _____ for you.

#3 - Spiritual growth has nothing to do with _____.

#4 - Spiritual growth is not related to _____, per se.

#5 - Spiritual growth has nothing to do with _____.

#6 - Spiritual growth has nothing to do with _____.

Spiritual maturity is not absolute, it is _____.

The only times you grow are the times when you're spiritual.

Your spiritual growth is not due to anything mystical, sentimental, devotional, psychological, it's not due to any event, it's not due to any commitment or decision, it is a _____.

You cannot grow spiritually unless you grow in your understanding of God's truth.

John is not doubting his readers' salvation; he's simply helping them to understand how they can discern that the false professors and the false prophets that are in their midst are not, in fact, the real thing.

There's room in the kingdom for spiritual _____.

When John writes "little children" in verse 12, he's talking about all believers - he uses the word *teknia*. That word means "little born ones/darlings," really without regard for age.

2 So, he's writing to all of you who are the children of God, all of you *teknia* - common biblical word for the saved.

Scripture is filled with statements that salvation is the forgiveness of sins.

John starts this discussion of spiritual maturity by recognizing that it's not a matter of your salvation, it's a matter of your sanctification.

"For His name's sake." It's not because you're worthy of it, deserve it, merit it, but for His name's sake. That simply means for His _____.