

1 John Lesson 31 Outline
“Step-by-Step Spiritual Growth” 1 John 2:12-14
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Your spiritual maturity is not a matter of your salvation; it's a matter of your sanctification.

God saves in order to put His glory and His grace on _____.

When it says, “His name’s sake,” “name’s” simply means all that He is.

John is saying, we’re not talking about absolute perfection; we’re talking about direction, progress, a process.

It’s not John’s purpose here to exhort them toward spiritual development, although that certainly is built into the fabric of what he says; it’s simply to define the reality that though you’re not a spiritual father or even a spiritual young man, you’re still a child who’s been forgiven.

Immaturity here isn’t equal to being _____.

John uses the word *paidia* here which means a little child, someone still under parental instruction.

The distinguishing act of a babe in Christ is to acknowledge God as Father, Christ as Lord.

**It all starts, not with information, not with theology;
it's about _____.**

Spiritual babes have no or poor discernment.

False teachers make careers out of spiritual babes.

Young men go from relationship to _____.

**Young men are strong, because “the Word of God
abides in you and you have overcome the wicked
one.”**

**Satan isn't the one running around making people
sin. People sin because of the flesh. Satan is
involved in _____.**

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**A spiritual young man can overcome the evil one
because of sound doctrine.**

**It's wonderful to see somebody arrive at that point in
their spiritual development that they want to go
battle the cults.**

**They are not going to buy into falsehoods because
they know what the Word of God teaches.**

Other scriptures cited: Ps. 79:8-9, 106:8, 109:21-27; Jer. 14:7; Isa. 48:9; Rom. 1; 2 Pet. 3:18;
1 John 2:3; Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6; 1 Cor. 3; Eph. 4:14; Prov. 20:29; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; James 1:14;
Gal. 5:19-21; Lev. 17:7; Ps. 106:36-37; 1 Cor. 10; 1 John 4:2; 1 Tim. 4