

The Spiritual Man

cosmic thinking

What is the Saturation Level of the believer?

Doctrine of Occupation

Overview Reading:

A. Their Spiritual State

1 John 2:12-17 (NKJV)

12 I write to you, **little children**, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.
13 I write to you, **babes**, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, **young men**, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, **little children**, Because you have known the Father.
14 I have written to you, **babes**, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, **young men**, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you. And you have overcome the wicked one.
15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.
17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Three stages of maturity:
Adult believer
Adolescent
Infant believers

God provides an Extreme
Radical Transformation

A. vocative

— The case that is used for direct address.
— It is in the vocative case that is being directly addressed.

1 John 2:12-17 (NKJV)

Child of any age

Addressing everyone in the church

12 I write to you, **little children**, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

Because of God's character

We then divides the group being addressed from verse 12, into 3 stages of maturity in verse 13

12 I write to you, **babes**, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, **young men**, Because you have overcome the wicked one.

Infant stage, is only used 2 times in 1 John

— **paedion** (pedion, 3873), a diminutive of pais, signifies "a little or young child"; it is used of an infant just born

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Doctrine of Imminence with Christ

① VIMGP verb, present, active, imperative, second person, plural

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God's word reveals a complete new way of thought, so that we become a completely new man in every area of life

The lust of the flesh

1. sexual lusts
2. physical pleasure lusts
3. chemical lusts
4. alcohol lust

Things that are not necessary for in themselves and/or

Though they can be

The lust of the eyes

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