

Sermon Notes for July 30, 2006 A.M.

**Morning: "The Three Stages of a Growing Christian Life"**

I John 2:12-14 (Pew Bible page 1082) (Joy For The Journey)

- **Holy** Life—I John 1
- **Growing** Life—I John 2:1-17
- **Hopeful** Life—I John 2:17-3:11
- **Loving** Life—I John 3:11-24
- **Discerning** Life—I John 4
- **Prayerful** Life—I John 5

I. **"Little Children"** - I John 2:1, 2:12, 2:13b **Born Again**—"My little children (born again ones)."  
**Blood Washed**—"He is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins."

- We **rejoice** in the forgiveness of sins. I John 2:12—"Your sins are forgiven." Psalm 51:10-12 (506); 32:1-2 (495); 32:2-10
- We **rest** in the name of Jesus. I John 2:12—"For His name's sake." Proverbs 18:10 (574) "You have known the Father." John 14:6 (955)

II. **"Fathers"** - I John 2:13-14—**Builders**

- We are **confident** in our salvation. I John 2:13—"Father, because you have **known** Him." Philippians 3:10 (1044); John 17:3 (958)
- We are **constructive** in teaching others. I John 2:13—"Who is from the beginning" II Timothy 2:1-3; 3:14-17 (1056)

III. **"Young Men"** - I John 2:13-14—**The Battle**

- We are ready for spiritual **Warfare**. I John 2:13-4—"Because you have **overcome** . . . and are strong." Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5, 12, 21 (1088)
- We are committed to God's **Word**. I John 2:14—"The **Word of God** abides in you." John 15:4; Ephesians 6:17 (1037)
- We are victors over the **Wicked** One. I John 2:13-14—"Because you have overcome the **wicked one**." Revelation 12:11 (1096) Joshua 14:8-9 (206)