

# Knowing: Growth

1John 2:12-17



## **1John 2:**

**12 ¶ I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.**

**13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. 14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and**



## **1John 2:**

**the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. 15 Do not love the world nor 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 and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.**

# I am writing...

- 3 groups of believers:
  - Little children – forgiven for His Name's sake
  - Fathers – you know Him from the beginning
  - Young men – you have overcome evil one

# I have written...

- Children – have known the Father
- Fathers – you have known Him
- Young men – strong, the word abides = !!!

# Why we need to grow

- The love of the world, and its “things”
  - Satan’s system to oppose God’s Kingdom
  - Opposed to Christ and His Grace
  - Replacement of God’s love and laws
  - Anything temptation to satisfaction apart from God – NO love of the Father possible!

# Dark Desire

## 1. Lust of the flesh (*sarx*)

- Human nature, passions apart from God
- Following sin instead of the Holy Spirit
- This old nature remains in us and must be crucified daily!

Galatians 2:20

# Dark Deception

## 2. Lust of the eyes

- Allurement of what we see – “shinies”!
- Lies and deceptions of our minds
- Seeing the “shadows”, temporary things
- Gateway to our mind and walk



# Dark Motives

## 3. Pride of Life

- Boastful, self-focused, “full of air”, strutting
- “look at how great I am”
- Integrity and character sacrificed

# Lost and Found

- Eve – All 3 used on her
- Jesus – all 3 used on Him – but He won!!
- 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.