



Outline – Sunday School September 02, 2018

Sermon Title: REASSURING COMFORT FOR TRUE CHRISTIANS

“In All Stages of Spiritual Maturity”

Text: 1 John 2:12-14

1. From a father to his **Seed** (Teknion): They are Forgiven. v12
 - a. Their sins have been **Absolved**. Ps. 79:9/**Is. 43:25**
 - b. By the work of their **Advocate**. 1 John 2:1
 - c. On the basis of the **Atonement**. 1 John 2:2/Eph. 1:7; 4:32/Col. 2:13-14

2. To the **Seasoned** (Patēr): They are of **Full** Age. v13a
 - a. They intimately and experientially know the **Master**. 1 John 1-2/John 8:19/Prov. 16:31; 20:29
 - b. They manifest their knowledge as **models**. Eph. 5:1/Phil. 3:15-17/1 Cor. 4:15-16
 - c. They invest intimately and paternally into the downline as **mentors**. Eph. 6:4/2 Tim. 3:16-17/
Heb. 5:11-14

3. To the **Soldier** (neaniskos): Strong spiritual **fighters**. v13b -14b/Prov. 20:29
 - a. The abiding Word, the source of their **strength**. Prov. 20:29/Ps. 119:9-11/John 8:31-32
 - b. They engage in spiritual combat, and the enemy they **subdue** (by faith). 1 John 5:4-5/Eph. 6:14-17

4. To the **Suckling** (Paidion): You know God as **Father**.
 - a. They're **infants** in the faith: Recent Converts. John 3:3-5
 - b. They're **inexperienced**. 1 Cor. 14:20; 3:1-3/Jer. 1:6
 - c. They **identify** their God as “abba” Father. Matt. 18:1-5