



Pray

How does walking in the light inspire you to pray?
Is there action you need to take?

How can this passage impact the way you pray for
yourself and others?

How does this passage move you to thank and praise God?



Trusting Christ as Children | 1 John 2:12-14 Study Guide 5 for sermon on 01/31/2021



Introduction

Do you remember when hand-written letters were a regular means of communication? I still enjoy writing an occasional letter to communicate with family and friends. Well, John's letter here in many ways is a letter within a letter to encourage his readers. There is encouragement found in these three short verses as we know God by trusting Christ daily.



Overview

John articulates for us what faith in Christ looks like. He gives us his reasons for writing. We know the one who is from the beginning and to know God is to follow him in community as the people of God.

"As children of God, believers who have confessed the name of Jesus to be saved, and as a result of that confession they have access to that name. It is this power that will give them victory as they stand against those who have departed from the community." - Daniel Akin

Context: This passage is unique and is sandwiched between two hard teachings. 1 John 2:7-11 is a warning against hating brothers and sisters in the faith and 1 John 2:15-18 is a warning against loving the world.

Structure:

- I. Your sins are forgiven (v. 12)
- II. You know the Father (vv. 13-14)
- III. You have overcome the evil one (vv. 13-14)
- IV. God's word remains in you (v. 14)

 **Engage**

1. Why is it important to reflect on what we have in Christ, as John does in this section?
2. How does John's opening word about forgiveness impact our current status?
3. How does forgiveness of our sins glorify God's name?
4. What does it mean to "know the One who is from the beginning"? How does this statement compare to John 1:1 and 1 John 1:1?

5. In what sense do believers have victory over the evil one? How does this give you encouragement and hope?
6. Evil is spoken of elsewhere in Scripture. We are to: expect evil (1 Peter 4:12), hate evil (Romans 12:9), expose evil (Ephesians 5:11), resist evil (James 4:7), and overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21). How can we not give into evil and escape it? (*Hint: Matthew 6:13*)

7. What role does God's Word play in the temptations we face?

VERSES TO MEDITATE ON:

"Look, the days are coming"—this is the LORD's declaration—"when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ³² This one will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt—my covenant that they broke even though I am their master"—the LORD's declaration. ³³ "Instead, this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days"—the LORD's declaration. "I will put my teaching within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will one teach his neighbor or his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know me, from the least to the greatest of them"—this is the LORD's declaration. "For I will forgive their iniquity and never again remember their sin."

– Jeremiah 31:31-34