

Daily Devotion Day 13

Read: 1 John 2:12-14

Today we'll think about the 3 (or 2 groups), and tomorrow we'll think about their instructions.

It seems straight forward: babies in the faith, young in the faith, and mature in the faith. But given numerous other times John addresses everyone using "dear children" it may be that it is just everyone, and then drilling down to those who are new to faith, and those who are mature in faith.

Firstly, forgiven is forgiven is forgiven. You don't get any more forgiven than when Jesus died on the cross. We lay hold of that freely available forgiveness through simply repenting and abiding in Jesus. Living in His forgiveness. I'll never forget Margaret Stunt's loving chastisement about something I was feeling guilty or insecure about. "You're going to take back what He died on the cross for? That's a bit rude isn't it?"

Secondly, can you identify where you are up to in your faith? Should you be further along – are you old in Christian years, but still wrestling in the early throes of Christian maturity? It's not condemnation; you are in Christ Jesus, so there can be no condemnation – but there can be a Paul-like, "ok, it's time to grow up now".

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Question: Do you have some growing up to do?

Prayer: Thank you Jesus, that You don't leave me where I am, but You lovingly keep on perfecting me, and making me more and more like You.

