

Some Written Reminders (I John 2:12-14)

INTRODUCTION: It's interesting to note that there is a change of tense in verses 12-14. He went from saying "I write" to "I have written". This is probably because he was writing I John and he had already written the gospel of John. What John is doing here is simply reminding his readers of this epistle of some things he had already told them.

I. THE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

A. THE BIRTH (I JOHN 2:12) "... little children ..."

John 3:3, "... Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

B. THE BENEFIT (I JOHN 2:12) "... because your sins are forgiven you ..."

C. THE BASIS (I JOHN 2:12) "... for his name's sake."

Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

II. THE MATURITY IN THE FAMILY

A. THOSE WHO NEED MILK (I JOHN 2:13) "... little children ..."

B. THOSE WHO ARE IN THE MIDDLE (I JOHN 2:13) "... young men ..."

C. THOSE WHO ARE MATURE (I JOHN 2:13) "... fathers ..."

III. THE MESSAGES FOR THE FAMILY

A. FOR THOSE WHO NEED MILK THERE IS A MESSAGE ABOUT BEING. (I JOHN 2:13)

B. FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN THE MIDDLE THERE IS A MESSAGE ABOUT BATTLES. (I JOHN 2:12-13)

C. FOR THOSE WHO ARE MATURE THE MESSAGE IS ABOUT BEING. (I JOHN 2:13-14)

Jeremiah 9:23-24a, "Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me ..."

Luke 10:20, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."
