



# **Warnings to Growing Christians**

1 John 2:12-17



**1:1-3** that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have **fellowship** with us; and truly our **fellowship** is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

**1:5** this is the message we have heard that  
**GOD IS LIGHT**

**4:8** he who does not love does not know God for  
**GOD IS LOVE**

**1:7** if we **walk in the light** as he is in the light we have fellowship w/one another

**2:3** by this we know that we know him if we **keep his commandments**

**2:7-9** he who says he is in the light, and **hates his brother** is in darkness

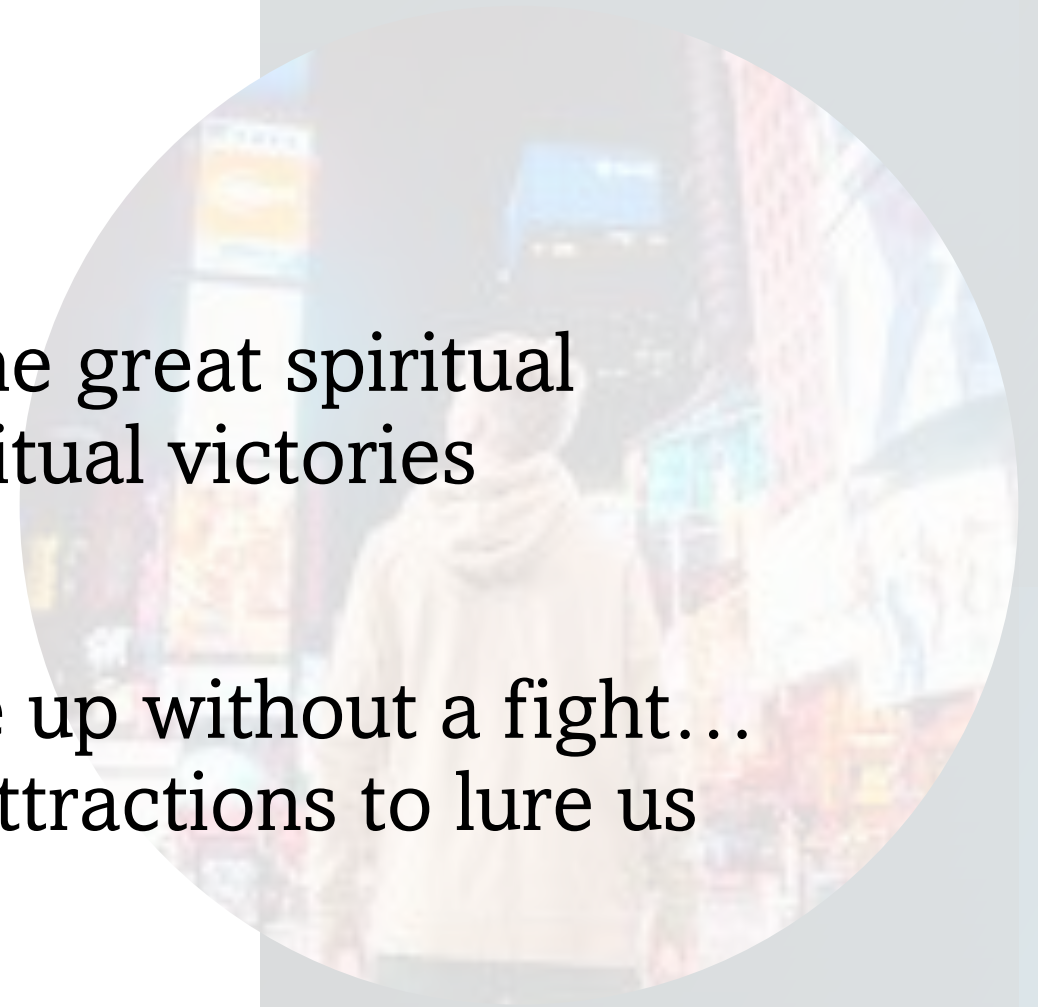
## **2:12-17 John's next admonition**

### 12-14 A message of assurance

- Every Christian has received some great spiritual blessings and won important spiritual victories

### 15-17 A message of caution

- However, the enemy will not give up without a fight... Satan has his arsenal of worldly attractions to lure us



# Assurance in Christ 12-14

## Their Spiritual State

12 I write to you, little children,  
Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I write to you, fathers,  
Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,  
Because you have overcome the wicked one.

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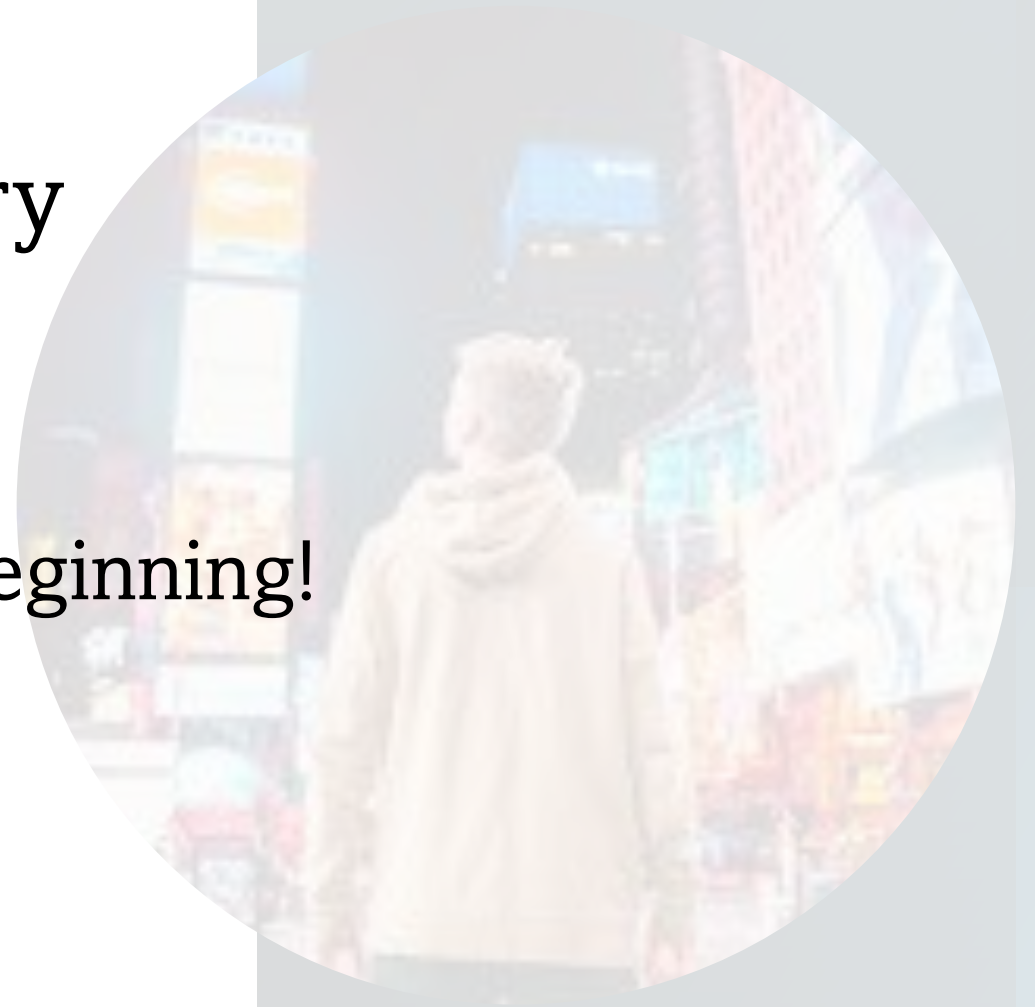
14 I have written to you, fathers,  
Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning.

I have written to you, young men,  
Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you,  
And you have overcome the wicked one.

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Signs of spiritual growth, victory

- Your sins have been forgiven!
- You have known the Father!
- You know Him who is from the beginning!
- You have overcome the evil one!
- You are strong!
- The word of God abides in you!



# Don't let the world regain control **15-17**

## Do Not Love the World

**15** Do not love the world or 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, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

# Worldly things we might love

## Craving..

- The lust of the flesh
- The lust of the eyes

## Boasting

- The boastful pride of life

## The Problem

- If we love the world, we don't love the Father
- If we love the world, our satisfaction will be temporary







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