

TODAY'S DISCUSSION

TODAY WE'LL BE DISCUSSING THE STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH. I BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THERE ARE 7 DISTINCT STAGES.

QUESTIONS (FROM 1 JOHN 2):

Q1: What age group is is said to "have known the father"? (What level of maturity?)

Q2: What age group is told "your sins are forgiven"? (What level of maturity?)

Q3: What age group has "overcome the wicked one"? How many times is this mentioned?

Q4: Why does God repeat himself?

Q5: Who is said to be strong? What makes them strong? Now explain Jeremiah 9:23-24

SO WHAT?

What is the danger of which we are warned in Hebrews 5:12? ... AND ... Ask yourself:

"What stage am I in?"

"Do I like my rate of growth?"

FACEBOOK:

Remember to encourage someone this week in their walk. After all, [those who have] friends must show [themselves] friendly. -- Prov 18:24

7 Stages of Spiritual Growth:

1: Babies: Hebrews 5:13; 1 Cor 3:1; 1 Peter 2:2

2: Little Children: 1 John 2:1,12-13; 2 Timothy 3:15

3: Adolescence: Ephesians 5:1,4:14; 1 Cor 14:20

4:* Young Adults: 1 John 2:13,14; 2 Tim 2:15, Heb 5:14 *

5: Fathers: 1 John 2:14; 1 Cor 4:16

6: Elders/Teachers: Acts 15:23-24; Titus 2:1-4

7: Aged/Wise: Philemon 9; Job 15:10

1 John 2:12-14

121 write unto you, <u>little children</u>, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 131 write unto you, <u>fathers</u>, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, <u>young men</u>, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, <u>little children</u>, because ye have known the Father. 141 have written unto you, <u>fathers</u>, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, <u>young men</u>, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.