

# How Strong are you?



**1 John 2:12-14**

# I Write to You Because....

- **Children....** **Because .....** **sins/forgiven**
- **Fathers.....** **Because .....** **You have  
known him/  
beginning**
- **Young.....** **Because .....** **overcome/evil  
Men one**

# I Wrote to You Because....

- **Children....** Because ..... **Known Father**
- **Fathers.....** Because ..... **You have  
known him/  
beginning**
- **Young.....** Because ..... **strong, word/  
God,  
overcome evil one**

# Little Children

- These represent new converts
- Biblical word and background—  
*paideia, teknia*; teaching relationship, parent/child relationship
- Your sins are forgiven for his sake
- Because you know the Father



# Fathers



- **These represent wisdom and maturity**
- **Biblical word and background—  
pateres—fatherly wisdom,  
guidance, life-tested**
- **Because you know him who is  
from the beginning**

# Young Men



- These represent growing Christians, strong in the Lord
- Biblical word and background—*neaniskoi*—“strapping young men”—  
**Acts 5:10**
- You have overcome the evil one
- You are strong
- The word of God abides in you

# 7 Big ideas that make a Spiritual difference

- Groups within the church=based on spiritual maturity
- **Forgiveness of sins**
- **Knowing God the Father**
- **Overcoming Satan**
- **Spiritual strength**
- **Relationship to**  
    **“Word of God”—Bible and Jesus**
- **Spiritual wisdom and experience**

