



## **Lesson Three – Your State in the World (1 John 2:12-17)**

### **Let's Get Started**

- ⊕ Is it hard for you to get to know new people? How do you go about “breaking the ice” with new acquaintances?
  - \* How do we “get to know” God?
  - \* Is this difficult?
- ⊕ As kids, we all want what we want, *when* we want. (Admit it; it's true.)
  - \* John's going to deal with levels of spiritual maturity followed by an admonition to avoid “loving” the world.
  - \* Think about why there might be a connection...

### **Into the Text**

- ⊕ Their Spiritual State – 2:12-14
  - \* Vs 12 – “little children” applies to \_\_\_\_\_ of them.
  - \* He's reminding them: “Your sins are \_\_\_\_\_! Don't let anyone tell you otherwise!
  - \* The “fathers” know Christ – they're \_\_\_\_\_ His commands.
  - \* “Young men” – not new \_\_\_\_\_, but not where the “fathers” are.
    - They are \_\_\_\_\_.
    - The Word \_\_\_\_\_ in them.
    - They have \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked one.
  - \*  $\pi\alpha\iota\delta\iota\alpha$  – these are “\_\_\_\_\_” – new Christians.
    - But they already \_\_\_\_\_ the Father.
    - They do not need any “new” \_\_\_\_\_!
    - This ties in with vs \_\_\_\_\_...more later.

### **Apply It**

- ⊕ In verses 13–14, John describes three groups of people: the “children,” the “young men,” and the “fathers.” John doesn't condemn the newer believers as worse than the more mature believers. Rather, he commends each for the stage of their growing relationship with God. What is the primary battle that new believers face and have to overcome?

⊕ Do Not Love the World – 2:15-17

\* This seems to be a continuation of the discussion with "\_\_\_\_\_."

▪ He's telling them to keep their \_\_\_\_\_!

▪ If not, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father is not in them.

\* Two "\_\_\_\_\_" and a "\_\_\_\_\_."

▪ Don't be distracted by the \_\_\_\_\_ appeal of things.

▪ Pride is \_\_\_\_\_ - plain and simple.

▪ Don't love something that is \_\_\_\_\_ too much!

**Apply It**

⊕ How does what John discusses in 15-17 connect with maturing as a new believer?

⊕ Let's clarify – John's not saying hate bad people! "Don't love the world" means what?

○ In what ways does the "world" try to influence new believers? Seasoned believers?

○ How can "love for the world" weaken our relationship with God? How do we prevent that?

⊕ SNEAK PEEK – Look at vs 18ff. How do these connect back to 12-17?