

1 John #9

Christian Growth

Introduction & Review

- A – The reminder about the presence of sin
- B – The reminder about walking as God commands us
- C – The reminder about the growth Christians should experience

I – Stages of Christian Growth

A – Different terms used in 1 John 2:12-14

- 1 – Little children/born ones – verse 12
- 2 – Young children/learners – verse 13
- 3 – Young men – verses 13,14
- 4 – Fathers – verses 13,14

B – Growth in various aspects of Christian living

- Growth is from God – 1 Cor 3:6,7
- Growth in knowledge – Col 1:10; 2 Pet 3:18
- Growth in faith – 2 Cor 10:15
- Growth in producing fruit – John 15:1-5
- Growth in the Body of Christ – Eph 4:14-16

II – Characteristics of different stages in Christian growth

A – As described in 1 John 2:12-14

- 1 – Little children's sins are forgiven

- 2 – Learning children have known the Father
- 3 – Young men have the word of God abiding in them
- 4 – Young men have overcome Satan
- 5 – Fathers have known Him

B – The concept of maturity in the Christian life

- 1 – Defined – Heb 5:14
- 2 – The potential for a Christian to be mature – Col 1:28
- 3 – Related to our thinking – 1 Cor 14:20
- 4 – A frame of mind described – Phil 3:15

Conclusion