

# God's family restored

△ 1 John  
2:12-14

## Intro:

First 1 John 2:12-14

Then 1 John 2:15-17

## Remember Marmite?

Last week: John reminded us to make the decision to love one another

As an act of our will

Black and White

Either we do this or not

Now he moves on to encourage us

by reminding us of our identity

Of who we are

Also here there are no ifs or buts

As Children of God we are in the light

And here he spells out what that looks like

## Structure

Three clauses repeated with variations

More or less a repeat in meaning

But with different emphasis

Jewish rhyming: Why do nations conspire. and the peoples plot in vain

△ Ps  
2:1

## Emphasis of Writing / Write

Subtle change in Greek

Continuous Present

Now

Also it seems to be the address of the letter

This is who I am writing to.

## Who is addressed

Children, fathers and young people

Not because they are different

But because this forms the family of God

## Why?

The word "because" or "that"

Difference

Because: the occasion or reason that John is writing to them

That: to help them remember that they are already....

## What then?

Most important:

As Parents (Fathers) - responsible for the family

"You know him who is from the beginning" Twice: 13a and 14b

Because you know him

as Children (Total dependence on God)

your sins are forgiven

and you know God the Father

And because of this

as young people (strong and able)

You have conquered the evil one

you are strong

The word of God abides in you

and you have overcome the evil one

## Encouragement:

This is / has already happened

This is a fact of life

This is your identity as Christians as Children of God!

## Summary:

We know Jesus from the beginning

In the beginning was the Word

And the word was with God

John 1:1

Our sins are forgiven

We know God the Father

We have conquered the evil one

The devil

The word of God abides in us

And we have overcome the evil one

## So we can sing: Come people of the Risen King!

As our identity is in Jesus!