

1 John 2:12-14 (Warning and Reassurance)

Your sins are forgiven for his name's sake... You know the Father

2:12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name sake. 2:13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. 2:14 I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Introduction: Two types of people

You know him who is from the beginning

Personal reflection – 'What type of person am I?'

The problem with warnings is that the wrong people hear them.

Observation 1: John is confident in his readers

You are strong... The word of God abides in you... You have overcome the evil one

Observation 2: John is confident about things that are true for all Christians

Different interpretations and other notes