



SCRIPTURE READING:

I JOHN 2:12-14

**Preparation for the Defense Against
Satanic Thought-Attacks**

INTRODUCTION

- Last week we looked at NT terms that describe the believer's family relationship to God the Father and the level of maturity (or immaturity) in relationship to our salvation.
 - **Child** = teknon = 'born one' via the new birth
 - Rom 8:16
 - **Newborn babe** = brephos = recently saved Christian who intensely yearns for the elementary first truth for the new believer
 - II Pet 2:2; Heb 6:1 ("milk of the Word")
 - **Babes in Christ** = napios = 'babbling' (baby Christian, stunted in growth). A believer who can't handle truth for a growing believer because of carnality
 - I Cor 3:1-3, Heb 5:13
 - **Son** = huios = mature one (made a son by HS baptism into our position in Christ at the moment of our initial salvation). ALL believers are seen (positionally) by God as completely mature in Christ
 - Gal 3:26-28

Acting As a Son is Necessary to Defeat Satanic Attack

The grace believer is ALWAYS seen as a son in their position in Christ.

Here on earth, the believer can act as a son **only** when spiritual (Spirit-filled – Eph 5:18)

Levels of growth in maturity as a son seen in I Jn 2:12-13 - “Little children...”

- “I write” - “your sins have been forgiven” (vs 12)
- “I wrote” - “you have known the Father” (vs 13)

Levels of growth in maturity as a son seen in I Jn 2:13-14 - “Fathers...”

- “I write” - “you have known Him (Christ) from [a] beginning” (vs 14a)
- “I wrote” - “you have known Him (Christ) from [a] beginning” (vs 14b)

Levels of growth in maturity as a son seen in I Jn 2:13-14 - “Young men...”

- “I write” - “you have overcome the wicked one” (13b)
- “I wrote” - “the Word of God feels at ease in you” (14b)
“you have overcome the wicked one” (14b)

Preparation for a Son to Put on the Armor of God

- **Mental sobriety and watchfulness** - I Pet 5:8
 - Be aware of **THE evil day** - Eph 6:13
 - Do not be ignorant of **Satan's methodologies** - II Cor 2:11
 - **Independence from God**
 - **Disappointment**
 - **Discouragement**
 - **Bitterness**
 - **Doubt**
 - **Cowardice**
 - **Lying**
 - **Pride**
 - **An ungracious spirit**
 - **Stealing, corrupt communication, laziness in spiritual things**
 - **Gossiping**
 - **Being a busybody**

Preparation for a Son to Put on the Armor of God

1

**Submit to God -
James 4:7**

2

**Resist (stand
against) the Devil -
Eph 6:10-17**

- “He WILL flee from you!”

3

**Be empowered in
your salvation -
Eph 6:10**

- The power inherent in your salvation: Christ in you and you in Christ (cf Jn 14:20)
- “in/by Christ and in the [displayed] power of His strength (degree of power)”

CONCLUSION

- Acting as a son (of God) will allow you to be sensibly watchful concerning the methodology of Satan and ready to avail yourself to God's power in order to resist Satanic attack by putting on the 6-piece armor of God, and to keep it on as long as his darts are flying.
 - **Then...he WILL flee**