

Three Truths That Encourage

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Three truths are presented to us in the context of three groups:

1. children
2. young men
3. fathers

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What is it that every Christian should know?

1. The first truth a Christian should know is they are forgiven.

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2. The second truth a Christian should know is they have overcome the evil one.

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John 10:10

Romans 6:6

6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. (NIV)

3. The third truth a Christian should know is that they know and are known by the father and the son.

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Romans 8:15

15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." (NIV)

1. As a new believer we have the assurance that we can rest in the loving arms of the father.
2. As we grow in Christ, we realize there are battles to fight, and Christ has given us the strength to have victory in those battles.

1 John 4:2-4

John 16:33

33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (NIV)

1 John 5:4-5

3. The mature Christian has discovered the joy, the peace, and confidence that comes from walking with Christ.