



Growing Deeper

"From Babes to Children"

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"I will be a father to you, you will be my sons."

2 Corinthians 6:18 NIV

God is a _____ Father.

"Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba Father' So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir." Gal. 4:6-7 NIV

This Father looks at us _____.

"Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8 NIV

*"I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of His name.
I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.
I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father.
I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you and you have overcome the evil one."*

1 John 2:12-14 NIV

John describes two characteristics of the "children phase" of our spiritual lives.

1. Our sins have been _____.

"I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of His name." 1 John 2:12 NIV

2. We now _____ the FATHER.

"I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning." 1 John 2:14a NIV

The next step is that we go from being a spiritual baby to a young child. Our expression of love back to Him is to totally commit to the process of maturity to become like our Father.

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52 NIV

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