

# 1 John Series

## Lesson 13

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# **“Progressive” Democracy vs. Biblical Christianity**

**“I cannot understand how any realization of the democratic ideal as a vital moral and spiritual ideal in human affairs is possible without surrender of that conception of the basic division to which supernatural Christianity is committed”**

~John Dewey, *A Common Faith* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1934), 84.

# 1 John 2:12–13 Structure

**2:12 “I write to you, **little children**, (Gk: *teknia*) because the sins have been forgiven (perf) on account of His name.**

**2:13a I write to you, **fathers**, because you have known (perf) Him who is from the beginning.**

[2:3 “By this we know that we have come to know Him”

John 1:1–2 “In the beginning was the Word . . . He was in the beginning with God.”]

**2:13b I write to you, **young men**, because you have overcome (perf) the evil one.”**

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***Amateurs practice until they get it right,  
professionals practice until they can't get it  
wrong.***

***“Of every one hundred men, ten shouldn't even be  
there, eighty are nothing but targets,  
nine are real fighters ... We are lucky to have  
them ... They make the battle.  
Ah, but the one, one of them is a Warrior ... and he  
will bring the others back.”***

***~Heraclitus***

2:12–13	2:14
I write ... little children ( <i>teknia</i> ) ... sins forgiven	I write ... little children ( <i>paidia</i> ) ... know Father
I write ... fathers ... know Him	I have written ... fathers ... know Him
I write ... young men ... overcome	I have written ... young men ... strong ... Word of God ... overcome



**“I testify....”**