

The Imperative of the Indicative

<p>¹² Γράφω ὑμῖν, τεκνία, ὅτι ἀφέωνται ὑμῖν αἱ ἁμαρτίαι διὰ τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.</p> <p>¹³ γράφω ὑμῖν, πατέρες, ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς. γράφω ὑμῖν, νεανίσκοι, ὅτι νενικήκατε τὸν πονηρόν.</p> <p>¹⁴ ἔγραψα ὑμῖν, παιδιά, ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν πατέρα. ἔγραψα ὑμῖν, πατέρες, ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς. ἔγραψα ὑμῖν, νεανίσκοι, ὅτι ἰσχυροὶ ἐστέ καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν μένει καὶ νενικήκατε τὸν πονηρόν.</p> <p>(BGT)</p>	<p>I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.</p> <p>I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning.</p> <p>I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.</p> <p>I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.</p> <p>I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning.</p> <p>I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.</p> <p>(NASB)</p>
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- I. John O's self-esteem story (truth-humility). Self-related-truths that deeply affect your life.
 1. Change of mood –stops and says its true of you (assurance rises and falls, but the reality does not)
 2. What should be true is true.
 - a. By this we know that we have come to know him. God fulfills his covenant - perfects
 - b. John's theology allows him to do this – this will all be true of you. [the very thing that makes the test a valid test makes it true that a Christian will pass it]
 3. Who? Ages or maturity. Children, Fathers, Young men
 4. The truth of these things is the absolute necessary foundation of hope and encouragement in the Christian life
 - a. If these things are not true, you might as well give up. But they are true 3:3
 5. Text
 - a. Children
 - b. Fathers
 - c. Young men