

Life Together: Growing Up  
I John 2:12-14

We Were Made to Share Life Together in a Forever Family – I Jo 1:3; I Cor 12:12-18

- To walk together by faith is to rule out self-determination – “not I, but Christ” – Ga 2:20
- To walk together in love is to rule out self-interest – “not I, but you” – Phil 2:3-4

God Is Resolved to Growing Us Up... in His Family – Phil 1:6; Col 2:19; Eph 4:11-16

- We do Life together under the authority of God – I Jo 2:3-4
- We do life together in the love of God – I Jo 2:9; 3:16  
...resulting in a “growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior” – II Pet 3:18

	<u>“Little Children”</u>	<u>“Young Men”</u>	<u>“Fathers”</u>
<u>Revelation:</u>	- Salvation/deliverance (Jo 3:16; Acts 2:38) ...from _____ ...for _____	- Service/devotion (Phil 2:5-8) ...giving up rights/privileges	- Sacrifice/death (II Cor 4:10-12; Jo 12:24) ...bearing fruit
<u>God:</u>	- Present (Jo 14:23; Heb 13:5) ...God “with” me!	- Prominent (Matt 6:33) ...God “in” me!	- Pre-eminent (Col 1:18) ...God “through” me
<u>Cross:</u>	- Work of cross for me (I Cor 15:3; Ga 1:4) ...forgiveness/death to sin	- Work of cross in me (Ro 6:5-11) ...new creation	- The way of the cross (I Jo 3:16) ...life for others
<u>Conflict(s):</u>	- Right/wrong (I Cor 1:15; I Thess 1:9) ...learning the Truth	- Right/Right (Lk 9:57-60; Ro 12:1-2) ...costly obedience (for me)	- Natural/Spiritual (I Cor 2:1-16) ...costly to others
<u>Alive to:</u>	- Getting/Receiving (Ps 24:5) ...looking for blessings	- Doing/Accomplishing (I Pet 3:8,9) ...giving blessings	- Gift of oneself (Gen 12:2; I Cor 4:10-16) ...are a blessing