

Lesson 1 – Prolegomena – Introduction

The Goal is to introduce the Bible and its teaching in a manner that lays the foundation in three ways:

1. Prepares the new believer for a life of study and application.
 - A disciple is a learner.
 - The Christian life is a life that must be learned.
 - Learning involves theory and practice.
2. Prepares the new believer for further studies in systematic theology.
 - The use of common theological terms can be a challenge, but it paves the way for more advanced studies.
3. Equip maturing believers to make disciples.
 - Advanced techniques are the basics mastered.

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.

I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning.

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.

- 1st John 2:12-14

There are three levels of maturity here:

1. The children who need to be have the foundation laid down for a secure and stable Christian life.
2. The young men who need to maintain humility and find their strength in the foundation of the Word of God.
3. The fathers who are realizing the goal of the foundation: Knowing Jesus Christ.