

### Overview

Newborn Stage	1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
Other Stages	1 John 2:12-14 12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

### Stages

Stage	Indicator	Growing to the next stage
Newborn	At this stage, the Christian cannot handle strong meat.	Read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Read every word. 1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
Child	You believe that your sins are forgiven. When Satan brings up your past it no longer has an effect on you.	Memorize scripture. 1 John 2:14b I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.
Young Man	You have memorized so much scripture that you are able to quote it when Satan attacks and you can overcome him.	Deep Study. 2 Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
Father	You are spiritually birthing followers of Jesus and are teaching them to obey everything that God has commanded you. You can see the hand of God from the beginning. Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.	Teach and Lead others.
Elder	You are a leader of leaders, or as the Bible calls it, an overseer. 2 Timothy 2:2, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9	Continue to grow



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