12—15. 1 JOHN.   
   
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 you, young men, because ye men, because ye have overcome the   
 have overcome the wicked wicked one. I t have written unto st ow   
 one. I torite unto you, you, children, because ye know the Morities.   
 little children, because ye MT have written unto you,   
 have known the Father. fathers, because ye know him that   
 WT have written unto you, | was from the beginning.   
 fathers, because ye have written unto you, young men, have   
 Known him that is from cause Yye are strong, and the word yh. vit.   
 the beginning. I “have of God abideth in you, and ye have   
 written unto you, young overcome the wicked one.   
 men, because ye are strong, |   
 and the word of God 15 2 Love # Rom. xil.2,   
 abideth in you, and ye have   
 overcome the wicked one.   
 8 Love not the world,   
 from the beginning i.e. in St. John’s this and that which is said before, that   
 usage of speech, Christ; see ch. i. 1 and their sins are forgiven for Christ’s name’s   
 notes). I write unto you, young men, sake. ‘They are received thus by adop-   
 Decause ye have conquered the wicked tion into God’s family, and He is become   
 one (the proper attribute of youth is, d Father, as He is the   
 to carry on the active parts of life,—if Father of Him through whom they have   
 soldiers, to be engaged in all active ser- received their adoption: and one of the   
 vice: that of age, to contemplate, and first evidences of dawning intelligenee in   
 arrive at sound and matured knowledge. a child is the recognition of its father.   
 ‘The latter have conquered as well, but the But this knowledge of the Father docs   
 burden and heat of their struggle is past. not precede, nay, it presnpposes, com-   
 The wicked one is he in whom, in whose munion with the Son: for none knoweth   
 power, the whole world lieth, ch. v. 19; the Father but the Son, and he to whom   
 John xii, 31, xiv. 30, xvi. 11: the the Son will reveal Hin, Matt. xi. 27).   
 devil, who deceives from the beginning, 14] T wrote (or, have written)   
 John viii, 44; ch. iii, 8, 10, 12: whose to you, fathers, becauso ye know Him   
 works Christ came into the world to that was from the beginning (verbatim   
 destroy, ch. iii. 8. He is conquered once as before : to shew perhaps in strong light   
 and for all, those who have passed from the great truth of John xvii. 3, that the   
 darkness to light, and from the power of whole sun of Christian ripeness and expe-   
 Satan to God, to communion with the rience is, this knowledge of “Thee the only   
 Father and the Son, ch. v.18. Whatever true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou   
 conflict remains for them afterwards, is with didst send.” Bengel gives another reason,   
 a bafiled and conquered enemy: is a keep- —that no more is added, because the   
 ing them [from the wicked one], ch. v. 18, fathers, to whom the clause is addressed,   
 which keeping [see note there], owing to needed not more to be said). I wrote   
 their whole life being led in communion to you, young men, because ye are   
 with the Father and Son, is in fact a being strong (strong in fight: so in Heb. xi,   
 kept, John xvii. 15.—He now repeats 34; Luke xi. 21), and the word of God   
 (see above) the three classes, but with abideth in you (i.e. the whole announe   
 some variations and additions in his rea- ment of the good news of the gospel in   
 sons for writing to each, and with the Christ has found entrance into your hearts   
 past tense, I have written, instead of and an abiding place there, and there   
 the present, I write, With respect to dwells and works), and ye have con-   
 the possible reason for this change of quered the wicked one (see above).   
 tense, see note in my Greek Testament. 15—17.] Dehortation from the lore of   
 Probably he refers, in both expressions, the world. The preceding designation of   
 to the whole of this present Epistle). the different classes has been, as so fre-   
 I wrote (or, have written) to you, chil- quently in St. John, their ideal designa-   
 dren (by children, all the readers are tion, in the perfection of their several   
 meant: see above), becanse ye know the states of Christian life: and now, as so   
 Father (the very word children reminds of often, he brings that ideal state to bear on   
 Sather ; and the relation is close between real temptations and duties. ‘The love of