

Title: **"I WRITE TO YOU LITTLE CHILDREN"**

Text: **1 John 2**

(I) THE PROFOUND SCRIPTURES

- 1. Some teachings are difficult to comprehend (Proverbs 1:6) ("enigma;" "riddles")**
- 2. There are many passages that are "hard to understand" (2 Peter 3:16b)**
- 3. Jesus encrypted many teachings of the Kingdom of God into parables (Matthew 13)**
- 4. Paul declared that man in his wisdom can never fully fathom God's word (1 Corinthians 1:19-21)**

(II) SCRIPTURES FOR CHILDREN

1. Special regard for Children

a) Following Jesus' regard for Children (**Mark 10:14-15; Mathew 18:3**)

- i) Genuine love for Children
- ii) Jesus ministered to Children (albeit briefly)
- iii) Jesus' example of ministering to Children to be borne in mind
- iv) Jesus' theology of Children must be carefully studied

b) Following Jesus' instruction to feed "His lambs" (**John 21:15**)

- i) The first of three commands involved children
- ii) A firm reminder not to forget the vital ministry to Childre

2. Specially written for Children

a) Simple truths

"Your sins are forgiven" 1 John 2:12a

"For His name's sake" 1 John 2:12b

"You have known the Father" 1 John 2:13c

b) Significance

- i) The importance of ministry of children underscored
- ii) The ministry to children never to be neglected
- iii) The ministry of children exemplified

(III) OUR CHALLENGE TO MINISTER TO CHILDREN

1. Present Ministry to Children reviewed

- a) Kindergarten
- b) Creche
- c) Sunday School
- d) Junior Camp

2. Ministry to Children

- a) To be maintained
- b) To be improved
- c) To be expanded