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**FAKE & REAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH & MATURITY**

 **I John 2:12-17**

***Today the apostle John is asking us as Christians, “WHO do what to BE when you grow up? WHAT do you want to DO?”***

**New Age Christianity states Christian growth & maturity is...**

**1)  To embrace my identity as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**2)  To create the life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to live.**

**REAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH & MATURITY**

**Stages of Growth & Maturity**

**I am writing to you who are *God’s children* (I John 2:12 NLT)**

**I am writing to you who are *young in the faith* (I John 2:13 NLT)**

**I am writing to you who are *mature in the faith* (I John 2:13 NLT)**

**1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  STAGE**

**I am writing to you...because your sins**

**have been forgiven through Jesus (I John 2:12 NLT)**

**I am writing to you...because you know**

 **the Father (I John 2:14 NLT)**

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**2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ STAGE**

**I have written...because you are strong (I John 2:14 NLT)**

**I have written...because God's word**

**lives in your hearts (I John 2:14 NLT)**

**I have written...because you have won the**

**battle with the evil one (I John 2:14 NLT)**

**3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ STAGE**

**I am writing...because you know Christ,**

**who existed from the beginning (I John 2:14 NLT)**