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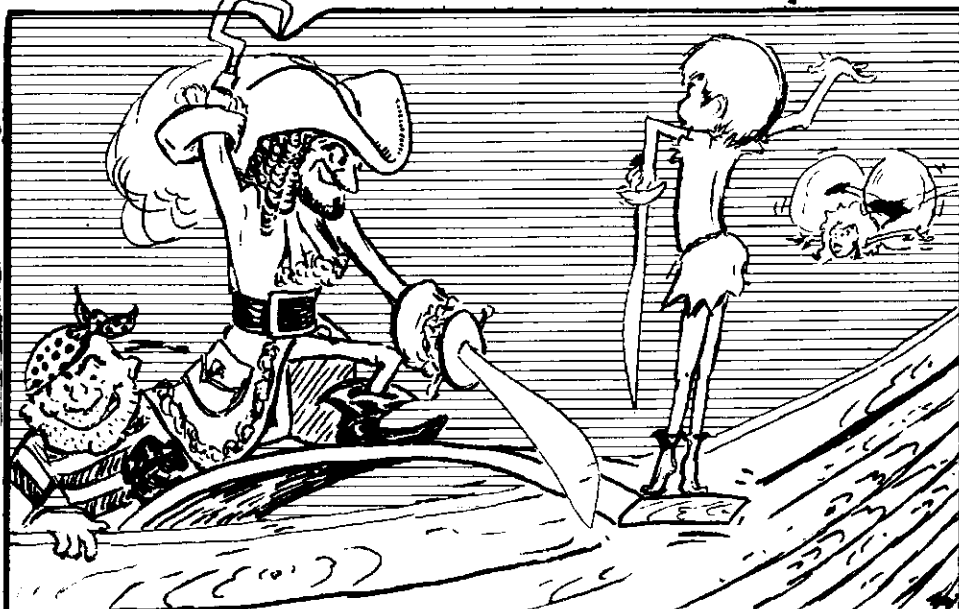
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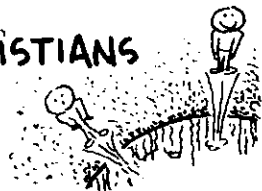
ADVENTURE... FUN... EXCITEMENT... PETER PAN WAS INVOLVED IN IT ALL. THE ONLY THING HE DIDN'T DO WAS GROW UP!

"How old are you?"

"I don't know," he replied uneasily, "but I am quite young ... I ran away the day I was born."

"It was because I heard father and mother," he explained in a low voice, "talking about what I was to be when I became a man." He was extraordinarily agitated now. "I don't want ever to be a man," he said with passion. "I want always to be a little boy and to have fun. So I ran away to Kensington Gardens and lived a long time among the fairies."

HAVE CHRISTIANS INVENTED THEORIES LIKE THE "RAPTURE" IN ORDER TO AVOID THINKING ABOUT GROWING UP?



In case you're a little rusty when it comes to children's literature, what you just read was a quote from "Peter Pan" by James M. Barrie.

Okay, what's Peter Pan doing in the "Monarch" of all places? Well, Peter was, you'll remember, the little boy who decided to never grow up. He went from one great adventure to the next: killing pirates, fighting off Indians, flying freely all over Never Never Land. He made no commitments to anyone but himself and forgot his friends as soon as they were out of sight.

WHEN PETER COULDN'T HANDLE THINGS HE JUST "FLEW AWAY."



Although Peter engaged in plenty of high adventure he was, over all, a rather tragic figure. He had no positive aim or purpose, only an avowed determination to never grow up.

I thought of Peter Pan as I was studying Dave's tape, "Sons of God" in preparation for

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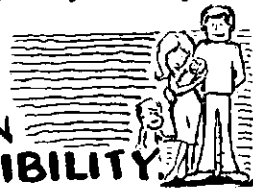
writing this month's article. It occurred to me that the prospect of growing up and taking on responsibility is a frightening one to many people. Then it occurred to me that many Christians are living out the same comic tragic role as Peter.

Those of us with adventuresome spirits long to be free. We want to explore, to know, to experience. We want our cake and we want to eat it too. And why not? Why should we have to pay a price for enjoyment? Why is it that we have to face the prospect that once we eat our cake it's gone forever and will never be again.



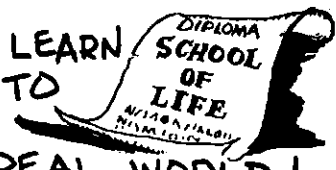
Surely God has some better way planned for us. There has to be a way for us to be free to come and go as we please and not have to pay the piper. Responsibility! Who wants responsibility? That sounds too heavy, too hard, it cramps our style. After all, Jesus said His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Right? Right!

GROWING UP MEANS TAKING ON RESPONSIBILITY.



When we float back down to earth and do some serious soul searching we realize that life's greatest pleasures & adventures result from commitment and responsibility. True freedom is a result of maturity. A baby set free in a forest faces certain death from exposure, hunger or wild animals. He's not ready for freedom and it will only end in tragedy. On the other hand, a trained woodsman could explore and enjoy himself immensely in the thickest jungle. He's learned how to be free. He's committed himself to learn the ways of the jungle and knows he's responsible for his own welfare.

LET'S LEARN HOW TO LIVE IN A REAL WORLD!



In a like manner, life can kill you if you're not properly prepared for it. I'm appalled at how many Christians want to die. They're actually looking forward to death. Why? Because they haven't learned how to live. No one can live in a Never Never land forever like Peter Pan does.

We're living in a real world and in order to find fulfillment in this world we've got to plug in to the One who made it all and learn from Him how it works and how we can work with it. We've had enough of going the way of all flesh. We want some of that abundant life Jesus talked about (John 10:10).

NEVER NEVER LAND? A NICE PLACE TO VISIT BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO LIVE THERE.



For many Christians, their church has become their Never Never Land. It's a place where they can escape a few times a week and hear fabulous tales of how it once was or how it ought to be. They're enraptured for a few moments but often forget the sermon before they shake the pastor's hand on the way out the door. They never learn how to grow up and live in a real world with real troubles, trials and tribulations.

OUR LESSON IS ABOUT BECOMING A MATURE SON OF GOD.



That's what our lesson is about this month... growing up, becoming a mature son (or daughter) of God. We have some Bible study material for you that we don't believe

is available anywhere else. Once you see it, it will all fall into place so logically you won't help but be able to understand. This lesson is going to help you grow up and learn to live right here in this tremendous, wonderful, frightening, mean, beautiful world.

CHECK OUT OUR CHART!



First, take a look at our chart. You'll see that there are four levels of maturity spoken of in the new Testament. We went to the Greek text and found there are four different Greek words in the New Testament that our translators have all translated as son or child. These four words all mean "son" but each one refers to a son in a different stage of growth.

THE TERM "SONS OF GOD" HAS MORE THAN ONE MEANING IN THE ORIGINAL GREEK.

NOW THAT MAKES SENSE.



So, when the term "Sons of God" is used in the New Testament it may be referring to an immature son, an adolescent son or a fully manifested son. Seeing the difference sheds a whole new light on scripture.

THIS IS EXCLUSIVE INFORMATION.

I NEVER HEARD ANYONE TEACH THIS.



For instance, take Romans 8:14-16. It reads like this, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God." For we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but we have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba Father. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

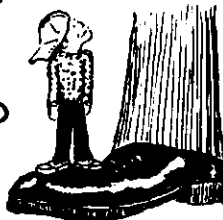
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RIGHT NOW WE'RE GOD'S TEENAGER'S (TEKNONS).



In verse 14 the Greek word is **HUIOS**, which means in this case a fully manifested son. That makes sense because to be led by the Spirit is to be mature. But in verse 16 the Greek term for children is **TEKNON** which is the equivalent of our word teenager or adolescent. We are God's teenagers right now. We're not fully manifest.

WE HAVE SOME GROWING UP TO DO!



Doesn't that make sense? We're God's children (**TEKNONS**) but we have some growing up to do before we become His fully manifest sons (**HUIOS**). We're on the way but we're not there yet.

The four Greek words translated variously son, maiden or child are **PAIDION**, **PAIS**, **TEKNON** and **HUIOS**. **PAIDION** means baby or infant. **PAIS** means young child. **TEKNON** means adolescent and **HUIOS** means son. **HUIOS** sometimes refers

to a son in any stage of growth but often means a mature son.

PAIDION PAIS TEKNON HUIOS

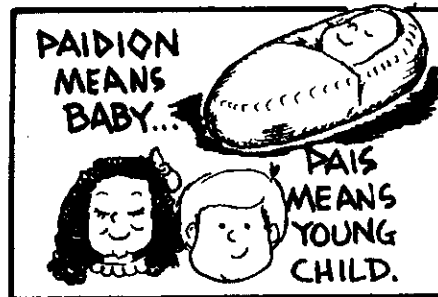


IT WON'T BE GREEK TO YOU ANY MORE.

We'll talk about all four words and you'll see how their usage in the Bible really helps us understand our maturing process.

PAIDION, PAIS

We've grouped these two together because they both deal with children 12 years old or under. **PAIDION** being babies, **PAIS** being toddlers and up. We've put references in our chart that show this is indeed how they are used in the Bible.



The one reference that doesn't seem to fit until you understand just what Jesus was saying is John 21:5. Jesus was calling to His disciples. It was shortly after His resurrection (which they didn't seem to understand). They really seemed to be at a

You Be the Judge.




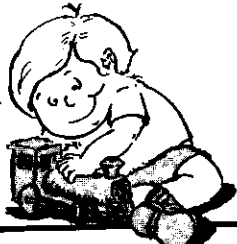
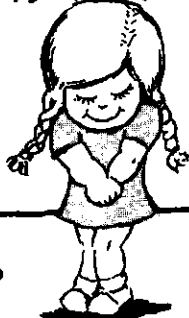
Here's a simple way to tell just how mature you are. All you have to do is answer this one little question....

Do I use others to meet my needs? Or do I allow myself to be used to meet others' needs?

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TRANSITION - RESPONSIBILITY - MATURITY

PAIDION BABY	PAIS CHILD
← MOTHER'S RESPONSIBILITY →	
CIRCUMCISION - LUKE 1:59 - 8 TH DAY	
BABY INFANT NO RULES NOT RESPONSIBLE 	CHILD, TOT TODDLER YOUNGSTER PRE-SCHOOL ELEMENTARY 
MATT. 2:8,9,11,13,14 18:2-3 ; 19:13 JOHN 3:3-5 LUKE 1:59 - CIRCUMCISE JOHN 21:5 - ANY MEAT?	MATT. 17:18 - CURED LUKE 2:43 - TWELVE 
LAW of MOSES	
SPIRIT	
SON of GOD - MATT. 26:64; MARK 14:62; JOHN 20:31 LUKE 22:70; JOHN 9:37	
PASSOVER	

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TRANSITION - RESPONSIBILITY - MATURITY

<p>TEKNON ADOLESCENT I JOHN 3:1-2</p>	<p>HUIOS SON (HEB. 2:10) GAL. 4:5; ROM. 8:23; EPH. 1:5</p>
<p>← FATHER'S RESPONSIBILITY →</p>	<p>← OWN RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPONSIBLE FOR OTHERS →</p>
<p>BAR MITZVAH - LUKE 2:43 13 YEARS (12)</p>	<p>MARRIAGE</p>
<p>ADOLESCENT TEENAGER JUNIOR HIGH HIGH SCHOOL APPRENTICE TRADE SCHOOL ADVANCED SCHOOL</p> 	<p>SON DESCENDANT OFFSPRING SOME ADVANCED SCHOOLS</p> 
<p>MATT. 23:37 - GATHER MARK 10:24 - RICHES LUKE 15:31 - ELDER SON LUKE 16:25 - RICH MAN LAZARUS JOHN 1:12 - POWER TO BECOME I COR. 4:14 - WARN YOU GAL. 4:19 - DESIRE LAW</p>	<p>MATT. 4:3-6 16:16 GAL. 4:5 ROM. 8:14 8:23 EPH. 1:5 HEB. 2:10</p>
<p>GOSPEL OF CIRCUMCISION</p>	<p>GOSPEL OF UNCIRCUMCISION</p>
<p>SOUL</p>	<p>BODY</p>
<p>SON of DAVID - MIRACLES</p>	<p>SON of MAN</p>
<p>PENTECOST</p>	<p>TABERNACLES</p>

loss as to know what to do Jesus was gone, they had no direction. So Peter decided he was going fishing.

The Holy Spirit had not yet come. As far as spiritual maturity goes, these guys were babies, PAIDIONS, and that's what Jesus called them. They were out in their boat, not catching a thing. Jesus was on shore and called to them "PAIDIONS, do you have any meat?" Now this is really kind of comical. The situation, Jesus' choice of words - He knew that at that point they couldn't be held responsible for their acts. He knew they had no meat in the spiritual or physical sense.



He didn't reprimand them. Who would ever spank a baby that can't even sit up or control its bowels? No one! Jesus only gave them encouragement because He knew their state of maturity.

GOD DOESN'T TREAT ALL HIS CHILDREN THE SAME.



That's why some Christians can get away with things and others can't. Some are at the PAIDION stage and others have matured to the PAIS or TEKNON stage. Toddlers often get reprimanded for things that babies get away with. With maturity comes responsibility.

TEKNON

This is no doubt the most frustrating stage of growth both in the physical and in our spiritual development. Teenagers aren't quite adults but they're not little kids either. They get rules piled on them one day, taken off the next and repiled the following day. They resent being a child but they're

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not yet capable of taking on the responsibility of adulthood.



In the PAIDION stage there is no law. Babies can do anything and get away with it. At the PAIS stage the law is laid down straight and simple... Don't go out of the yard! Don't touch the stove! Don't! Don't!

At the TEKNON stage the law is in shambles. One day it's in effect, the next day it isn't. Parents are as anxious for the child to grow up as the child is. They let him experiment with his freedom but slap the rules back on when he takes advantage of their good will. It's a very upsetting time.

THE PAIS HAS NO LAW... THE PAIDION IS UNDER STRICT LAWS...



THE TEKNON IS UNDER LAW ONE DAY - OUT THE NEXT - AND THEN UNDER AGAIN.

We believe most of us are right now in this TEKNON stage of growth. John says in his epistle, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons (TEKNONS) of God; Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the TEKNONS of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

TEENAGERS SEEM TO BE ALWAYS CHALLENGING THE RULES.



Right now we're in an apprenticeship. We're learn-

ing our Father's ways. Some of us like the protection and safety of the law (Gal. 4:19). Others are trying to step out of the law before they're ready.

THE LAW IS OUR SCHOOL MASTER BUT... SOME CHRISTIANS FIND FALSE SECURITY IN IT WHILE OTHERS WANT TO LEAVE IT BEFORE THEY'RE READY.



If we all knew for sure what direction we were heading - it would help. A teenager with some goal or direction sure avoids a lot of the pit-falls of life. We're going to scoot out of the TEKNON stage now (at least in this article) and talk about HUIOS.

HUIOS

Our main goal as Christians is to grow up and be mature sons (HUIOS) of God. Now in the physical realm we don't ever have to mention growing up as a goal. Growing up comes naturally. But, like Peter Pan, I think many Christians ran away the day they were born (born again) to play with the fairies.



In order to grow up we have to come out from under the law. If the law is removed before we're ready it can be plenty dangerous. A teenager is not allowed to drive a car by himself until he's had instructions and passed a driving test. That's a law and it's a good law at that, and may it never be repealed. But once he's passed the test he doesn't need that law any more. It's for the next guy that comes along, not him! It's passed away with the using (Col. 2:22). God has given us laws that help us attain

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spiritual and mental maturity. But, like the rules and laws we mete out to our children we find that we can't be kept under forever.

RULES & LAWS CHANGE AS WE MATURE.



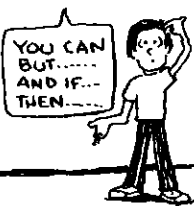
For example, a toddler is told to NEVER, NEVER touch the stove. Why? Because it might be hot or there might be a pan of scalding water on it that he could easily tip over. He's not yet coordinated enough or mature enough to deal with these dangers so we tell him NEVER TOUCH THE STOVE.

LITTLE CHILDREN (PAIS) HAVE STRICT STRAIGHT FORWARD RULES.



But now the kid's sixteen years old. You want to go away for the weekend and he wants to stay home. He has to eat. That rule he once had "NEVER TOUCH" is repealed because now he can recognize fire or a hot pan (we hope). And he can use that appliance that was once entirely off limits to help sustain him and give him nourishment and pleasure.

TEENAGERS HAVE MORE COMPLICATED RULES.



"Have ye not read what David did when he was an hungered and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of God and did eat the shew-bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?" (Matt. 12:3-5). That's Jesus himself talking. What's He saying? Just what we've been

saying. There's a time for law and a time when it's to be repealed.

KING DAVID BROKE MOSES' LAW.

THIS SHEWBREAD IS GOOD STUFF.



We are not advocating anarchy. We are not saying the law is no good or that there's no need for it. What we are saying is that we must grow up and become mature enough to know how to operate in the freedom and liberty Jesus Christ brought us.

Our object is not to leave the law but to learn to operate within the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; and against such there is no law (Gal. 5:22, 23).

WE WANT TO CULTIVATE THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.



God sent Jesus to redeem us that we might receive the adoption of sons (HU10S) Gal. 4:5. He blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross (Col. 2:14).

"Our old man is crucified with Him, that this body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin!" (Rom 6:6). "For I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." (Rom.7:9)

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is SIN; and the strength of SIN is the LAW." (I COR. 15:53-56)

This can be dangerous teaching. It's not for the immature. "We have been called unto liberty only use

not liberty as an occasion to the flesh but by love serve one another." (Gal. 5:13).

USE YOUR LIBERTY TO HELP OTHERS...



...NOT TO INDULGE YOUR OWN LUST.

The word is "GROW UP" don't serve sin any longer. Face your responsibility. Only by giving up your soulish ways can you find true life.

WE CAN GROW UP!!

Jesus provided the way -- now take advantage of it. Prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God (the transformation of our bodies- Rom. 12:1-2).

We can come into maturity. We can grow up. Most Christians can identify at times with Peter Pan. The prospects of responsibility and maturity may be frightening to some but it's only in them that we find fulfillment, purpose and drive in life.