

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT CHILDREN WHO DIE? June 1, 2022

The Saving Gospel

- We know that salvation is by _____ through faith in Christ alone.
 - Acts 16:31: _____
- Understanding the need to be “saved” requires a rational _____ of sin.
 - Matt. 13:23: _____

An Important Question

- Then what happens to children who die before they are _____ enough to understand and believe?
 - Those who die before the “age of _____?”
 - Including children, infants, and babies who die in the womb?
 - Also people with mental _____ who never attain an understanding of the gospel?

A Two-Part Answer

- What the Bible says about the children of _____.
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Children of Unbelievers?

- The Bible does not answer this question directly.
- But, it does _____ that these children will go to heaven.
- **Biblical Support:**
 - Jesus _____ the little children.
 - Mark 10:13-14: _____
 - Luke: “even infants”
 - God was quick to show _____ to Nineveh because the city contained 120,000 children.
 - Jonah 4:11: _____
 - Sin is not _____ where there is no law.
 - Rom. 5:13: _____
 - Impute = to _____ or charge to someone’s account
 - Rom. 4:15: _____
 - Rom. 2:14-15: _____
 - Rom. 7:9: _____
 - Conclusion:
 - Ultimately, we must leave this question with God, trusting that He will deal with these children in _____ and love.

- Gen. 18:25: _____

Children of Believers?

- **The Bible has more to say on this question!**

- God does not make _____ to unbelievers except the single promise of salvation.
- But He does make promises to His children.

- **It is very clear that the children of _____ go to heaven.**

- Saints = both O.T. saints and N.T. saints

- **Biblical Support:**

- _____ said he would go to be with his infant son who preceded him in death.
 - 2 Sam. 12:23: _____
 - David's son would share his _____ destination.
 - Job 19:25-27: _____
 - David's son would share his _____ destination.
 - Heb. 11:32: _____
 - Heb. 12:1: _____
 - Heb. 12:22-24: _____
 - Not just a promise of reunion but of a _____ reunion.
 - We may need an introduction, but we will meet and know our kids in heaven.
 - David's son would share his _____ destination.
 - Luke 16:22: _____
 - Eph. 4:8-9: _____
 - To summarize, David and his infant son:
 - Were together in _____ bosom.
 - Are together right now in _____.
 - Will be together forever in the _____ and new creation of God.
- Many of the people raised from the dead in the Scriptures were children:
 - _____ woman's son (a young child)
 - Widow of Zarephath's son (age unknown)
 - Widow of _____ son (a youth or young man)
 - Jairus' daughter (age _____)
- Jesus said that the daughter of Jairus was not dead, but "_____."

- See Mark 5:35-43: _____
 - Our Lord made a very clear distinction between the two terms.
- This description for death is used only of _____.
 - See also John 11:11-14 (Lazarus), Acts 13:36 (David), 1 Cor. 11:30 (Corinthian believers), 1 Cor. 15:51 (ourselves).
 - Emphasizes the _____ nature of physical death for the believer.

What is the Age of Accountability?

- **Only _____ knows for each person.**
 - No particular _____ is indicated in Scripture.
- **But we know that even little children can be saved:**
 - Jesus wants to begin a _____ relationship with little children.
 - Mark 10:13-16: _____
 - Additional insight: the hearts of children are _____ ground for the gospel.
- **Even very little children can exercise saving faith.**
 - Matt. 18:6: "...one of these _____ ones which believe in me..."
 - Probably a preschool-age child:
 - Called a "little child" and a "little one"
 - Old enough to walk, stand, come to Jesus
 - Young enough to serve as the perfect example of humble, child-like _____
 - Therefore, little children should not be overlooked in our _____ efforts.
 - Matt. 18:10-14: _____

What about in the Resurrection?

- **Children of believers who die will _____ in the Resurrection with all those who sleep in Jesus.**
 - See 1 Thess. 4:13-18: _____
- **They will be raised in powerful, glorified _____ like all other believers.**
 - 1 Cor. 15:42-44: _____
 - No longer infants or children but _____ people at the full height of their faculties and abilities.
 - And "so shall we ever be with the Lord"!

Concluding Thoughts

- **Kids, are you "_____ in Jesus"?**
 - If you know you're a sinner, and you would like to come to Jesus to be saved,

- Then come!
 - He will not turn you away.
 - Mark 10:13-16: _____
- **Moms and dads, are you _____ your kids to Jesus?**
 - Getting them as close to Jesus as possible at the earliest possible age?
 - Luke 18:15: _____
 - _____ for them?
 - Matthew 19:13: _____
 - Helping them to understand their personal accountability as _____ before God?