

“What Happens to Babies Who Die?” # 2

Selected Text

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What Happens to babies who die? Instant heaven, yet they are born with a sin nature after the first Adam.

First week- “Jesus loves the little children.” We should bring our children to Jesus, we should not hinder our children from coming to Jesus, and God has a special provision for children who die. **Matt. 19:14**, “for of such is the kingdom of heaven”

Last week- I shared some implicit references in Scripture and four theological questions in regards to why babies go to heaven when they die.

Let’s review these:

We looked at Ps. 139:1-17; Job 3:16-17; Eccl. 6:3-6

We asked four questions:

1. Who qualifies for the condition of accountability? If babies go to heaven when they die, then who are babies?

We define a baby or toddler as those who have not reached a mature understanding of law and grace, sin and salvation.

It could be an infant, toddler, or mentally impaired.

2. Are all children conceived as sinners?

All children are sinners at birth, if not, they would not have died. The fact that they die is evidence of inherited sin. “In Adam all die.”

3. What are the implications of this?

All mankind are depraved sinners born to depraved parents who are condemned to hell unless they are saved by grace thru faith in Jesus.

Children that die before they can make a responsible choice of sin and salvation, good or evil, go to heaven yet still having a sin nature not manifested yet.

4. How are babies saved if they can’t repent and believe?

They are saved by the atoning work of Christ that has been applied to them by grace. They are sinners but not guilty of the sin of unbelief.

Nowhere in Scripture do we see the damnation of infants or salvation of infants by baptism. Eternal damnation is linked to unbelief and deeds or sins.

The Romans 1 heathen is without excuse because they have the capability of rejecting or accepting. They suppress God and the truth.

TT- Today I want to share some explicit Scriptures to prove babies go to heaven when they die. These Scriptures tell us that babies are innocent, known by God, and saved from the judgment of God.

1. Old Testament-

Deuteronomy 1:37-39, “Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

Jer. 19:4-5, “Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known,

nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; (5) They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons [child] with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind:”

Jonah 4:11, “And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand [120,000] persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand;”

Jer. 1:5, “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”

Ezek. 16:20-21, “Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter, (21) That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?”

Turn to **Job 3:1-3, 11, 13-17**

Turn to **2 Samuel 12:20-23**,

2. New Testament-

Turn to **Romans 1:18-25**,

Turn to **Luke 1:15, 39-42**,

Turn to **Matt. 18:3-6, 10, 14,**

Turn to **Matt. 19:13-15, Jesus did not bless unbelievers**

Q- How old are children in heaven or will there be strollers in heaven?

1 John 3:2, “Beloved, now are we the sons 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.”

Rom. 8:29, “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Rev. 7:9-10, “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; (10) And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.”

Q- Will my baby know me and will I know my baby? 2 Sam. 12:23, “I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.”

Q- What happens to babies who die? Instant heaven because they are innocent, known by God, and saved from the judgment of God.

Knowing all I have shared the past 3 weeks, I believe babies will go in the rapture because they are innocent, known by God, and saved from His judgment.