Welcome from the Kirkland church family!



September 13, 2015



Great unnamed Mothers of the Bible



Mother's Day Sunday May 8th 10:30 a.m.





THE ONE ANOTHER WAY

May 8: Sunday 5:00 p.m.



The Importance of Prayer



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

The Bible provides prerequisites

The Bible provides examples

No specific age is given.
When is a person old enough?





Thesis:

Theological underpinning

Issue of accountability itself

Factors to consider

Theological Underpinning

- Lost
- Saved
- Safe





CHILDREN ARE INNOCENT

Jonah 4:11 120,000 don't know right from left.

Matthew 18:3 Unless you become like little children...

Ezekiel 18:20 Son shall not bear the iniquity of the father...

John 9:2-3 Who sinned? Jesus:

Neither





CHILDREN ARE INNOCENT

John 9:41

If ye are blind, ye have no sin, but now that you say, 'We see,' your sins remain!

Romans 14:12

Each man must give an account unto God.

Colossians 3:25

For he that does wrong, shall receive again for the wrong.

No need to baptize... no sins to forgive!

Very young have no understanding at all.



ACCOUNTABILITY IN SOCIETY

How old do you have to be before you can...

DRIVE? 15-16

TRIED AS AN ADULT? 16 or less

DRINK? 21

VOTE? 18

GO INTO COMBAT? 18

BECOME A CHRISTIAN? 5,6,7,8?



How old before ready to go to war?

Numbers 1:20 Twenty years old and up

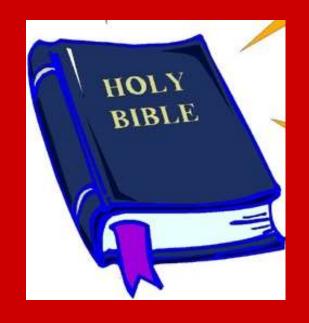
Who had to die in the wilderness?

Numbers 32:10-11 Twenty years old and up shall not see the land

How old was Jesus at the temple?

Luke 2:42-51 Twelve years old

Jews: "Son of the law" at 13

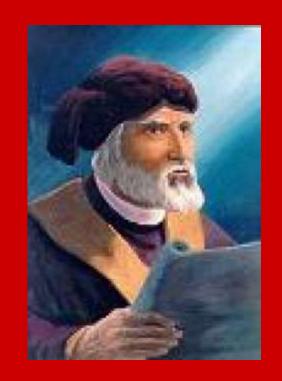


BIBLE EXAMPLES



The puberty of the soul coincides with that of the body and they both attain together this full growth at about the fourteenth year of life.

Adam and Eve after obtaining the knowledge of good and evil felt they must cover their nakedness. Likewise, we experience the same discernment of good and evil when we experience the same sensation of shame.



Tertullian 210 AD



CASES OF CONVERSION IN ACTS

Acts 5:14

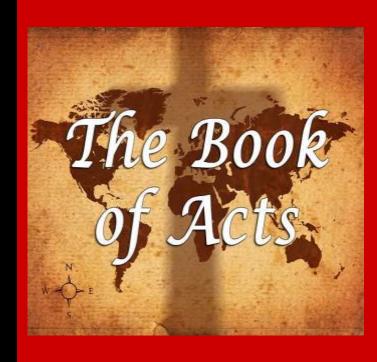
Multitudes of men and women were constantly added to their number.

Acts 8:12

When they believed Phillip...they were being baptized, men and women.

Acts 17:12

Many believed along with a number of prominent Greek women and men.





Acts 16:32-33

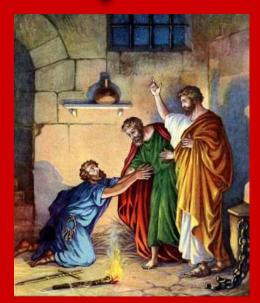
And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds and he was baptized, he and all of his household.

Acts 16:34

He brought them into the house..and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

OBJECTION:

What about the jailer?





Matthew 14:21

And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

Men and women responded to the gospel, not children.

OTHER ACCOUNTS



MUST BE LOST

Proverbs 1:7 "Fear of the Lord..beginning" Is the child so emotionally mature that if they don't obey they have no hope?

MUST UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THEIR CONFESSION.

Romans 10:9-10 Confess Christ as Lord. Acts 8:37 Christ is the son of God.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE NEW BIRTH



MUST BE DOING IT TO PLEASE THE LORD NO ONE ELSE.

MUST ENGAGE THREE LEVELS:

Intellect (belief)

be able to think in abstract terms John 8:24

Will (repentance)

must stop sinning Luke 13:3

Conscience (Baptism)

Appeal of a good conscience | Peter 3:21

PREREQUISITES FOR THE NEW BIRTH



- 1. Must be the child's decision
- 2. Commend, compliment
- 3. Explain the gospel is for accountable adults, not children
- 4. Assure him/her that they are safe until their conscience so pricks them

WHAT IF MY CHILD CONTINUES TO ASK?



- 1. Bible does not say
- 2. Weight of evidence...must be the "mental age, maturity" of a 12/13 year old.
- 3. Dr. Flavil Yeakley study:
 - "80% of baptisms before 12 either fell away or requested to be rebaptized."
 - "12 or older rebaptisms are rare.."

WHATIS THE RIGHT AGEP



- 1. If not sure, better safe than sorry! Hebrews 3:6
- 2. Do you believe (intellect)?
- 3. Ready to make the good confession?
- 4. Truly repent?
- 5. Clear your conscience baptism?

ARE YOU CONFIDENT?

