

*Many times the subject of salvation for little children comes up and the one thing everyone seems to agree on is that all little children go to Heaven when they die and, though many may not understand why, they do rest in the fact that God is a just God Who would not send innocent children to Hell.*

# Age Of Accountability

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I would agree because I understand that at least forty thousand children are dying daily from starvation, not counting the deaths of all the aborted babies. In India, Africa, China, and other nations, especially where Third World conditions exist, there is a steady stream of little children and babies ascending into Heaven every day, and it is comforting to know that God has prepared a place for them in eternity. (Most people do not even realize that it is Satan who has always demanded human sacrifice ... not God.)

The question is, if all little children go to Heaven when they die, why doesn't God just take them when they are born rather than running the risk of losing them as adults to Atheism or Mohammedism, etc., and having them go to Hell at the end of their lives?

The answer is very simple. When God first created man, He said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." In other words, the Godhead was discussing among Themselves the creation of mankind and came to the conclusion that man should be made in Their own image.

If you really want to know what it is that puts us in a class with God, it is not because we are so great, it is because of His deep-seated love for human beings. In fact, He loves people so much, He wants to fill all of, Heaven with them.

God has entrusted us with something that He has given no other creature. He has given us the ability to bring forth other human beings like ourselves through conception. We have the choice to have children who will live forever and share eternity with God. Out of all His creation, we are the only ones who can do this, not the angels of God nor Satan. Animals can reproduce, but they cannot bring forth offspring that will live forever, but we can!

Of all the qualities that make us God-like, none is greater than our God-given ability to bring forth human beings who can share eternity with Him.

This is why God said what He did in His great commission to Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:27-28: *"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, ... "*

So, even though there is the risk of the child growing up and rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ, the reason God does not take children home at birth is because eventually there would be no adults left to have children to replenish the earth.

In order for God to populate Heaven with human beings, He must now allow us to grow to the age of

accountability to exercise our own option to choose or reject the Lord Jesus Christ. The fact that all little children are born alive unto God was demonstrated by Jesus when He compared our conversion to the nature of a little child in Matthew 18:2-3: "*And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*"

So Satan is just waiting until the AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY, waiting for the hundreds of thousands of little children to cross that line to become accountable for their own actions.

Satan is not stupid. He knows that the best way to do this is by camping on that line with the deception of worldly systems and false religions such as Secular Humanism, New Age, Atheism, Buddhism, or Mohammedism, etc.

Yet for those of us who have not only survived our childhood but have beaten the odds and become born again, we find ourselves in the midst of a perverse and backwards generation. In fact, for the generation of adults we find ourselves living in, we are the only hope God has. When a baby is aborted or dies in a war or Third World conditions, surely he goes to Heaven.

But remember, that baby has lost its reward. That baby will never have the opportunity to grow up on earth to have children to populate Heaven or to evangelize the adults of their generation.

There is a whole community of Japanese children about my age that were sent to Heaven by an atomic blast when America bombed Hiroshima in World War II. They had no chance, they can have no reward because they were only babies!

On the one hand, to grow past the age of accountability is risky business because there is a maniac on the loose wreaking havoc on this planet. Satan is a killing, starving, warmonger, sending as many people to Hell as he possibly can.

For God to have you and me living on the planet earth, especially at this crucial time, is something we need to keep reminding ourselves of. This is not only a privilege and a responsibility, it is a blessing! It is an opportunity the aborted child, the child of war, or the child of famine has never had. Yet, here we are, able to do a service for God that means more to Him than we can ever imagine, much less understand, on this side of Heaven. This is why God talks about things like rewards and standing before Jesus and having him say, "*Well done, my good and faithful servant*".

Well, the devil has worked and worked, using everything at his disposal to bring nations like Russia and China to a place where he can maintain a strangle-hold on them. He has done his finest work in having the government itself enforce Atheism or a false religion on each successive generation. One such example would be the Islamic countries who have outlawed the very name of Jesus. A baby born under these conditions has little hope of learning of or accepting Jesus Christ as Savior by the age of accountability.

Yet you and I have witnessed a phenomenal thing, something very few generations have ever had the opportunity to witness ... Satan has lost his strangle-hold over a whole nation. I have never been to

Russia, but in my spirit I can see a multitude of people holding their hands out to me, bewildered people with a look of betrayal in their eyes, people who have been lied to and abused, saying, "Would someone please tell me the truth?"

I must go to Russia. With all my heart, I have desired to minister to the Russian people and now Rick Renner has invited me to minister in a massive crusade in Riga, Latvia. I have made the commitment to go. After the crusade, we will also film many days of programming for viewing on the major television network that covers most of the former Soviet Union, teaching these incredibly spiritually hungry people the truths of Jesus.

This has all happened very quickly. In fact, this crusade is taking place this very month. Please pray with us and for us. You are my friend and partner and I believe we are in this outreach together. I was hoping God would give us (you and me together) an opportunity to bear fruit in the former Soviet Union and now He has. I know God has a time table as far as the nations of the world are concerned, and each nation has a specific role in the end time.

What most people do not understand is that there is an operation of the Body of Christ in each of these nations. Even though many of these nations will be playing an opposing role in the last days against Jerusalem and against God, underneath the natural operation of these governments, God, in His infinite love and mercy, is harvesting souls through the presence of born-again believers in the Body of Christ.

Russia has beaten the odds. A window in time has opened for a last-day harvest and you and I have an opportunity for winning souls very few Christians before us have ever had.

This is why I am approaching this subject with trembling and awe. The last thing I want to do is fail God and fail you in my attempt to show you that, when God moves this way upon a nation such as He has upon Russia, He is also ready to move in your life, your business, and your finances in such a way that you will know that it is God Himself who is blessing you ... not coincidence or chance.

Russia is one of the most fertile grounds opened to the Body of Christ in many generations. Here is a way we can minister to the children of Russia because Jesus said in Matthew 25:40: "*... as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren (little ones), ye have done it unto me.*"

As we minister to these Russian people (children and adults alike), everything that God is, His love, His grace, His favor, will be unleashed in our direction. God has said in Luke 6:38: "*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*"

Have you ever looked across a field of wheat just before the harvest? Because the heads of wheat are so heavy, the smallest and gentlest of breezes can cause the most beautiful rippling effect like tossing a small stone into a pond. Here is what the Holy Spirit is wanting us to understand. When the fields are heavy with grain; when the souls of men, women, and children are crying for the harvest; if we can hear them cry, then revival can break out in two areas ... first in the lives of the people being

harvested and secondly in the lives of the people who are doing the giving and therefore causing the harvest.

Most evangelists (especially missionary evangelists) are often so consumed with the needs of other nations that it is easy for them to forget God is just as interested in our needs as He is the needs of the people we are giving to. The same God who said He would that none should perish is the same God who said He would supply all of our needs according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.

He wants us to understand that He has opened up a whole new field for sowing by opening up the country of Russia. Ask any farmer, in order to increase the harvest you must sow into new fields and the richer the soil of the field, the greater the harvest. Millions of Soviet people make this one of the richest harvest fields ever and I cannot help but believe that God had a purpose and plan for this letter finding its way into your life.

We are living in a day when whole nations are opening up to the Gospel overnight ... a day when our response must be just as effective, just as expedient. This is the day James was talking about when he said in James 5:3 that the fortunes of rich men were laid up for the last days ... a day when God would transfer entire fortunes from the hands of sinners into the hands of the just. God will do this in order to finance such massive moves as an entire nation receiving the Gospel overnight.

This is one of those massive moves of God. Man did not put it together, God did. I feel this is one of the most supernatural moves of the Holy Spirit to occur in our generation concerning giving and receiving. I do not know the condition of your finances, but I do know that, if we can help millions of Soviet people (adults and children) learn of Jesus, then God is going to get involved with our finances. He wants to meet our needs as much as He wants to meet theirs.

This is the reason for this letter. I pray that I did not fail God in representing God's will for you and for the children of Russia in what God has commissioned us to do. Russia is the field and we have the opportunity to be ... and at the same time receive ... the blessing.

So, pray and ask God what kind of seed He would have you sow now, the planting time as well as the harvesting time, in this most fertile of fields. Please consider that you are sowing now for perhaps the greatest harvest in the last 100 years. I know that you will pray and ask the Holy Spirit what your part should be. I want to thank you in advance for your prayerful support and for your obedience to the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Your friend and partner,  
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