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BIBLE TALK

Question: Should infants be baptized?

Answer: Numerous questions arise regarding the spiritual state of children: Does the Bible teach infant baptism? No. Are there examples of it? No. Can one necessarily infer that such was observed? No. Search your Bible through and you will be amazed that it is silent on infant baptism!

Some attempt to prove infant baptism by Matt. 19:14. Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."* If this mentioned infant baptism, it might help.

Others turn to examples of family conversions. They assume there must have been babies baptized (Acts 10:34-43; 16:14-15; 16:29-34). In none of these is there mention of children. It is presumptuous to teach babies were baptized when the Bible does not say so.

Prerequisites for baptism and entrance into the family of God consist of his: being TAUGHT the gospel (Matt. 28:18-19); BELIEF (Mk. 16:16); REPENTANCE from sins (Acts 17:30); CONFESSION of his faith (Matt. 10:32). What infant can meet these requirements? Those who cannot are not subjects for baptism, thus, excluding infants.

What is the purpose of baptism in the first place? *"Be baptized and wash away thy sins"* (Acts 22:16). Sin is a transgression of God's law (I Jn. 3:4), but what infant could possibly understand that law? *"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin"* (Jas. 4:17).

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