

Selected Scriptures — “What Happens to Babies Who Die? 10 Compelling Reasons Why Babies Go to Heaven”

Consider...

- ▶ HOW many miscarriages?
- ▶ HOW many abortions?
- ▶ HOW many have had stillborn births?
- ▶ HOW many have had children die in infancy?
- ▶ HOW many have had severely disabled, mentally disabled kids?
 - It could be that as many as 1 in 4 pregnancies end in miscarriage. More than 80% of miscarriages occur within the first three months of pregnancy.

Remember: Nothing ever takes God by surprise!

“Whenever we are suffering, we are suffering because God wants us to be there.” (Heath Lambert)

THESIS — I believe that there's a clear, compelling case that we can compile from Scripture to SHOW that all babies and infants who die ALL go to heaven.

>WHY do babies who die go to heaven? **10 compelling reasons.**

I. INFANTS BELONG TO GOD IN A SPECIAL WAY. (Ezekiel 16:21)

II. JESUS BLESSES ONLY BELIEVERS & HE BLESSED THE LITTLE CHILDREN (Mark 10:13-16)

III. PEOPLE GO TO HELL FOR REJECTING CHRIST & THEY'RE JUDGED FOR THE DEEDS THEY HAVE DONE (Rev. 21:8)

IV. IT IS WELL WITH DEAD CHILDREN (2 Kings 4:26)

Now, let every mother and father here present know assuredly that it is well with the child, if God hath taken it away from you in its infant days (Charles Spurgeon).

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Spurgeon’s comments at length –

“...the question was about her child, but, it was dead at home, and the enquiry would renew her griefs, "Is it well with the child?" Yet she said, "It is well," ... because she was persuaded that whatever might have become of its spirit, it was safe in the keeping of God, happy beneath the shadow of his wings. Therefore, not fearing that it was lost, having no suspicion whatever that it was cast away from the place of bliss—for that suspicion would have quite prevented her giving such answer—she said "Yes, the child is dead, but 'it is well.'" ... **Now, let every mother and father here present know assuredly that it is well with the child, if God hath taken it away from you in its infant days.”

V. THE COMPASSIONATE CHARACTER OF GOD! (Psalm 145:8-17)

“God is love and His concern for children is evident in Matthew 18:14 where Jesus says, “Your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.” People go to hell because they choose in willful rebellion and unbelief to reject God and His grace. Children are incapable of this kind of conscious rejection of God. Where such rebellion and willful disobedience is absent, [it seems that] God is gracious to receive” (Al Mohler).

VI. THE LOVE AND NATURE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! (Matt 18:1-3, vv.14)

I am convinced that the souls of all departed infants whatever, whether baptized or unbaptized, are with God in glory. And I think my belief warranted by an authority which cannot err -- Matt. 18:14.” (Augustus Toplady)

VII. GOD REFERS TO CHILDREN WHO ARE MURDERED AS ‘INNOCENTS’ (Jer 19:4)**VIII. THERE ARE INNUMERABLE MULTITUDES OF WORSHIPERS IN HEAVEN! (Rev 7:9)**

In a letter to a friend, John Newton wrote:

"Nor can I doubt, in my private judgment, that [infants] are included in the election of grace. Perhaps those who die in infancy, are the exceeding great multitude of all people, nations, and languages mentioned (Rev 7.9)”

IX. THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO THE LITTLE CHILDREN (Luke 18:15)**X. DAVID KNEW THAT HE WOULD SEE HIS DEAD INFANT AGAIN IN THE NEXT LIFE! (2 Sam 12:23)**

Just One More...**XI. THE BIBLE EXPLICITLY TEACHES THAT BABIES GO TO HEAVEN (Job 3:16-19)****Consider some voices from church history:**

- **Dr. John Gill** -- English Baptist Calvinistic Pastor (18th c):
 - regarding the subject of: 'INFANTS WHO DIE' -- that it is a dark and mysterious subject, but that it is his belief, and he thinks he has Scripture to warrant it, that they who have fallen asleep in infancy have not perished, but have been numbered with the chosen of God, and so have entered into eternal rest.
- **Charles Hodge** (Presbyterian theologian of Princeton Seminary in 19th c.):
 - He wrote, “All who die in infancy are doubtless saved, but they are saved by grace.”
- **Al Mohler** writes...
 - It is our conviction that there are good reasons biblically and theologically for believing that God saves all who die who do not reach a stage of moral understanding and accountability. It is readily admitted that Scripture does not speak to this issue directly, yet there is evidence that can be gleaned that would lead us to affirm on biblical grounds that God receives into heaven all who have died in infancy.
- Also: Augustus Toplady, John Newton, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, BB Warfield, Loraine Boettner, Charles Spurgeon.

A grieving parent may wonder: who can relate to me?

There is One who can relate to you: **JESUS!**

- Hebrews 4:14-16
- **✓Jesus knows death —**
 - ✓He lost his father
 - ✓He lost a good friend, Lazarus
 - ✓He knows loss, grief, hurt, pain - relational agonies
 - ✓He was around funerals, death frequently (even of little children)
 - ✓He knows what it is to be severed from His Father (*for you!*)
- Jesus KNOWS.
- Jesus is THERE.
- Jesus CARES.
- Jesus UNDERSTANDS.
- Jesus HELPS in a time of need.
- Jesus is WORKING in those times to bring Himself glory!

COMMENTARY BIBLIOGRAPHY - some of the best resources.

Charles Spurgeon, “*Infant Salvation*” (online)

Cripplegate Blog, “Babies who die” (4 parts)

Todd Friel, “Wretched Radio” (numerous episodes on this topic)

John MacArthur, *Safe in the Arms of God* (book)

Loraine Boettner, *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination* (deals with this subject at length)

Prayer Meeting Guide

4 seasons of prayer...

1) PRAISING GOD’S NAME

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

GOOD TO ME (I Cry Out)

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.
I am weak; I need your love to free me.
O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness,
come rescue me, O Lord.
You are my hope; your promise never fails me.
And my desire is to follow you forever.

*For you are good, for you are good,
for you are good to me.*

*For you are good, for you are good,
for you are good to me.*

2) CONFESSING OUR SIN

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

3) REAFFIRMING OUR TRUST

In the gospel
 In our Lord
 In His power
 In His strength

IN THE VALLEY

When You lead me to the valley of vision
 I can see You in the heights
 And though my humbling wouldn't be my decision
 It's here Your glory shines so bright
 So let me learn that the cross precedes the crown
 To be low is to be high
 That the valley's where You make me more like Christ

*Let me find Your grace in the valley
 Let me find Your life in my death
 Let me find Your joy in my sorrow
 Your wealth in my need
 That You're near with every breath
 In the valley*

In the daytime there are stars in the heavens
 But they only shine at night
 And the deeper that I go into darkness
 The more I see their radiant light
 So let me learn that my losses are my gain
 To be broken is to heal
 That the valley's where Your power is revealed

AFFLICTED SAINT, TO CHRIST DRAW NEAR

Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near,
 The Savior's gracious promise hear;
 His faithful word declares to thee,
 That as thy days, thy strength shall be.

Let not thy heart despond and say,
 "How shall I stand the trying day?"
 he has engaged by firm decree,
 That as thy days, thy strength shall be.

Thy faith is weak, thy foes are strong;
 And though the conflict should be long,
 Thy Lord will make the tempter flee;
 for as thy days, thy strength shall be.

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Should persecution rage and flame,
 Still trust in thy Redeemer's name;
 In fiery trials thou shalt see,
 That as thy days, thy strength shall be,

When called to bear the weighty cross,
 Of sore affliction, pain or loss,
 Or deep distress, or poverty,
 Still as thy days, thy strength shall be.

When ghastly death appears in view,
 Christ's presence shall thy fears subdue;
 he comes to set thy spirit free,
 And as thy days, thy strength shall be.

4) BESEECHING OUR SAVIOR

Requests
 Needs
 Church unity & purity
 Comfort to the grieving
 Counseling one another with Scripture, joy, love and patience
 Revival
 Power in preaching, prayer, worship & evangelism

DEATH AND THE GRAVE

Samuel Medley

Death Viewed in Jesus. Job 3. 17; Heb. 2. 9-15

- 1 Death and the grave are doleful themes,
 For sinful mortal worms to sing;
 Except a Saviour's brighter beams
 Dispel the gloom, and touch the string.
- 2 Death! awful sound! the fruit of sin,
 And terror of the human race;
 Who, except Jesus smiles within,
 Can look the monster in the face?
- 3 Yet, dearest Lord, when viewed in thee,
 The monster loses all his dread;
 There all his frightful horrors flee,
 And joy surrounds a dying bed.
- 4 Jesus, the mighty Saviour, lives,
 And he has conquered death and hell:
 This truth substantial comfort gives,
 And dying saints can sing, "Tis well."

SORROW NOT

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“Sorrow not.” I Thess. 4. 13, 14; 2 Sam. 12. 19-23

- 1 The spirits of the just,
Confined in bodies, groan,
Till death consigns the corpse to dust,
And then the conflict's done.
- 2 Jesus, who came to save,
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Perfumed the chambers of the grave,
And made e'en death our gain.
- 3 Why fear we, then, to trust
The place where Jesus lay?
In quiet rests our brother's dust,
And thus it seems to say:
- 4 “Forbear, my friends, to weep,
Since death has lost its sting;
Those Christians that in Jesus sleep,
Our God will with him bring.”
- 5 This message, then, receive,
And grief indulge no more;
Return to pray awhile; believe,
And wait the welcome hour.

Be Still, My Soul 457

Be still, and know that I am God. Psa. 46:10

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1. Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side: Bear pa-tient-ly the
 2. Be still, my soul! thy God doth un-der-take To guide the fu-ture
 3. Be still, my soul! the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide;
 as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
 ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief and fear are gone,

In ev-ery change He faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul! thy
 All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! the
 Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul! when

best, thy heav'n-ly Friend Thro' thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
 change and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.