

Addendum to the paper on the spiritual condition of babies

Insert on page 2, after the paragraph that includes “this would suggest that babies are born spiritually alive” and before the scripture Rom. 7:9.

“John 1:9 ...**the true light** (Jesus) **who lights every man** (person) **that comes into the world.**”

If everyone therefore entering into the world, as a baby, is enlightened (alive spiritually) would this suggest that everyone’s name is initially written in the Lamb’s book of life? And then they only get removed or blotted out of the book of life (Rev. 3:5) if they reject Jesus?”

Insert at the bottom of page 3 after the paragraph summarizing that in the Old Covenant only those under the age of 20 at the time of Israel’s rebellion, together with Joshua and Caleb, entered the Promised Land.

“And what is the age of accountability for children under the New Covenant? Some suggest it varies according to the child and its development, but that for most children it falls between the ages of 3 and 5. If sin and spiritual death can impact a child’s life at this age then shouldn’t parents be bringing the Gospel to their children at this age? Dr. James Dobson in his October 2002 newsletter states, “The most important year however may be age 5. That is when they are open and tender to the call of Christ.”

2 Timothy 3:15 **And from early childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

And what about the possible gap, desirably as small as possible, between when a child chooses evil and dies spiritually and when that child is born again?

1 Corinth. 7:14 **For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the (believing) wife and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the (believing) husband; otherwise your children would be unclean but now they are Holy.**

For how long does this sanctification of the children by a believing parent continue? Could it be until the age of 20?”