

Lesson 12: What about Infants and Children when they die?

We have covered many questions over the last few weeks. I have studied hard to answer the questions. Perhaps none is as difficult as this one. I have preached on this subject before but I want to get another voice involved in this one.

Before we do let me answer a couple of shorter questions.

QUESTION: What about 'fate'? Does fate affect our lives.

Fate is not a **force** or a **determining** factor; **God** is. What the world might call fate Christianity calls **sovereignty**.

Another idea related to fate is '**chance**.' Likewise chance is simply a record of percentages or **probabilities**.

- Ps 24.1 The earth *is* the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.
- Ps 115.3 But our God *is* in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.
- Isa 46.9.11 ⁹Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and *there is* no other; *I am* God, and *there is* none like Me, ¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,' ¹¹Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken *it*; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed *it*; I will also do it.
- Acts 17.24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

QUESTION: At what time during the incarnation did Jesus come to realize his purpose and come to understand He was God?

Jesus was the God/Man. He was all God and all man.

Col 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.
All characteristics of humanity were present in Jesus physical form (Heb 4.15).

The question is did he know he was God in the manger? Let me give you a couple of passages in Luke.

Lk 2:40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Lk 2:49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

Lk 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

I believe he always knew yet he chose to limit his knowledge and learn as a man. So if we look at it from a strictly human standpoint – Jesus was aware very early even in his self-imposed limitations.

QUESTION: What happens to infants/children when they die?

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1. God has a special _____ for children (Mark 10.14-16).
2. God views the _____ sin of children differently than the _____ sin of adults (Ezekiel 18.20)
3. Children have not rejected God's _____ (Hebrews 3.18-19).
4. Salvation is based on God's _____, not our _____.
5. The _____ of 2 Samuel 12.21-23.

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