

## Do Babies Go To Heaven?

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In an article in **Christianity Today** magazine (Nov., 2015), Mr. Andrew Wilson wrote an article in an attempt to answer the question “Do babies go to heaven?” His answer was that the Bible doesn’t explicitly say.

Then he recounted how **The Westminster Confession of Faith** affirmed that some infants are elect, but it did not identify how to tell an elect one from a non-elect one.

He stated the the **Catholic Catechism** says infants might be saved without baptism, but stopped short of saying that all will be.

He finally concluded his article by stating that his personal faith was that all babies who die will be with Jesus. The simple solution to this question is that one should reject the Calvinistic idea that all humans inherit Adam’s sin. Therefore, all humans are born innocent of any sin, and are in a “safe” condition. Only when one becomes old enough mentally to understand the Law of God and violate it, does he then become a sinner. The apostle Paul explained in Romans 7:9, “*For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.*” **When** was Paul ever without the law in his life? In his infancy and youth, before he was old enough to understand God’s law. **Then** “*the commandment came*” — Paul was old enough to comprehend and violate the commandment, and “*sin revived, and I died.*” So there was a time in his life, and in ours, where we are alive without the Law, thus we are not accountable for our actions.

Jesus likewise taught, “*Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and **become as little children**, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 18:3). The converted becomes as a little child when he is forgiven of all his past sins and is innocent once again!

Yes, babies go to heaven because they have no sin, and they certainly did not inherit Adam’s! Ezekiel 18:20 plainly states, “*The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son...*” Dear reader, could the Bible be any more plain on the subject?

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