

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."



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### **Are Miscarriages and Aborted Babies and the Mentally Disabled Saved?**

Dear Brother Faull,

Will infants, miscarriages, aborted children and mentally disabled child-like persons (regardless of their age), be saved?

#### **ANSWER:**

From the Scriptures, it is easily deduced that they will be saved.

I believe the Scripture principles help us see that this is true:

1. David sure thought his illegitimate child (by Bathsheba) would spend eternity with him. The child had died and David had fasted before the child died and his servants wondered why he should stop fasting after he died? His answer gives hope to all of us who have lost children who had not had a chance to be accountable.

**2 Samuel 12:21-23**, "21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, *while it was* alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. 22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell *whether* GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? 23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? **I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.**"

Obviously he expected a future reunion with his son!

2. Jesus rebuked His disciples when they wanted to make the children go away. What did He say to them? **Luke 18:15-17**, "15 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when *his* disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, **Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.** 17 Verily I say unto you, **Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.**"

Little children are innocent, teachable, humble and ignorant of Spiritual things, but such are those in the Kingdom of God. That surely shows they are not forbidden to enter His presence.

In fact, if we are not converted to be like children, we cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. **Matthew 18:3**, "And said, Verily I say unto you, **Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**"

3. Look at what God spoke to Israel about entering the Promised Land.

**Deuteronomy 1:39**, "Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, **which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil**, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it."

If He let the little ones go into the Promised Land due to their lack of knowledge of right and wrong, should His grace not be shown to an aborted or miscarried baby or any person who cannot think or reason right and wrong for themselves?

4. God rebuked Jonah who eagerly waited to see all in Ninevah destroyed.

**Jonah 4:11**, "And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand **persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand**; and *also* much cattle?"

This shows damning the unborn or ignorant for eternity would be against the character and grace of God. It is one thing to destroy such persons physically in Noah's flood or Sodom's destruction, it is another to destroy their soul in eternal hell.

5. The Gospel of John is pertinent to the discussions.

**John 9:39-41**, "39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, **If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.**"

People who claim to see are held accountable for their sin. The unborn, miscarried and helplessly ignorant are therefore not accountable.

6. Observe who Ezra held accountable to listen to the Law and who is not.

**Nehemiah 8:2-3**, "2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, **and all that could hear with understanding**, upon the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, **and those that could understand**; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

7. **Romans 1:19-24**, "19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 **For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse**: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves."

The person who cannot deduce that there is a Creator with eternal powers due to a lack of intelligence, will have an excuse, but no intelligent person will have an excuse. The idolater is without excuse. An unborn child or mentally incapable person is excused.

8. **Romans 2:14-16**, "14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 **Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;** 16 **In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.**"

Those without conscience, no law written upon their heart, no rational thoughts would be therefore free from the judgement of a just God because where there is no Law, there is no transgression.

**Romans 5:13**, "(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law."

**Romans 7:9**, "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died."

9. When asked who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus used a little child as an object lesson. After His lecture warning against offending, despising little children He tells in **Matthew 18:11**, "...even so, it is not the will of my father, who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish!"

Obviously if He does not desire the perishing of a little humble child, he does not desire an unborn child to perish.

These above thoughts will bring no comfort to a Calvinist who believe that before the foundation of the earth God elected certain persons to salvation as well as damnation. There is no way that a Calvinist would know if their loved one was elected for salvation or damnation.

Neither is any comfort given to those who believe the doctrine of Original Sin which teaches all persons have inherited the guilt of Adam's sin and are therefore, guilty before God and are thus damned because they were never converted.

Furthermore, it brings no comfort to those who believe in baptismal regeneration. You cannot baptize miscarriages, abortions, children born dead, and should not baptize any but believers.

However, those of us who believe that those who do not know right from wrong or cannot reason or believe are not beyond the love and grace of God.

**James 4:17** says, "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin...!" That is the sin of omission. Sin is a transgression of the Law. That is the sin of commission. An infant or mentally incompetent person cannot be guilty of either omission or commission because they cannot disbelieve without a rational mind. He is therefore blameless before God.

The insights we have given here are comforting and we are assured of their salvation by Christ's blood. **1 John 2:2**, "And he (Jesus) is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours (believers) only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

However, let me make myself clear. I am speaking of persons who are of this number before they ever had accountability. I am not speaking of people who lost their reason or accountability from accidents or sickness after accountability had been reached.

Conclusion: Shall not the judge of the earth do right?