

Why Believe In Children?

Sunday Morning, July 10, 2011

Matthew 18:1-14

1. God made children.

a. The first baby came from the Lord.

Genesis 4:1

And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

b. All babies come from the Lord.

Psalms 127:3

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

c. All babies are designed by the Lord.

Psalms 139:13-17

(13) For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

(14) I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

(15) My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

(16) Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

(17) How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

2. God loves children.

a. Kids are the easiest to convert.

Matthew 18:1-3

(1) At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

(2) And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

(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.

b. Kids are the humblest to learn.

Matthew 18:4

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

c. Kids are the greatest to submit.

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Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

3. God protects children.

a. Kids need to be received, not rejected.

Matthew 18:5

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

b. Kids need to be helped, not hindered.

Matthew 18:6-7

(6) But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

(7) Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

c. Kids need to be saved, not lost.

Matthew 18:8-9

(8) Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

(9) And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

d. Kids need to be guarded, not despised.

Matthew 18:10

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

4. God saves children.

a. Jesus saves the lost.

Matthew 18:11

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

b. Jesus seeks the lost.

Matthew 18:12

How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

c. Jesus finds the lost.

Matthew 18:13

And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

d. The Father calls the lost.

Matthew 18:14

Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.