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Where do babies go when they die?

Here are some important considerations when answering this question.

1. God loves _____

This is clear throughout the pages of Scripture (Ps. 127:3; Luke 18; etc.)

2. There is an "Age of _____"

Three important passages point to this truth.

- a. Deuteronomy 1:39 – Even with the Hebrew idea of corporate personality and corporate responsibility, these children were not responsible for the sins of Israel.
- b. Isaiah 7:15,16 – Two references to the time when the boy knows "to refuse the _____, and choose the _____."
- c. Jonah ____: 11 – although this passage is less clear, it appears from the context that the reference is to the ability to distinguish morality.

3. There is hope for those who _____ before they reached the age of accountability

Particularly relevant here is the case of the first child Bathsheba bore to King David. When the infant child had died, David said, "I shall go to him, but he will not _____ to me" (2 Samuel 12:23). This one passage alone offers immense hope and assurance that babies do go to _____.

Does God view all sin the same? Or are some sins "worse" than others?

The answer to that question can be yes or no, depending on the sense in which it is intended.

1. Legal Guilt – ANSWER = _____

Any one sin, even what may seem to be a very little one, makes us legally guilty before God and therefore worthy of eternal punishment. James declares this point: "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10).

2. Results in Life and in Relationship with God – ANSWER = _____

Scripture indicates _____ of seriousness of sin.

- a. Jesus said to Pontious Pilot "he that delivered me unto thee hath the _____ sin." (John 19:11)
- b. God showed Ezekiel visions of sin and said, "thou shalt see _____ abominations." (Ezekiel 8:6, 13, 15)
- c. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the _____ in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5:19)
- d. The Pharisees were condemned for being "Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel." (Matt. 23:24)
- e. _____ is referred to as particularly heinous. "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matt. 6:15)

It is my conclusion that that there ___ a distinction the Bible makes in degrees of sin.

It seems like people talk a lot during announcements. What can we do to stop that?

This is really a matter of _____. Look no further than _____ for a Biblical principle of why we need to get better at this.

Why do you think Jesus was born in the winter?

As far as the date of Christ's birth is concerned, this is rather unimportant in comparison with the message. The truth is we don't know the exact date. With that said, I tend to agree with Dr. Henry M. Morris who notes that it is unlikely that _____ is the actual date of Christ's birth.

"Perhaps the most probable date, though no one really knows, is about _____. This was the first day of the great Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, when thousands of pilgrims from all over Israel went up to Jerusalem to dwell in small 'tabernacles' or booths, commemorating their wilderness and anticipating the coming kingdom, when God Himself would 'tabernacle with them (note Rev. 21:3). This would have been a good time for the Roman census, with the weather still _____ and most of the harvest in, and with people traveling anyway. Shepherds would likely still have their flocks in the field, whereas none of this seems at all likely in the _____." (The Bible Has Answers, Grand Rapids: Baker book House, 1971), 202.