

Redemption and Being Incapacitated

What we are speaking of in being incapacitated, is referring to death at the point of being mentally incapacitated, as a still born baby.

Last Sunday we began a very important study on Redemption. There is so much involved in our Salvation. One of the most confusing issues to many people is what happens after the death of a baby—unborn, baby or the death of one who is mentally incapable and the one who dies before reaching that age of accountability. One is born, but one who does not reach the age of accountability which means not old enough or unable to grasp believing in Jesus Christ as their savior. This age of incapacitated can be many different ages or years for various ages. There are a few named in the Bible who are declared as living before God before birth, so therefore this refers to those who may die before birth.

Please remember that there are two major points on salvation. One is negative and the other positive. The negative is removal of sins; the positive is receiving God's perfect Righteousness.

Now, we first note the one who never reaches accountability. They never reject Jesus Christ as Savior—so by the Justice of God they are brought into a state of being with God forever or in a state of salvation before God.

The person who refuses to believe in Jesus Christ spends all eternity in the lake of first separated from God and Jesus Christ.

To be condemned you have to reject Jesus Christ as savior.

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They are not judged for having sins, because on the cross Jesus bore the judgment for all sins. All sins are forgiven Ephesians 1:7 and Ephesians 2:8-9. For all sins are taken care of by the person and work of Jesus Christ.

But even though sins are taken care of, of all people, one must have the perfect righteousness of God, and the only way to receive perfect righteousness is by faith in Jesus Christ; or to be condemned you have to have rejected Jesus Christ as your savior.

But since those are incapable of ever reaching the point of believing in Jesus Christ they are taken care by the fair justice of God. On the cross all sins are forgiven. I hope you begin to grasp how important the Spiritual death of Christ is.

Why the forgiveness of sins and receiving forgiveness is according to the riches of His Grace.

The only way of removing sins is by the work of Christ on the cross. Since Jesus Christ alone died for all our sins, therefore no one will be saved by giving up their sins (Ephesians 2:8-9 & Titus 3:4).

The only sin that can keep a person separated from God is the sin of unbelief or rejection of Jesus Christ as Savior (John 16:8-11). Therefore, since one has never reached the point of accountability and sins are paid for by Jesus Christ, they will not have the basic sin of condemnation stated in John 16:9 *concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me*. Therefore, by the justice of God, they will be with Jesus Christ for all eternity. But again, those who are not accountable and cannot even understand salvation alone by faith alone are not held accountable for that which they cannot understand. They cannot understand sin therefore they cannot reject Jesus as their personal savior. A very important passage on this is in

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Romans 1:20, *but since the creation of all the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.*

This is, they are without excuse before the justice of God. Since those we are looking at are not even able to understand all that God is and has done, they are with excuse, by the judgment of God They are not going to be judged for that which they do not even understand.

By the justice of God, salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone. These are not accountable and are without sins. But the only condemning sin is rejection of Jesus Christ as Savior.

We have learned in John 16:8-11 that Satan is judged, proving the judgement of all who refuse to believe in Jesus Christ. So again, refusing to believe in Jesus Christ is the sin that sends mankind into eternity without Jesus Christ.

Let's apply the words of Isaiah. 41:10 to those who are forgiven of sins and born mentally incapacitated and therefore are saved by the Justice of God.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand.

If so, this declares the salvation of everyone whose sins are removed but mentally incapacitated as to decisions about Jesus Christ.

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Also let's find comfort in the place of those who are mentally incapacitated or unborn or are born as babies.

Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said let the children alone and do not hinder them from coming to Me, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Note they are such as those who have not rejected to Jesus and free of sin, so we are to go to them and to all people, with the saving of the gospel.

In Closing:

1. Are babies innocent of sin? Yes, for Christ bore all the sins of the world. The only sin that condemns us is rejecting Jesus as your Savior. *'concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me.*
2. What is the only sin that condemns mankind to eternal lake of fire? Rejection of Jesus as your savior.
3. Are babies or anyone who do not have the ability to make decisions of good and bad (for Christ or against Christ) are they able to enter the Promise Land? Yes, according to Deut. 1:39: *Moreover, your little ones who you have said would be prey, and your sons who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there and I will give it to them and they shall possess it.*" The context is on entering the land of Promise but certainly this would apply to the promise land of eternity.
4. What was the wisdom of Job in regards to his desire to have been still born as opposed to being born with understanding?

This calls for an intense study of Job 3:11-17. In summary, Job realizes that his being born with understanding was not as rich as

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being stillborn (verse 13). He would have been free of suffering in sin (verse 17). He would have been at 'rest'. (verse 17).

5. In Ecclesiastes 6:3-5 Solomon compares the long life that is miserable (aware of good and bad) with the life of being born stillborn. This stillbirth is much better off than the one who dies with no hope.