

## For Parents and Loved Ones of Children from Conception until Baptism and after Baptism...

### 1. GOD'S RELATIONSHIP TO AND VIEW OF CHILDREN

Psalms 127 "...children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward..."

Psalms 139 "...for You have formed my inward parts, You have covered me in my mother's womb...Your eyes saw my substance being yet unformed, and in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them..."

### 2. DEVIL AND WORLD AND FALLEN MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO CHILDREN

Revelation 12 "...and the dragon was enraged...and went to make war with her offspring..."

Matthew 2: 16-18 "...then Herod...was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children..."

Psalms 106:34-48 "...but they mingled with the Gentiles and learned their works, they served their idols which became a snare to them. They even sacrificed their sons and daughters to demons and shed innocent blood..."

### 3. GOD'S INTENT TO PROTECT / PERSERVE HIS CREATION - LITTLE ONES

Matthew 18:1-6 "...you must repent and become like children...whoever would make one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better if he drowned..."

Matthew 19:13-15 "...suffer the little children to come to Me and forbid them not for such is the kingdom of heaven..."

II Timothy 3:10-17 "...and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus..."

### 4. GOD DELIVERS HIS LITTLE CHILDREN FROM A CURSED WORLD

II Samuel 12:13-23 "...and the Lord struck the child...so David said; '...I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me...' "

- NOTE:
- a. God had already forgiven David.
  - b. God was acting in the interest of everyone's life and well being.
  - c. David mourned and grieved while the child lived—he washed, ate, and worshipped once the child was dead.
  - d. The child died before it was circumcised and named.
  - e. David confesses that the child is in heaven.

I Kings 14:1-13 "...arise therefore, go to your house. When your feet enter the city, the child shall die, And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he is the only one of Jeroboam who shall come to the grave, because in him there was found something good toward the Lord God of Israel.



### SYMBOL FOR BAPTISM

The shell is used very frequently as a symbol for Holy Baptism. Three drops of water indicate baptism, "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

