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## Where Do Babies Go When They Die?

*Selected Scripture*

### Introduction:

I have begged God more than once to be gracious to me and never allow me to outlive any of my kids or grandkids. I confess, I don't know what under heaven I would do if I faced that situation. And all the while I know I speak to people today that know fully the pain of which I speak.

"The death of someone you love is like an amputation."

--C.S. Lewis

"It would be wise to sympathize as far as we can, than to sit in judgment upon a case which has never been our own."

--Charles Spurgeon

"The death of a child is like a period being placed before the end of a sentence."

--Anonymous

### **1. Rest assured that the value of a life can never be measured by a certain amount of days**

#### J. Vernon McGee:

"Although the span of life of your little one was brief, or maybe never left the womb, your child completed a mission, served a purpose, and performed a God-appointed task in this world. The child's presence, or your thoughts of him, turned your heart to its best. Your little one's helplessness brought out your strength and protection, and your child's loveliness roused your tenderness and love. The little one's influence will linger in your heart as long as you live. If anything can bring a man to God, it is a child."

### **2. Rest assured that in heaven your baby is doing just fine (II Samuel 12:16-23)**

2 Samuel 18:33 (ESV) *The king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"*

- Our children are safer in the arms of Jesus than in the arms of anyone else.

### 3. Rest Assured That Heaven Grows Sweeter Every Day (John 14:1-3)

- Jesus takes from the earth's family...in order to form heavens family.
- Perplexing Thought:  
*Couples that have lost a child tell us of the incredible grief they experience, while couples that are experiencing trouble conceiving their child speak of another level of grief...both undoubtedly need the grace of almighty God.*

### 4. Rest Assured That God Has Made No Mistakes In His Plan

Deuteronomy 29:29 (NKJV) *The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

Vance Havner:

“Why are so many useful people taken and so many useless people left on the earth? We do not know...but, after all, that is God's business...and we will not use earth's fleeting time to unravel what only eternity can reveal.”

C.S. Lewis:

“Perhaps you do not see this now, and I am sure that I cannot explain it in detail, but in death is where you can trust God. He permits us to suffer here, and in this world of sin it is part of His discipline for a higher place.”

### 5. Rest Assured That In Jesus You Will See Your Child Again (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

- Let me be clear: I believe all babies will be in heaven when they die. Not because they are innocent, because every child is born into sin. *Romans 5:12 says; “Therefore sin entered because of one man and death through sin, and thus death has spread to all men, because all have sinned.”*
- Babies go to heaven because God credits their sins to Jesus Christ... because they are too young to believe, and the requirement of personal faith is waived for that baby.
- There is no certain age of accountability, and every child has a different capacity and mental development. Therefore, any child dying before coming to realization of sin is covered by the grace of God.

#### Closing thoughts for those who have lost a child:

- A. God loves you
- B. God loves your baby