

Questions and Answers.

“ Children dying before the age of responsibility. It seems as though all the Bible teachers agree they are saved. But does not this follow in the line of universal salvation?

We do not know the age of “ responding :

but we do realize Ephesians 1. 3 and Psalm 57. 5, and the need of the blood of Christ for **any**, however young. This is typified in Exodus 13. 13, 15 (so in the Passover the **age** of the first-born did not affect the necessity). And, contrastedly, the **virgin** birth of the Spotless One reminds us we are born **lost**. We do not know **how** young some may believe (Matt. 18. 6, 21. 16). God's sovereign grace is seen in Luke 1. 15. Matthew 2. 17, 18, with the comfort and promise of Jeremiah 33. 16, would set forth the **sure inclusion** in the power of the blood of Christ of the great number dying in infancy. But this is, by no means, universalism: it depends on God's sovereignty, and rather, emphasizes NON-universalism, for part of the confirming evidence is that those **condemned** are declared to have “ works ” (Rev. 20. 12, 15) of a character not reckoned by God to babes (Jonah 4. 11). If it be asked “Does God bring His truth before those who die in infancy suddenly, or do they receive faculties of full growth and removal of helplessness at moment preceding death or afterwards?” We would **choose silence** when God has not revealed. It is our joy to know He is perfect and unlimited, and we shall admire anew His perfect ways when unveiled.
