

What is a child's part in knowing God and how does a parent cover them

We are all born naturally with a spirit given to us by God that is alive to God at our birth

Zech 12:1 **...The LORD, who...formed the spirit within humans.** NLT

John 1:9 **...The true Light who gives light to every person coming into the world.**

Briefly we don't know right from wrong but as we become aware of our conscience we do

Isa 7:16 **For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good;**

Rom 2:14-15 **Gentiles, who...instinctively follow what the law says, show that in their hearts they know right from wrong; they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their own consciences (the voice of their spirits) echo God's yes and no, right from wrong.** NLT/NKJV/MSGE

All of us aged 3-5 knowing what is wrong but still choosing to do it, our spirits die to God

Rom 7:9-11 **I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin (self-will) revived and I died (to God)...For sin (self-will), taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me (to God).**

Eze 18:2 **The soul who sins shall die. The parent will not bear the guilt of the child;**

Rom 6:16 **...You are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether sin (disobedience) resulting in death (to God), or of obedience resulting in righteousness.**

Now my #1 need is for my spirit to be born again, or if I was but sinned, to be revived again

John 3:7 (Jesus) **Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again".**

Isa 57:15 **...I dwell...with those who have a contrite and humble spirit, to revive (re-life) the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.**

My conscience knows God's yes and no, and my eyes see proof He exists in the skies

Ps 19:1 NLT **The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his handiwork.**

2-4 **Day after day they speak; night after night they make Him known. their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world...**

In Romans 1 and 2, God notes that because my conscience is evidence of His existence, and all around me I see evidence of His creation, I have no excuse for not knowing Him.

To connect or re-connect with God I must let Him deal with my sins that have separated us

The first step, with both, is for me to receive God's forgiveness on the basis that Christ bore my sins on the cross. If I've already been born again I can't be re-forgiven unless I first forgive everyone of everything from my heart, since Christ bore their sins too on the cross.

Acts 3:19 **Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,**

Matt 6:14 **If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will forgive you.**

By the new birth or being revived I am a natural Christian still prone to doing my own will

I now need to be loved by and fed constantly with the milk of God's living words, by a godly parent or a godly church member. Such words spoken by God through one of His children to me are spirit and life and will cause my re-born or re-lived spirit to grow and be more Christ-like and start to contend with my human nature which is infected with self-will. But I'm still more natural than spiritual, and I will likely keep stumbling and needing to keep being re-forgiven. For God to break this cycle I must believe He wants to baptize me with, fill my spirit with, His Holy Spirit. When I receive God's Spirit, by believing His words that promise me His Spirit, my will is moved from being controlled by my human nature or self, into being controlled and led by God's Spirit as His child. He's now my Lord or owner.

1 Cor 3:1-2 **I couldn't talk to you as I would to mature Christians. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life. I had to feed you with milk and not with solid food...** NLT

3 **For you are still controlled by your own sinful desires. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your own desires? You act like the people of the world.**

Rom 8:9 **But you do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, you live as the Spirit tells you to, if in fact, God's Spirit lives in you.** (Born again, but) **whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.**
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How is a child covered by a godly parent; when they obey a parent, for so they obey God

Eph 6:1 **Children, obey your parents (who are) in the Lord, for this is right(eous).**

2-3 **Honor (value and respect) your father and mother...so that it may be well with you (in this life and for eternity) and you may live long on the earth.**

4 **You parents...bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord**

When children obey their godly parents, God views it as obeying Him, and so all the blessings, benefits and protections of heaven will follow them. Godly parents, who are of one heart, cover their children (1) By loving them, by forgiving them and feeding them with God's living words, (2) By seeking specific promises from God for them and believing them, assured that God foreknows the choices they will make, so interceding for them in prayer. (3) By constantly thanking God for His gift of a child, allowing Him to silence their enemies. (4) By believing God on their behalf for healing, and taking authority over any evil spirits. Children with ungodly parents don't have this blessing but will find it, to a degree, in a Church fellowship of godly believers, if, the children respect them and obey their counsel.

In the Old Testament God didn't hold children, under 20 years old, accountable for Israel's refusal to enter the promised land. While the New Testament does not say so explicitly, it can be inferred from this that parental or church coverings remain in force until that age. But any promise given by God to a parent for a child has no expiration, while it is believed.

Isa 54:13 **All your children shall be taught by the LORD, And great shall be the peace (Hebrew word is shalom, it means the salvation) of your children.**