

– Ezekiel 16.20-21 –
Our Children in God's Eyes

Ezekiel 16:20 And you took your sons and daughters whom you bore to me and sacrificed them as food to the idols. Was your prostitution not enough? 21 You slaughtered my children and made them pass through the fire to the idols.

* What do Christian parents tend to sense instinctively when God gives them a child?

* What does our text tell us about how God views our children?

* How do we tend to get confused when we bring those instincts to baptism?

* Seven things Scripture teaches us:

(1) What does it teach us about Abraham, his faith, and his children?

(2) God intends his children to be brought up ...

(3) A little child's faith does not look like adult faith, but ...

When you tell your child about God and Jesus ...

The faith of a small child is ... (Mat 18.3-4).

To be converted is to become ... (Mat 18.3).

We tend to limit faith to those who can ...

A child's faith is immature, but ...

When we expect a child raised in the faith to come to a conversion experience, we are signaling to them ...

(4) A child brought up in the faith is ...

(5) We should focus on ..., not ...

How does the parable of the sower help us?

(6) We should grab our children by their ...

We should not use ... to fight ...

(7) We should feed our children ...

Paul addresses the children of believers as ... (1Cor 7.14; Eph 1.1b; 6.1-3).

Paul says all members of the Body are ... (1Cor 10.18-17).

If our children are ..., they should get ...

* In sum, how should we view and treat our children?