

## What is the age of accountability?

By Jon Mitchell

The term "age of accountability" is a man-made term used to describe a biblical concept, kind of like "Golden Rule" or "Great Commission."

The Bible teaches that children are born and for a time remain sinless & innocent. Ezekiel 18:1-20 states quite clearly that we do not inherit the sins of our parents. Ezekiel 28:15 has God telling a human being, "You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till unrighteousness was found in you," showing that there is a time in our lives during which we were innocent, with no unrighteousness in us. In Romans 9:10-11, Paul talked about Jacob and Esau before they were born while they were still in the womb of their mother, and stated that during that time they "had done nothing either good or bad." This teaches us that children are born sinless and innocent, and during childhood we remain sinless and innocent. That's why Jesus told adults in Matthew 18:3-4 that they had to be like little children in order to be in the kingdom. When is a person accountable?

However, the Bible also speaks of a time when we become accountable for our actions. Isaiah 7:15 speaks of a time when a young man will come to "know how to refuse the evil and choose the good," in other words, become accountable. Before they became accountable, they were sinless and innocent. Paul would say in Romans 7:9 that he was "alive," spiritually speaking, at that time. However, in vs. 10-11 of Romans 7 he then spoke of a time when sin entered his life and he "died" spiritually. When he was accountable, when he knew how to refuse the evil and choose the good and yet he chose evil, that's when he sinned. And it would be at that point that he and all the rest of us would need God's grace, we would need forgiveness, we would need to obey the gospel.

Is there a specific, set age for when that time of accountability occurs? No, because each person is different. When each of us becomes accountable for our actions and choices depends upon a variety of social and environmental factors. Children mature at different rates and ages as their spirits are fashioned, shaped, and molded by parents, teachers, and life's experiences. That's why there is no set age of accountability.

### Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	January 30, 2022	February 6, 2022
Announcements	Jason Bang	Sam Martin
Song Leading	John McGiffin	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer	Chris McGiffin	Jerry Thompson
Lord's Supper Comments	Curt Thompson	Tim Bang
Scripture Reading	Owen Whittington	Chris McGiffin
Sermon	Tom Muter	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer	Sam Martin	Duane Kemp

Please call John or email him at [jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com](mailto:jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

## Things you should know about!

Communion is available as you come in the building, please take only what is needed for today. Hold on to the emblems until the proper time.

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## Happy Birthday!!!

Amie Allen 2/4

Jessica Gaynor 2/6

McKayah Musselman 2/7

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*February 13th will be our next potluck.*

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If you would like to contribute to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, you can give money to Jason or place in the offering plate... please be sure to mark it accordingly.

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### Born Again? (John 3)

Jay Launius – 2020 Maud church of Christ

There was a man named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews,  
Who had heard about the man named Jesus from all the local news.

So in the night he went to see Him, and to Him questions asked,  
"Teacher I know you're from God, because of your miraculous task."

Jesus said, "You must be born again or the kingdom you cannot see,  
Nicodemus was puzzled about it all and said, "How can this be?"

"Can a person return to his mother's womb and there to start anew?"  
Jesus said, "Born of the water and the Spirit this you can surely do."

Jesus went on to explain what He meant, the Gospel plan revealed,  
The Son of Man must be lifted up so sin can all be healed.

God loved the world so much, He sacrificed His own Son,  
So that all that would believe on Him, eternal life can be won.

Light has come into the world, to show men their evil deeds,  
But those who accept this Light, God provides all of their needs.

So we must be like Nicodemus, and seek the Master's call,  
Obedient to the Gospel and be born again, then salvation is for all!

**Bible Verse of the Week**

“This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’” Acts 4:11

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**Lord’s Supper Reflection 2020 –Why Did Jesus Die?**

*Jesus Died to Grant us Freedom*

“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’” John 8:31-32

**Offering Meditation**

*Your Gift Honors God*

“Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10

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**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders
- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement, recovering from being sick
- \*Henry Morgan (Rena Morgan’s son) has COVID, in the hospital on a ventilator
- \*Justin King (Tammy Seiber’s nephew) fell and has blood clots in his lungs.
- \*Dustin & Sharon (friends of the McGiffins) are looking for a house to buy in the area
- \*Beth Martin (Sam Martin’s mom) has COVID.
- \*Amber Sutton (co-worker of Laura McGiffin) is 30 weeks pregnant and has COVID
- \*Jessica (Alexa Rohr’s twin sister) has glaucoma and the pressure in her eyes has been extremely high this past week.

- \*Nancy Wilson (friend of Stephanie Bang) facing major health challenges
- \*Karen Oyler (friend of Stephanie Bang) recently had surgery for breast cancer and just found out that she also has cancer in her bones and lungs.
- \*Steven Haguewood is home recovering from a large pulmonary embolism

**How can we be praying for YOU?**

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

Sunday, January 23		Wednesday, January 26	
Bible Classes	21	Attendance	25
AM Attendance	22		
PM Attendance	11	Contribution	\$.00

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



## January 30, 2022

Worship Times:

Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guests and we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card and let us get to know you.