

# PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER

- Why are you a member of the church of Christ?
- To whom is the local church important?
- What is the church's responsibility?
- Can we trust the canon?
- How does God give instructions?
- What do we do when God is silent about an issue?
- When does a person reach the age of accountability?
- What happens when we die?



When is a young person ready  
to become a Christian?



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“Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the **father** as well as the soul of the **son** is Mine. The soul who sins will die.”

- Ezekiel 18:4





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- There comes a time when that innocence goes away.



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“But solid food is for the mature, **who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.**”

- Hebrews 5:14





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Now when they heard this, **they were pierced to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”  
- Acts 2:37



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“For God so loved the world, that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

- John 3:16



“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.”

- Romans 5:8-9





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Parents



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