

## *“The Epistle Of Haley”*

- Your life is an *“epistle”* – 2 Corinthians 3:2-3
- Your *“epistle”* is read by everyone – 1 Thess. 5:27, 2 Cor. 3:2
- The *“epistle”* of the LOST will be read at the *“Great White Throne”* judgment – Rev. 20:12 ... God’s grace and mercy puts the SAVED into God’s *“Book of Life”*.
- A *“Baby Dedication”* isn’t a *“Good Luck Charm”*.

### **1.- Hannah – 1 Samuel 1:27-28**

- Hannah presented Samuel to the Lord, as God’s gift – Ps. 127:3
- She released the OWNERSHIP of Samuel, to God.

### **2.- Mary & Joseph – Luke 2:22**

- Mary & Joseph given the responsibility to raise God’s Son.

### **3.- Jesus – Mark 10:13-16**

**10:13a** – The Disciples weren’t too pleased with the interruption.

**10:14a** – Jesus made it clear that children were important.

**10:13** – They brought children for Jesus to *“touch”* them – **10:16**

**10:14b-15** – *“for of such is the kingdom of God”*.

- You must enter God’s Kingdom like a *“little child”*.

Like *“children”*, what do we DEPEND on God for?

- 1 **For SALVATION** – Children depend on parents for survival.
  - Ephesians 2:8-9 – We depend on God for salvation.
- 1 **For STRENGTH** – Children have no strength of their own.
  - Philippians 4:13 – Our strength comes from the Lord.
- 2 **For WISDOM** – Children aren’t very smart!?!?
  - James 1:5 – Our wisdom comes from God.
- 3 **For PROTECTION** – Children depend on their parents.
  - 2 Thess. 3:3 – God can protect us from Satan’s attacks.
- 4 **For PROVISION** – Children can’t provide for themselves.
  - Philippians 4:19 – God supplies all our needs.

- We’re to love God, even more than our children – Mt. 10:37-38
- Our children belong to God – Ephesians 6:4
- We must submit to God’s plan for our children.
- Children learn by watching and imitating.
- Sufficiency for parenting comes from God alone.