



CHILD DEDICATION

What is Child Dedication?

It is a non-compulsory privilege given to Christian parents regularly attending our church to publicly confess the following:

1. That they recognize their child as a special gift from God.
2. That they promise, by God's grace, to live a life and to teach the Christian faith in such a way that will encourage their child to want to accept Christ as Savior and Lord, surrendering their whole life to Him in Love.
3. That they, as parents, will desire God's will be done, as they plan and prepare their child's future.

When should it be done?

There is no age limit although most children are dedicated under the age of twelve. Children are usually dedicated either (i) just after birth, (ii) when a child is adopted into their new forever-family or (iii) upon a parent's life commitment to Christ.

What does it do for the child?

The preparations of the parents' hearts throughout this act of dedication has a significant spillover into the quality of life for the child. The greatest gift a parent can give a child is a Christian, loving, stable home. The act in itself does not change the spiritual state of the child. The children of Christian parents are special in the sight of God, and kept until such a time, as they are old enough to make a personal commitment to Him. As the child grows, it is good for you to share the event and feeling of this act with your child, and to invite them to help you in the keeping of these vows.

What are the spiritual requirements of parents?

Each parent should be firmly convinced in their own mind that they are a born again child of God. Each parent should be seriously intending to keep the promise they make as it is far better not to promise, than to intentionally break one. In the case of only one believing parent, the other active parent should vow to encourage and not to hinder their children's spiritual growth in becoming a Christ follower.