

## Whose Child?

*God loves children in a special way.*

1. As CREATOR... God gives life to every child. Every human being that is born, rightfully belongs to God. This fact is not changed by the individual's disobedience to God, which cuts his/her fellowship with the creator. Man is still not his own master in the universe and is ultimately accountable to God for his actions in this life.
2. As REDEEMER... Christ by His own blood has paid the price for every man's restoration to God. By that Blood, God can rightfully claim the life of every individual, even though some by their own self-will can reject this claim. Everyone, including children, who accepts Christ's redemption, has submitted themselves to God's claim and acknowledge they belong to God..."For you are not your own but have been bought with a price". (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
3. As a PROTECTOR...Children have a special place in God's Kingdom.
  - Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for such belong to the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 19:14)
  - "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in Heaven." (Matthew 18:10)
  - Jesus called a child and made him stand in front of (the disciples), and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child. And whoever welcomes in my name one such child as this, welcomes me. If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose his faith in me, it would be better for that person to have drowned in the deep sea." (Matthew 18:2-6)

If we accept that the child truly belongs to God, we must also accept that God alone has the authority to determine the nature of the child's education.