

Parental Impact on Their Child's Election

Faith alone in Christ alone has resulted in his adoption into the Royal Family and the “putting on of Christ,” literally through the baptism of the Holy Spirit and figuratively through the toga virilis of perfect righteousness.

The election of eternity past now becomes an historical reality at the moment of personal faith in Christ. God knew of the decision in eternity past and made provision for all who believe in eternity past. But volition must be free to choose without coercion or cajoling. Once done, election is real and 40 things accrue to the believer at the moment of salvation.

And so, although the child is known by God to be one of the elect, he is born in bondage to the Law until he expresses positive volition to the Gospel. This is the point of adoption into the Royal Family and where the pedagogue of the Law is dismissed as no longer necessary.

This sequence of events is the subject of Galatians 4:3, Galatians 4:4, and Galatians 4:5.

Galatians 4:3 - So also, while we were children [*nepios*, small child], we were slaves, held in constant bondage under the didactics of the Cosmic Academy.

Kochakian, Mary Jo. “Expert Says: Positive Attention, Then Discipline.” St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Wed., 11 Oct. 1995, p. 4E.

There is so much information in this verse that we simply cannot casually pass over it. First of all, the reference to believers who “were children” indicates by the use of the word *nepios* that they were originally unbelievers. In this status of unbelief, they were recognized by God by means of His omnipotence, to be among the elect. Even so, during this period of unbelief, the unbeliever functions under the enforced humility of cosmic theology.

The word teaches its own varieties of religious thought to which the unbeliever subscribes. Being in bondage to the sinful nature and thus to its tendencies, trends, and lust patterns, the unbeliever will develop some kind of metaphysical belief system.

The Satanic faculty has, over the millennia, developed quite a number of religions which are presented to each generation in various packages. Each recognizes some supreme being but none reveals the valid method by which fallen humanity can escape his bondage to sin. Yet, false doctrine is developed and presented by means of cosmic didactics which convince the unbeliever that he has found a way to please God or acquire eternal life. But only the truth of the saving work of Jesus Christ can serve as the means by which a person may become the adopted son of God.

Religions however seek to convince the unbeliever that by getting right with his fellowman, he can get right with God. This is backwards! The Bible clearly reveals that only by getting right with God does mankind have a prayer of getting right with his fellowman. In fact, we may develop from this a principle:

The Christian way of life stresses our relationship with God at the expense, if necessary, of our relationship with fellowmen. Religion stresses our relationship with fellowmen at the expense, if necessary, of our relationship with God. Children, while under the influence of their sinful natures will first of all develop extreme self-centeredness which religion will seek to modify with humanistic theories, i.e., multiculturalism.

Under enforced humility, parents must first of all rid the child of his self-centeredness and then introduce him to God and Christ from which virtue love for fellowmen will develop. During this period of development under enforced humility by means of the pedagogue of parental policies and the goads of pain and suffering from punishment clauses, the mother and father must constantly seek to evangelize their child. Thus, there is a dual mission. First the effort to lead the child from enforced to genuine humility under establishment truth. Secondly, to lead the child out from under the enforced humility of the pedagogue and under the genuine humility of doctrinal integrity.

No parent knows if his child will accept Jesus as the Christ. But since they do not know, they must constantly seek to present Christ to them as the only means of eternal salvation. It must always be remembered by parents that their child's sinful nature will cause him to naturally gravitate toward the teachings of the Cosmic Academy.

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