## Praying for Our Children by Jack Young

### Sample prayers:

"Protect my children by the covering blood of Jesus. I pray that they will know the power of the blood to defeat all the works of the evil one. By that power, bind the enemy from interfering with your perfect will in their lives." (John 17:15; I John 4:4)

"Bless my children with the joy that comes from knowing you and walking with you. You alone will be their joy and peace. Fill them completely with your joy so that they will not pursue the world's pleasure." (Phil. 4:4; Neh. 8:10)

### Thoughts to ponder:

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, that it is complete, and the reading of it and obedience to it will make man complete (II Timothy 3:16).

If the age of accountability or knowing the exact age when a child crosses from not being accountable for sin to being accountable for sin was important, it would be in the Bible. We would find it, determine exactly when a child should be baptized, then have those children line up for baptism on their birthdays. But as it is, there are no special rules given in the Bible for when a child should be baptized.

Do these few statements make your mind wander toward God's Will and His idea for salvation? There is a prophecy from Jeremiah which describes the new covenant that would be between God and His New Testament people, the Church, the Kingdom of God:

#### Read Jeremiah 31:31-35

The old covenant had many laws which defined sin (Gal. 3:19) to show people what sin was and what sin did to their relationship with God. The new covenant does not have a lot of laws but was called instead the "Law of Liberty" (James 1:25) that changed a man so much that his behavior suddenly changed for the good. It was written on people's hearts, not stone. It was written on a tender heart of the obedient. The world was supposed to be a better place because of this new law. (John 10:10)

# Pray that your children will be pledged to be obedient to God.

Bless you, Love, Jack Young