



## **What Does it Mean to Dedicate a Child to Christ?**

Child dedication is more about you than your child. As parents presenting your child to the Lord in a public setting, you signify your own personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and that you have a desire to see God's will carried out in the life of your child. You acknowledge your place as stewards of what really belongs to God – your child!

Dedication should not be entered into because "it is the thing to do." It's more serious than that. Christian Dedication of a child is a dedication of the parents to be godly role models, to be like Christ in their child's life.

You also will be agreeing to oversee your child's Christian development. Scripture tells us that we are to "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). This means not only worshipping with a church family regularly, but training them in the home as well.

And last but not least, you should ask yourself if you really want to see your child serve God. Would you like to see your child become a preacher, a Christian businessman, a missionary, or a common laborer for Christ? Dedication of children to God means handing them over to Him to do with as he pleases. An act of dedication is an act of faith in God, trusting him to call the children wisely and mercifully.

If you believe it is a great privilege to offer a child back to the Creator, and wish to stand before God and the Church to dedicate your child, please sign up at the ministry table.