

What Is Christian Education?

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Christian education, properly understood, is *not* the teaching that is done by Christian teachers in the state schools. We are thankful for such Christian teachers and believe that they stand as one of the last bulwarks against the flooding in of secularism, lawlessness, and the breakdown of family and society today. But Christian education means far more than having Christian teachers in state schools.

Christian education is education that completely and consistently Christian. It is education that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. It is education that is controlled not by the civil government but by Christian parents. That is not to say that a Christian school is merely a glorified Sabbath School. It is and ought to be a school which teaches the same subjects that are taught in the state schools, but all from a Biblical perspective and with a Christian emphasis.

A Christian school is a school in which history is taught as HIS-story, the story of God's dealings with the nations. It is a school which teaches science in light of the fundamental truth that the universe in which we live is created and ruled by God. It teaches mathematics never forgetting that mathematics "works" because God is a God of order and harmony. It teaches reading so that the students can read the Bible as well as other books, and judge all they read in the light of Scripture.

A Christian school is a school in which the teachers are all men and women of sound minds, filled with the Spirit of God, who can be examples of godliness and holiness to the students, and who will not teach the filth and false philosophies of the world in which we live. In such a school not only the instruction but also the discipline are controlled by the teaching of God's Word. In it the students are brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 4:4).

Put very simply, a truly Christian school is a school in which Jesus Christ is King and Lord of all that is done. This is the kind of education we believe this province and this country need. We invite all those who are of the same mind to join with us in the work of providing such education for our children.