

Is Christian Education Worthwhile?

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Even if we agree that Christian schools are necessary, there is still the difficult and daunting task of actually setting up Christian schools. The sacrifices required of parents in terms of money, time, and commitment must not be minimized. The cost alone is enormous. In fact, it is probably the cost of Christian education more than anything else that led to the demise of nearly all the Christian schools that once existed in this country.

Is Christian education in Christian schools worth such a high cost? Ought parents be asked to make such a huge commitment not only in money, but also in time and effort to the cause of Christian education? We believe that Christian education is worthy of our best efforts and of the greatest sacrifices, especially when its benefits are considered.

What are the benefits of Christian education?

The first and most obvious benefit is that our children receive a thoroughly Biblical and Christian upbringing. The importance of this is seen in Proverbs 22:6; "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." That is God's sure promise and our only hope for our children in this corrupt world in which we live. How can we ever be sure that our children will not depart from God's way (as so many of them are doing today) when they are trained for over six hours a day, five days a week, ten months of the year, in other ways, even in ways that they ought *not* go?

Another obvious benefit of Christian education is that our children are sheltered, *as they ought to be*, during the formative years of their life from many evil teachings and influences. Not only we but we *and our children* are commanded in Scripture to "come out from among them and be separate" and to refuse even to touch the unclean thing (II Corinthians 6:17). To those who do God promises to be a Father and have them as His sons and daughters. As much as we desire that for our children, by so much let us come out and be separate in this matter of Christian education! And when the cause of Christian education looks to be beyond our resources and strength, let us remember that "our help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth."