

# CITRUS PARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## *PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*

Our philosophy is based upon the Word of God, the source of all wisdom in the area of child development. The word "*philosophy*" comes from Greek words meaning, "love of wisdom." Since the time of the garden of Eden, man has desired to be wise and has done all he knows to do to know all truth (Gen. 3:5). In searching for the truth, every man develops a system of values and beliefs that directs his every action. This plan or system becomes his philosophy of life.

The Christian must develop his philosophy by studying God's Word, the Bible (John 17:17). God's Word is truth and is the only standard by which one can chart his life.

The Apostle Paul warns us not to be spoiled by the philosophies of this world, philosophies such as materialism, situation ethics, humanism or other New Age thought behaviors (Col. 2:8). Paul defines a Christian philosophy as one that follows after Christ, and not after the world, because in Christ "*are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*" (Col. 2:3)

The Christian's philosophy must be based on the Lord Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the Scriptures. A man whose system of values and beliefs is determined by any source other than God's Word is susceptible to worldly influences and error.

There are certain Biblical truths that help us recognize the need for Christian education:

- God created man in His Own image.
- Man has inherited a sin nature, is condemned before God and needs a Savior.
- God has provided for man's salvation through the gift of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ and His work at Calvary.
- The church is the body of Christ, composed of every true believer from Pentecost to the Rapture.

Although the term, "Christian Education" does not occur in the Bible, it does say a great deal about the education of young people. The Word of God speaks of moral and spiritual instruction of the believer in general and of children in particular (Deu. 6:6-7; Prov. 3:5-6).

God makes it plain that His will for all Christians is that they "*be adequate, equipped for every good work*" (II Tim. 5:17 NASV). To accomplish this task, God gives men various gifts "*for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ*" (Eph. 4:12-13 KJV).

These verses describe the goal of Christian education: to help create in every young person the likeness of Christ. As boys and girls learn to walk in the light of God's Word, then the goals of holiness and character will become a part of their lives.

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