The Baptist Faith & Message

What We Believe: Education

MORNING SERVICE

"Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the preeminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists." (BF&M, Article XII)

The foundation for Christian Education is God's Word. (2 Timothy 3:10-17)

Pastors and teachers must teach the Word no matter how popular. (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

The saints are to be trained and taught how to grow into the likeness of Jesus. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

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EVENING SERVICE

Education must be done in the home. (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

The Followers of God must be devoted to the Apostles teaching. (Acts 2:41-47)