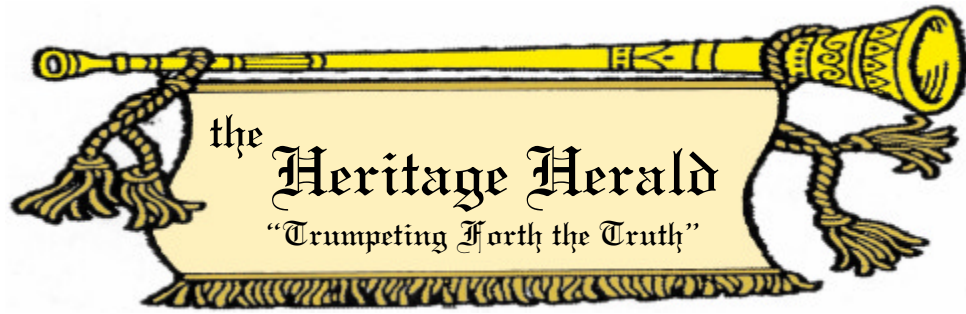




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Church-School Education

Houses are built by men who have many tools at their disposal and have the skills to know how to use them. Christian education provides the tools and the know-how for students to develop into morally sound, Bible-believing Christians.

In Christian education, students learn to use the Bible to evaluate life. Needless to say, Christian education is the exact opposite of secular education. Webster's Dictionary defines *secularism* as "rejection or exclusion of religion," or simply stated "without God." It is important to remember that atheism means "no God." Secular education is specifically designed to teach children to live without God.

Allow me to point out just a few important reasons for Christian education.

First, Reverence For Jesus Christ. Romans 10:9

The young lady at Columbine High School was **not** asked, "Do you believe in God?" She was asked, "Do you believe in Jesus?" She said, "Yes, I believe in Jesus." She was then executed. Oh, listen. The devil believes in God, but it is Jesus Who is The Saviour. Acts 4:12

Second, Regard For the Church. Hebrews 10:25, Matthew 28:19-20

Every true Christian school is to be controlled and operated through the local New Testament Church. Jesus gave the job of teaching to the local church, not a separate part of a church. This creates in the mind of every child a regard for their church.

The regard for the church and the man of God of the church is carried into each classroom and woven into the fabric of the curriculum.

Although some churches are still unaware of it, the Christian school is one of the best friends of the church because the Gospel is held forth in every class, in Chapel, and is undergirded in every lesson taught.

Third, Respect For Parents. Ephesians 6:1-3

All that is said and done in the classroom is done on behalf of parents because ultimately the responsibility for the education of children rests with the parents.

Christian educators know that when they reinforce student respect for parents that they will also reinforce respect for the teacher.

In Conclusion.

God never intended for us to go and win the world to Christ and then lose our own family.

The key to a family's security is a Bible-centered family where the love of Christ controls each family member. In this complicated world parents must have help and wisdom from above in order to raise our children.