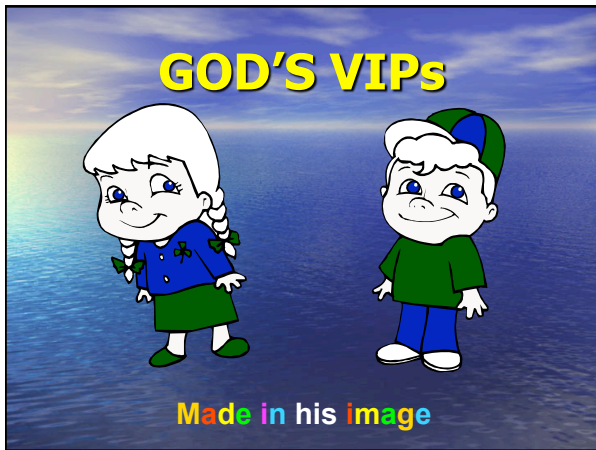


**AIMS
OF
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**





God is the Father of our children's spirits.
Ref Hebrews 12:9

He has prepared good works in advance for them to do.
Ephesians 2:10


Men of faith believed in Christian Education

Calvin: The Church will not flourish without Christian Schools.

Wesley: It was worth all the trouble.

Luther: I am afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labour in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the heart of the youth.

The Parable of the Yeast
Matt 13:33



7 AREAS TO CHANGE CULTURE

1. The home
2. The church
3. Education
4. Media
5. Government and politics
6. Performing arts (inc. entertainment & sports)
7. Commerce (inc. science & technology)

Greek Dualism

Sacred

Secular

The earth is
the Lord's and
everything in it.
Ps 24:1

... so that in EVERYTHING He might have the
supremacy. Col 1:18

GOD'S CALL

CHRISTIANS
IN SCHOOLS

CHRISTIAN
SCHOOLS

SALT LIGHT

**Pincer
Movement**

God calls his people to **BOTH**
because his heart is for **ALL** children

The Creation Mandate

Gen 1:26-28

Adam and Eve as governors of the earth
Ps 8:6

Earth to be filled with godly children in the character and image of God

God is Omniscient – all-knowing

GOD
all-knowing

God is OMNISCIENT (All knowledge)

God is OMNISCIENT

Knowledge apart from God (A deception and lie)

THE FALL – what man lost

- Innocence
- Intimate communion
- Knowledge
- Wisdom

Resulting in:
darkened and polluted minds and spirits

THE FALL – WHAT WAS PERPETUATED

- the deception about worldly knowledge without God now becomes man's inheritance

What is the worldly deception about knowledge?

- Knowledge is an abstract body of information independent from God
- Knowledge is cerebral and cognitive only
- Man in his pride can attain true knowledge by his own efforts and become his own saviour

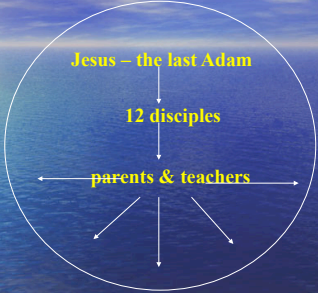
A foolish thing



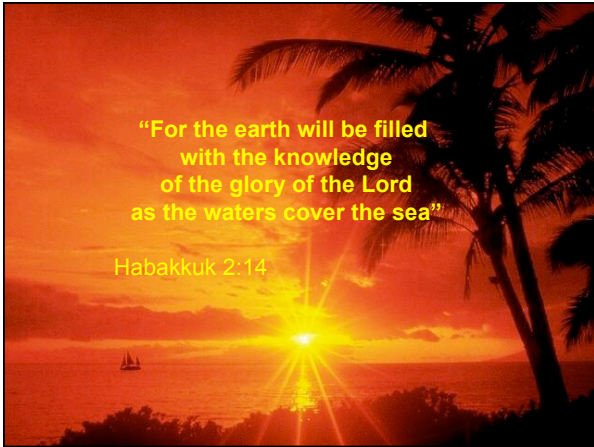
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

WHAT THE SECOND ADAM RESTORED

- All that the first Adam lost
- Salvation from sin
- Eternal life
- Access to true wisdom, knowledge and understanding found in Jesus Christ

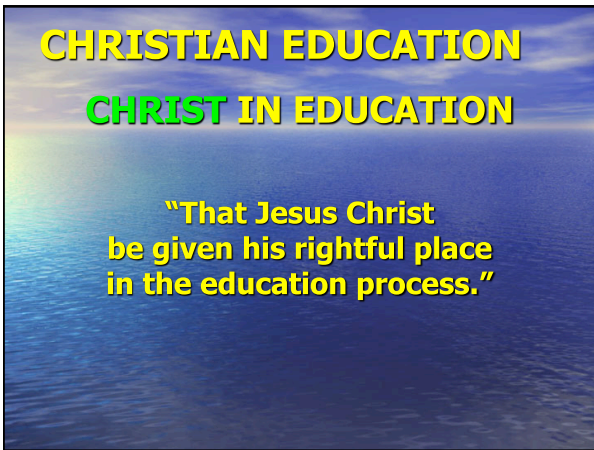


God's original purpose for the earth is restored



**"For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge
of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea"**

Habakkuk 2:14



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
CHRIST IN EDUCATION

**"That Jesus Christ
be given his rightful place
in the education process."**



Christian education
involves
GENERATIONAL TRANSFER

What does this mean?
Proactive discipleship

Proactive discipleship means

passing on our
values
beliefs
to the next generation so that they will own them and continue to follow our faith.

Generational transfer



passing on the baton

Generational failure:
Judges 2:10

Ps 78: We pass on....

- 1. Our Personal Experience of faith in Jesus (v3)**
- 2. The Mighty Deeds of God in all the subjects (v4)**
- 3. The Word of God Knowledge of the laws and principles of God (v5)**

NT Example.....Paul to Timothy

What are schools for?



Partnership between the generations

The Kingdom of God



What is it?

Biblical words used for 'Kingdom':

OT 'Malkuth' (Heb) NT 'Basileia' (Gk)

Meaning: 'The active rule of the King'

What are biblical aims for Christian Education?

- Education is not an end in itself
- Education must serve God's bigger purposes - the Kingdom of God

Why are society's aims different?

- Every society has its own agenda based on the "idols" of its culture
- Every society educates according to its worldview
- Ancient Greeks – outward form & beauty
- Romans – to govern – to conquer by military force

- Jesuits – priesthood
- Nazi Germany – a superior race
- Communism – the State is god
- Present society – technology/economic prosperity

Aims in Christian Education

- In one word: WISDOM
- To disciple our children into the wisdom of serving God's plan with their lives

SECULAR SCHOOL	CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Faith = Humanism	Faith = Christianity
Source belief = Evolution	Source belief = Creation
Child basically good	Child basically sinful
Teacher: facilitator	Teacher: discipler

SECULAR SCHOOL	CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Education process: child-centred self-development	Education process: Christ-centred servanthood
The goal: self-realisation	The goal: God's glory
The fruit: mixed	The fruit: sweet

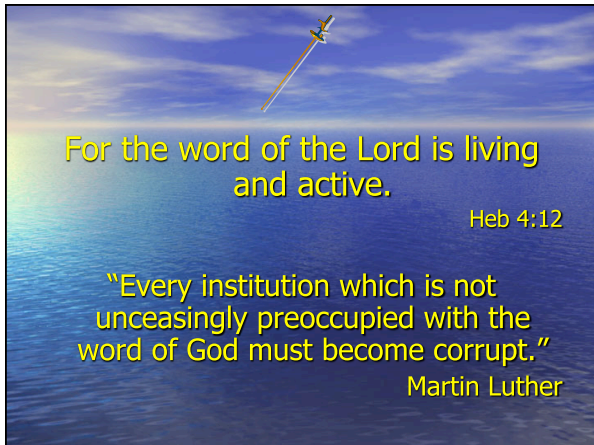
In Jesus Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Col 2:3

Knowledge is a Person

not an impersonal body of information.

Therefore

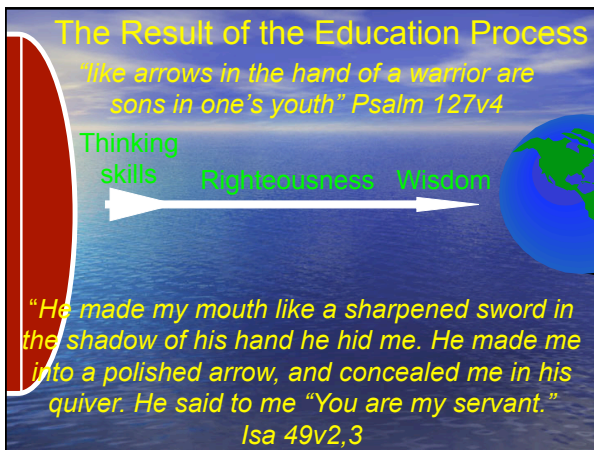
EDUCATION is a RELATIONAL PROCESS



For the word of the Lord is living
and active.

Heb 4:12

"Every institution which is not
unceasingly preoccupied with the
word of God must become corrupt."
Martin Luther

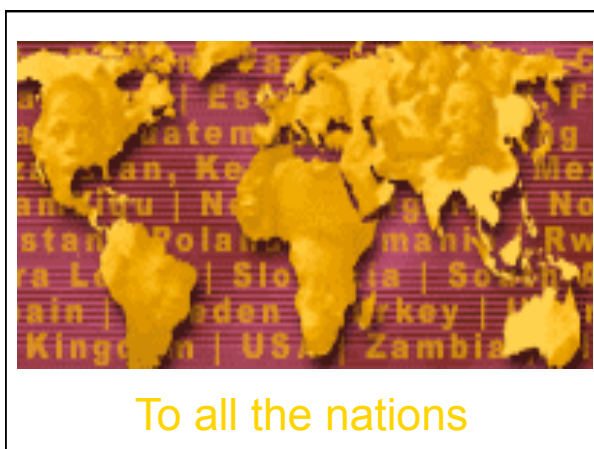


The Result of the Education Process

*"like arrows in the hand of a warrior are
sons in one's youth" Psalm 127v4*

Thinking
skills Righteousness Wisdom

*"He made my mouth like a sharpened sword in
the shadow of his hand he hid me. He made me
into a polished arrow, and concealed me in his
quiver. He said to me "You are my servant."
Isa 49v2,3*



To all the nations
