

The Baptist Faith and Message

XI. Education

BF&M Statement:

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 pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deuteronomy 6:1-10; 31:10-13;

Nehemiah 8:1-8;

Matthew 28:18-20;

Psalms 19:7ff.; 119:11;

Proverbs 4:1-7;

Ephesians 4:11-13;

Colossians 2:8;

1 Timothy 1:3-6;

2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17;