

Article XII. Education

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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 4:1,5,9,14](#); [6:1-10](#); [31:12-13](#); [Nehemiah 8:1-8](#); [Job 28:28](#); [Psalms 19:7ff.](#); [119:11](#); [Proverbs 3:13ff.](#); [4:1-10](#); [8:1-7,11](#); [15:14](#); [Ecclesiastes 7:19](#); [Matthew 5:2](#); [7:24ff.](#); [28:19-20](#); [Luke 2:40](#); [1 Corinthians 1:18-31](#); [Ephesians 4:11-16](#); [Philippians 4:8](#); [Colossians 2:3,8-9](#); [1 Timothy 1:3-7](#); [2 Timothy 2:15](#); [3:14-17](#); [Hebrews 5:12-6:3](#); [James 1:5](#); [3:17](#).

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1. Jesus is the source of our salvation and the foundation of our teaching.
Colossians 2:1–3 (CSB)

2. Everything we learn should be built on Christ and help us to better live for Christ

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1. Sin suppresses the truth

2. Salvation births a new hunger that requires new food.

3. New Christians become more mature Christians
Hebrews 5:12–6:2 (CSB)

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Discipleship (Education and Equipping) is necessary for the accomplishment of the mission of the church.

Discipleship (Education and Equipping) is necessary for a believer to live pleasing to God.

1. Churches are the primary means for Christian education.
Ephesians 4:11–15 (CSB)

2. Pastors must be able to educate and equip people to do ministry.
2 Timothy 2:1–2 (CSB)

3. The church should have a comprehensive and relevant ministry for educating and equipping members of the church.

4. A healthy system or ministry educates and equips members to know God, share the gospel, and live faithful to the Lord.

5. An adequate system or ministry educates and equips new believers all the way to pastors and missionaries.

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Christian education and educators are subordinate to the authority of Christ and the Word.