

I. Introduction

A. Definitions:

1. Christian--pertaining to or professing the religion of Christ
2. Education--moral and mental discipline gained by study and instruction (general)
 - a. Synonyms:
 - (1) Discipline (Drill)--systematic training to gain skill or effectiveness
 - (2) Training--the practice of something to gain skill or ease (specific)
3. Christian Education then is moral and mental discipline gained by study and instruction in that which pertains to Christ (i.e. the Bible).

II. History of Christian Education

A. The Garden (Gen. 1-3)

1. Personal--oral--experimental
 - a. God, the Teacher--Man, the pupil
2. Visual aids
3. Participation
4. Application--experience
5. Aim--to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever

B. The Home

1. Noah (Gen. 6-8)
2. Abraham--Sumer, c. 2500 B.C) Gen. 18
 - a. Schools and temples--Botany, Zoology, Geology, Geography, Math, Languages, Law, Trade, Travel, Religion, etc.
3. Moses
 - a. School--In Egypt attached to temple, called House of Life
 - b. Wilderness--tending sheep
4. Children of Israel (Teacher-father; Pupil, son)
 - a. Spoken Word
 - b. Visual Aids
 - (1) Miracles
 - (2) Sinai
 - (a) Written Law
 - (b) Tabernacle
 - (c) Experience
 - c. Written Word--Deut.
 - (1) Priests
 - (2) Parents (Dt. 6, 11, etc; Psa. 78:4-8)

C. Schools of Prophets (Samuel, Elijah and Elisha, Ezra, Nehemiah)

D. Synagogues--Feast of Tabernacles

1. Elementary education (7-15)
 2. Higher education--under an outstanding rabbi such as Hillel, Shammai, Gamaliel
- E. N.Y. Times--compulsory elementary education--parochial school system throughout Palestine
1. Christ
 - a. School plus Joseph
 2. Disciples
 - a. School
 - b. For some, John the Baptist
 - c. Christ
 - d. Holy Spirit
 3. Paul
 - a. Elementary school
 - b. Gamaliel
 - c. Holy Spirit
 4. Early Church