

# Christ God's Curriculum

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## CHRIST IS OUR EDUCATION – CHRIST IS GOD'S CURRICULUM

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As a citizen of this nation, our constitution requires the education of each citizen to a certain level. One of the core reasons was the hope of ensuring a people free from tyranny. Our American educational system takes a child through pre-school, primary school, middle school, junior high school, high school, and later vocational school or college or university school.

It all begins with the basics .... Reading, Writing, & Arithmetic. From pre-school a child's education is about preparing that child to function in this world using Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic in some or all forms.

You may have never thought that ***God has an educational purpose*** for all of his citizens in the commonwealth of his holy nation, ***the Israel of God***. God does have a curriculum scope and sequence, as we call it in educational jargon. God has a school for ***his peculiar people of the seed of Abraham***, a school for ***his the body of Christ***, a school for ***his church of the living God***, a school for ***his the pillar and ground of the truth***.

God has a driving educational focus, a goal, a scope and sequence to teach each one of us. ***His curriculum is Christ***. It is Not the three "R's". Everything in our discipleship is about developing and maturing us in the learning of....Christ. *God's Christ teaching program is the one under-lying purpose, reason and foundation ...behind everything that happens to us in our walk and our life's journey with God.*

### **LEARNING CHRIST ! CHRIST IS OUR EDUCATION !**

**Each Believer is in God's Christ School...we all are being Taught Christ!**

Christ is the purpose of all things. He is the reason for all things. Christ is the beginning of all things. By Him are all things held together. He is the future of all things. Christ is the gathering place of all things. Christ is the head of all things. He is the focus of all things. He is the fulfillment of all things. And Christ is the end of all things.

**Learning Christ is God's School for believers** : HIS Kindergarten, ..Primary School, ..Middle School, ..Junior High, ..High School, ..College, ..University, ...Technical School, ...Vocational School.

*Mt 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and **"learn of me"**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye **shall find rest unto your souls**.*

*Mr 3:14 And he ordained twelve, that **"they should be with him"**, and that he might send them forth to preach,*

*Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written **in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, "concerning me"**.*

*Eph 4:20 But ye have not so **"learned Christ"**;.....**"of" is missing....***

*Eph 4:21 If so ..that ye **"have heard him"**, and have been **"taught by him"**, as the truth is in Jesus:*

*2Ti 3:7 **"Ever learning"**, and never able to come to the **"knowledge of the truth"**.  
(We thought truth: some doctrine, but consider truth's bulls eye – **I am the truth-Christ!**)*

**TEACHING** : It's All about Him!

*.... Testify of **me** ... Joh 15:26      ..... Remember **me**... Joh 14:26  
..... Speak of **me** .... Joh 16:13      ..... Learn of **me** ... Mat 11:29*

The goal of the Spirit's operation and education is Christ. Learning Christ is the point of it all. It always was. We often let issues and doctrines, etc become our driving focus. But the driving force and focus of the Spirit of God is Christ Jesus. We art to learn, not by head knowledge, but by living experience, the Way to God, to learn the Truth of God. T.o learn the Life of Spirit is to learn Christ. The Holy Ghost, the indwelling Spirit of Christ, is not trying to teach us things or ideas apart from Christ, ...as much as He is trying to teach us the Person of Jesus Christ.

When we think he wants to teach us doctrines and etc. then, doctrines become our pursuit, rather than a relationship with the Person of Jesus Christ. It is subtle mis-direction by the spirit of religion which always diverts us away from God's focus by leading us further into the natural religious man, rather than the Spirit Man, Christ Jesus.

Some how, it seems, that the Holy Spirit/Ghost gets somehow separated within our mind from the Spirit of Christ. The Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Christ whose principle focus is to teach us Christ, not an emphasis on teaching things and doctrines. When we are taught the whole, all the parts do fall into place.

He said, **“learn of me”**. **”Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”** has come to mean the knowledge of a christian system of doctrines and practices, and expertise in using that christian religious system. But, the truth of God is more than letters on paper of a christian system. Truth is Jesus Christ. Truth is A Person. It’s much More than dogma. Truth is more than systematic Christian principles or Christian law. If we are not careful, the Old Testament Law gets replaced in our lives by another New Testament Christian law which usually comes out of a denomination, organization, movement, creed or doctrine or christian system of thought. At that time we then simply substitute one religious law for another religious law.

**LEARNING CHRIST - A-B-C’s**

Alpha, Altar, All in All    Bread of Life, Building Captain, Communion, CornerStone  
 Door, Death                      Face, Foundation, Fulness, Faith                      Glory,  
    House of God  
 Image                      Jacob’s Ladder    King, Kingdom, Knowledge    Lamb, Light, Life, Love  
 Mercy Seat, Mind                      Name of God                      Omega, Overcoming    Power, Priest,  
 Prophet, Purpose                      Redemption, Righteousness, Resurrection    Sacrifice,  
 Shephard, Son, Spirit  
 Tabernacle, Temple, Truth                      Unity Vine, Voice, Victory    Way, Wisdom  
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Diverting our attentions from Christ to parts that compose Him is subtle and seems harmless but still takes us away from CHRIST ... THE WHOLE...

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**LEARNING CHRIST**  
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**“CHRIST KNOWING” is our .....Wisdom & Truth**

*Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

*Col 2:3 **In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.***

*Jas 3:17 **But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.***

*Eph 1:17 **That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:***

### “CHRIST KNOWING” is our .....Destination

*Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of **the knowledge of the Son of God**, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

### “CHRIST KNOWING” is .....God Knowing

*2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of **the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.*

*Joh 8:19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, **Ye neither know me, nor my Father**: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.*

*Joh 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for **they know his voice**.*

*Joh 10:5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they **know not the voice of strangers**.*

*Joh 14:7 **If ye had known me**, ye should have **known my Father** also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.*

*Joh 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.*

*Joh 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and **yet hast thou not known me**, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*

### “CHRIST KNOWING” is ....the Main Thing

*Php 3:8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss **for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord**: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,*

*Php 3:10 **That I may know him**, and the **power** of his resurrection, and the **fellowship** of his **sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death;*

*1Co 2:2 For I determined **not to know any thing** among you, **save Jesus Christ**, and him crucified.*

### “CHRIST KNOWING” is ..... the Way

*John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am **the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

*2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through **the knowledge of him** that hath called us to glory and virtue:*

2Pe 3:18 But **grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.**

1Jo 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath **given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.**

#### **“CHRIST KNOWING” is ..... Wisdom**

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in **Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:**

1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**

#### **“CHRIST KNOWING” is ..... Truth Knowing**

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am **the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come **unto the knowledge of the truth.**

2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come **to the knowledge of the truth.**

2Pe 1:18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

#### **“CHRIST KNOWING” is ..... Escape**

2Pe 2:20 For if after they **have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.**

#### **“CHRIST KNOWING” is ..... the Curriculum**

2Pe 3:18 But **grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.**

2Co 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth **know we him no more.**

#### **“CHRIST KNOWING” ..... Is Within**

Ga 1:16 To **reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:**

Col 1:27 ... **the riches of the glory ..... ; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

**“CHRIST KNOWING” .... is the Focus ..... of the Father’s Only Pleasure ( & only pleasure In Me)**

*Mt 3:17 ...voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, **in whom I am well pleased.***

*Mt 17:5 ...behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, **in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.***

**“CHRIST’S TESTIMONY” is ..... the Focus Of Prophecy**

*Re 19:10 .... I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: **worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.***

**“CHRIST’S TESTIMONY” is ..... the Focus of Evangelism**

*Ac 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

**“CHRIST’S TESTIMONY” is ...Focus of Scriptures (OT) & NT (Gospels & Epistles)**

*Lu 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures **the things concerning himself.***

*Lu 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, **concerning me.***

**“CHRIST” is ..... Our Destination**

*Ro 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did **predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

*Ps 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, **when I awake, with thy likeness.***

*Re 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and **the end**, first and **the last.***

*1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

**Yet Not I, (No Longer I) But Christ.....Christ the Foundation**

*Christ Alone is the Truth...Christ is a Person, Christ is His Spirit .... Christ is Not an “It”!*

**No Truth Lies in Me by Natural Birth**

*Holy Spirit Teaches Us Truth. Holy Spirit Teaches Us Christ*

**Christ Abides Un-Changing**

**“CHRIST” is ..... the Beginning & End of our Faith**

*Eph 3:9 ....who **created** all things by Jesus Christ:*

*Re 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and **the end**, .first and the last.*

*Christ is Apprehended by faith ...Christ is Appropriated by faith ...Christ is Appreciated by faith*

**“CHRIST” is ..... For the Hopeless ... when there is no Cure or Remedy or Help**  
*ie...They have no wine .....Ye must be born again (above)*  
*ie...The water that I give never thirst again*  
*ie...38 years – I have no man to put me in the pool*  
*ie...Bread Miracle in feeding the Multitude ... what are they among so many*  
*ie...Man born blind*  
*ie...Raising of Lazarus – Now 4 days*  
*Thus... **Christ Alone...contains the Glory of God ... no contribution from me!***

**“CHRIST” is ..... the Opening of Heaven** ( Pentecost for Each Individual– 2Co 4:6)  
*Joh 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter **ye shall see heaven open**, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.*  
*2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God **in the face of Jesus Christ.***

**“CHRIST” is ..... the Temple, the House, Holy of Holies**  
**Place of Communing & Open Communication with God--Christ is the Place !**  
*At Jordan, Jesus Anointed by Spirit ... Accepted Death & Accepted New Life*  
*Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? .... *Has heaven been opened to you**  
*Christ Baptism / Spirit Baptism / Heaven’s Opening / beyond John’s Baptism of Repentance!*  
**Opening to Christ, not opening to doctrines, truths, scripture, themes, subjects.**

**“CHRIST” is ..... Only 1 who Stays & Sustains**  
*Only 1 supports you when you go into the fiery trails, only 1 sustains, only Christ said I’ll never leave you – others will leave you.. Doctrines, truths, scripture, text expertise, etc don’t sustain.*  
*Only what I know of Christ on a **personal spiritual level** sustains ... not my notebooks.*

**“CHRIST” is ..... Anointing of the Spirit**  
*Jordan Death – Baptism ..*  
**(Dying to Self-Government & Living unto Spirit-Government)**  
*Dove Anointed / Governed by Spirit -No more Self-Control, yielding to the Spirit*  
**(We want the Spirit for *Our Concerns* rather than the *Father’s Concerns*)**

**“CHRIST” is ... Revelation of Christ is ..... the Answer To Luke-Warm-Ness**

Ezekiel’s Vision of Temple is – God’s answer is Return to His Temple Purpose

God’s Answer is Always His Son, always His Temple

Not in Recovering N.T. technique, or N.T. order, or N.T. doctrine, ...orN.T. truth  
In Him was Life .... & Life produces Light.... **“Light” does not produce “Life”!**

**“CHRIST” is .... Our Daily Bread (measure of immediate need)**

Manna was God’s Revealed Answer for that Day’s Need

Christ is Only by Revelation... **not by Seminar & Study & Theology**

(Study is to show ourselves approved to God **... not to man!**)

They & Us are In Situations by divine planning for the Revealing of Christ

Epistles & Gospels were created out of the Need of that day

Our Situations Provide Occasions to Reveal Christ to us on a personal level

**“CHRIST” is ..... God’s Revelation & Communication of Himself**

1<sup>st</sup> - Christ Written is a Person

2<sup>nd</sup> - Christ Written in a Book

3<sup>rd</sup> - Christ is a Spirit

**“CHRIST” is .... Bethel ....(House of God)**

Angels Descending & Ascending on Jacob’s ladder @ Bethel (Gen 28:12)

Angels Descending & Ascending upon Christ (Joh 1:51)

Word was & is God & Dwelt among us. (Joh 1:14)

Christ is all Scripture Houses in One!...

Wilderness Tabernacle, ...Solomon Temple, ...Ezekiel’s Temple

All are Christ! ...Christ the Word that comes from the House,

**“CHRIST” is the Word Is ..... God’s Final Word on Anything & Everything**

**“CHRIST” is ..... Way Into the House**

1<sup>st</sup> - **By way of the Altar** (Lamb’s blood, Lamb’s Death)

2<sup>nd</sup>- **By way of the Laver/Washing/Reflection** (end of our sins & end of us)

*"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me"; or again, "Whosoever doth not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 9:23; 14:27),*

*"But Christ as a son, over God's house; whose house are we" (Heb 3:6).*

**“CHRIST” is ..... Epistles Describe Christ as Relationship to a Person**

**(Not a Technique Manual)**

Epistles filled with themes, subjects, teachings

Were Written in respect to Christ – *not as manual, order, system of practice?*

Something Fleishy & Carnal develops when a person loses Christ focus for a focus on ***on a Christ-System.***

Because of this; Men Denominate, create Sects, Organize, etc. It all comes

out of man's natural mind, but it is all with good intentions and *always for God*.  
*All epistles & teaching must foremost be related to Christ or Religion results.*  
***The Spirit of God's Purpose is to teach us Christ.... Not Kingdom, not Overcomers, not Sanctification, not Holiness, not 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, etc..***

### **CHRIST – ..... the Smitten / Crucified “I” Life**

Self, the “I” life of Jacob was Emptied Out at Jabbok  
Christ is Indeed an Israelite in whom is no guile / deceit / Jacob

### **CHRIST – ..... Prayer Life**

As the sinless one, he needed Prayer life to keep him on even keel  
To keep Him Resisting a world of influences;  
The World's sole purpose was (& still is) to take Christ out of 100%  
submission unto the Spirit, to the Will of the Father.  
Stay in line with Father's / Spirit's Purpose & Direction

### **CHRIST – ..... the Revealed Glory of God - Sustains Us in Troublesome Times**

Abraham saw God's Glory in Mesopotamia Acts 7:2  
Moses met God .. Face to Face Beheld his glory ***Seeing Him who is Invisible***  
Joshua met the Captain of the Lord's Host  
Isaiah saw the Lord High & Lifted Up  
Paul saw Jesus in his glory  
Stephen saw the Lord standing in the heavens Acts 7:56  
Letter of Hebrews shows Christ's Glory & was written just prior to the desolation  
of Jerusalem  
Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ was given to believers during difficult  
times... ie..lukewarm, troublous, affliction, apostasy  
John fell (as never before) at his feet as dead

### **RECOVERING CHRIST'S GREATNESS? He Has Become “Comparative Christ”**

It is Satan's scheme ... Liberal Theologians strip him of his Deity  
The Corinthians tried using the Natural Man to Comprehend Christ  
Colossians tried ranking Christ as one of the spiritual order with others  
Comparative Theologians Compare Christ to Buddha, Mohammed, Confucious,  
--By the Act of Comparing Christ, ...we make him Less  
Humanists have made him simply a more super-man

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*Wed 7pm. & Sun 10 am*

*We will help you apply the healing ointment of God's love and grace to the hurts and wounds of your soul through His Balm of Gilead, the Lord Jesus Christ.*