

Family and Education

- The family is the basic governmental, social, and spiritual unit created by God.
- The given structure for the family is a man and a woman, married to each other, with or without children. Exception of the single parent is recognized.
- Within the family, the child gradually learns self-government, social relationships, and develops a relationship to the Creator and Savior.

Parental Responsibility and Right to Educate

- Ultimate responsibility for the education of children belongs to parents. This responsibility is given by God and cannot be removed by the State, thus parents have the right to control and direct the education of their children.
- Parents may allow others to teach their children, yet all education must remain under the control and supervision of the parents.
- Education in the home is the best form of education, but it is recognized that many parents cannot educate at home for valid reasons. Therefore, it is acknowledged that parents have the right to exercise school choice when selecting the best method and location for the education of their children.

Nature of Education

- All education is religious in nature since it is infused with a particular worldview and that view is foundational to associated teachings.
- Every discipline of knowledge, whether it is mathematics, science, history, etc., has as its final reference point a theistic or humanistic view of reality; therefore, there is no neutral academic discipline.
- For this reason, it is asserted that all social, physical, cognitive, and affective knowledge and training should have as its beginning the fear of God, and as its end the glory of God.