



**CHRIST-
LIKENESS**

LOVE

UNITY

EXCELLENCE

INTEGRITY

DISCIPLESHIP

What exactly is **CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?**

Classical Christian education is a time-tested educational system that establishes a biblical worldview, incorporates methods based on natural phases of child development, cultivates the seven Christian virtues, trains students in reasoning through the Trivium (Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric), engages children in “the Great Conversation” through the historical Great Books, and ultimately seeks to shape the affections of students to love the highest things.

Perhaps the easiest way to describe Classical Christian Education is by considering the following short statements:

- We recognize that the primary curriculum from which a student will learn is the teacher who is in front of them, not the book they have open.
- We teach students first, not curriculum.
- We think it is better to form students who think well and are committed to lifelong learning than to train students who can complete certain tasks.
- We seek to cultivate virtue instead of demanding a certain desirable behavior.
- Instead of giving students the mediocre things they already like, we seek to help them love those things that are best.
- We would rather have a teacher whose life and loves are worth imitating than one who knows a plethora of educational method.



- We seek to direct the affections of our students so that they love those things which are Good, True, and Beautiful.
- We strive to see and to teach our students to see, all subjects as parts of a beautiful, intricate, and connected whole, the entirety of which is pointing to Jesus.
- We seek to think of learning as worship.
- When we give our students books we desire that they be the best books, like the The Great Books of the Great Tradition so that our students spend their time reading the greatest thinkers, writers, and lovers of God.

