



Middleburg Memos

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Some of those who reject Christianity have suggested that it opposes the _____ and _____. Nothing could be farther from the truth. As a matter of fact, _____ and _____ stand at the very center of God's assignment to His people.

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One of the most central passages about _____ in the Bible is found in _____, which told the people of Israel that constantly _____ the law of God is an extremely important responsibility and privilege.

Christianity is founded on a comprehensive _____ claim. At the very heart of the gospel is a call to _____. Thus, a certain _____ is necessary to be _____, to _____ the gospel, and to _____ the gospel with others.

All _____ is God's _____. Christians have nothing and no one to fear as long as we _____ our minds with God's Word and _____ ourselves to His truth as the standard by which all ideologies, philosophies, and truth claims are evaluated.

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A healthy, growing Christian is characterized by a thirst and desire for _____ about _____ and _____. To understand the gospel at all is to understand that _____ is the most transforming truth that human beings can know.

A local church must take responsibility to organize a comprehensive _____ ministry. Today most churches offer ongoing _____ in age-graded programs and by other means. Some churches also offer topical _____ studies to develop _____ believers. These educational ministries help believers of all ages gain a deeper knowledge of the _____ and the _____.

Southern Baptists have established a system of _____ that includes a wide range of _____, including many Christian schools, colleges, and universities, along with six fully accredited theological _____.

Education undergirds the tasks of _____ and _____ by...

1. Raising the church's awareness of the need for Christian _____ in the immediate and surrounding areas.
2. Equipping church members with _____ and _____ to share Christ effectively.
3. Enabling the church to _____ all Jesus commanded.
4. Helping the church become aware of the need for Christian _____ around the world.
5. Preparing new _____ to carry the gospel to other cultures.
6. Helping every _____ grow toward Christian _____.

Today's _____ culture is characterized by intense _____ over academic _____. As the BF&M 2000 makes clear, "Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute."

The teacher is indeed _____—but within the boundaries of the institution's or church's _____ and _____ of faith.

Southern Baptists must expect professors at our institutions to teach in _____ with and not _____ to the BF&M 2000, and to instill in the next generation a reverent and maturing understanding of Christian _____.

Cross-References: 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.