

BELLEVUE CHRISTIAN

WITH PURPOSE

Doctrine and Principles

Founded in 1950 by brothers Joe and Al Greene, BCS provides a comprehensive Preschool – 12th grade education serving the children of Christian families on the eastside of King County. Based on Biblical principles and centered on Jesus Christ, we are first and foremost a faith community.

Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration sovereignly applied by the Holy Spirit and evidenced by a living faith in Christ is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Principles of Christian Education

In addition to the preceding doctrines, we adhere to the following principles of Christian education demanded by the Word of God. The list below is a summary of the BCS Educational Confession.

1. *God and Education*: God is the one—of whom, through whom, and unto whom are all things (Romans 11:36).
2. *God and Man*: God is the one in whose image and after whose likeness man is made. Accordingly man's life must begin and end with being true to the image of God. Man—being created in the likeness of God—must think God's thoughts after Him; he must ever will to do God's will; and he must love God because God requires it.

3. *Man and Creation:* God has made man to have dominion over His creation, and therefore holds him responsible for it. He must love it, sustain it, and use it for the glory of God. The highest self-revelation of God in creation is man, who is made in His own image—an image in which all men share. From this it follows that God requires that man must love his fellow men with a love comparable to his love for himself.
4. *A World in Sin:* “With Adam’s fall we sinned all.” Because of sin, man (the pupil) by nature lives apart from God. For the image bearer of God to live apart from God is death—man is “dead in trespasses and sins”. Through the fall of man, creation (the objects of school study) is “groaning” under the curse of sin. (Eph. 2:1, Rom. 8:22).
5. *Believers in a Sinful World:* Whosoever is in Christ is a “new creature”. But the pollution of sin clings to him as he travels the road of sanctification throughout life. In principle the old things of sin and the self-centered life have passed away. In practice they have not. This creates a moral monstrosity. This creates the necessity of Christian training.
6. *Children of Believers in a Sinful World:* The fact that a child is born into a Christian home secures for him special privileges promised to believers and their seed (Acts 2:39). The children must therefore be regarded as entitled to all blessings that a benevolent Father has promised them. Implied among these blessings is an adequate knowledge of God secured from both the special and general revelation.
7. *Education in a Sinful World:* In view of sin all is in a state of disintegration. Education fundamentally is an integrating process, making for a God-centered life. In and through this integrating process the pupil is being properly adjusted to his fellow men, to his environment, and to the times in which his lot is cast. Christian education is therefore, redemptive in character, it is bringing into conscious subjection to God what has been redeemed in and through Christ. As a child of believing parents enjoy special blessings because his home is Christian, we cannot but educate him in a Christian school.
8. *The Home and Education:* God’s Word places upon Christian parents the responsibility for the type of education described above. But because in most instances parents have neither the time nor the training to do this, Christian schools are virtually their only means of fulfilling this responsibility. The Christian school is thus an extension of the Christian home, and necessitates the closest cooperation between the school and the home for the Christian education of the child.