

Phoenix Christian Jr/Sr High School Bible Department Philosophy Statement

We believe that in order for the Bible Department of Phoenix Christian Junior / Senior High School to be consistent with the school's motto, "Building for Life," it is necessary to define life and how it is built by the precepts, principles, and person of Jesus Christ as described and explained in the Bible.

We believe that it is necessary for students to learn that the only true enjoyment and beauty of life resides in the person of Jesus Christ. Even the Old Testament teaches us that the Joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). This enjoyment thrives only in a living, growing relationship with God.

We believe that in order for students to be in relationship with God the Son, Jesus Christ, they must learn about Him (Romans 10:9) and their sin nature (Jeremiah 17:9). Students must understand that reconcilable differences exist between them and God that dissipate when honesty and clarity of confession and repentance illuminate the darkened human mind (Colossians 1:21-23).

We believe that students mature with the most effective and efficient acumen when they internalize the concept of reality that transcends empirical substantiation (Hebrews 11:1).

We believe that students correlate the aforementioned concepts through an understanding of what the Bible is, how to understand it, and how to apply it. When students grasp this knowledge and skill, they will be equipped to build for life. They will comprehend that wisdom comes from knowing and practicing good so that there is an ever-growing lucidity between good and evil (Hebrews 5:11-14).

GOAL: The overall aim of the Bible Department of Phoenix Christian Junior / Senior High School is to motivate each student to become, and / or live as, a believer in Jesus Christ.

OBJECTIVES

1. To help each student learn what is involved in being a believer based on the Bible.
 - a. To memorize those verses which give them the direction necessary for spiritual birth and growth.
 - b. To develop the skill of observation in Bible study.
 - c. To acquire the ability to discern the meaning of passages as relates to being a believer.
 - d. To accept God's gift of salvation and live meaningful lives of obedience and service.
 - e. To facilitate the skill of relating the lessons from the Bible to life's experiences for the purpose of growth.

2. To inform each student as to what a believer believes.
 - a. To know who God is and what He is like.
 - b. To know how the books of the Bible came to us.
 - c. To know how God communicates.
 - d. To know what reasons there are to trust the Bible.
 - e. To know who Jesus is and what He is like.
 - f. To know humanity's sin problem.
 - g. To know god's solutions to humanity's sin problem.
3. To give each student direction as to why a believer believes.
 - a. To encourage each student to search the Scriptures consistently in order to know where the beliefs are found.
 - b. To encourage each student to search the Scriptures critically in order to know how beliefs are formulated.
4. To encourage each student in how to put what a believer believes into practice.
 - a. To help the students understand how God meets their needs so they can serve.
 - b. To help the students recognize the benefit and necessity of trust.