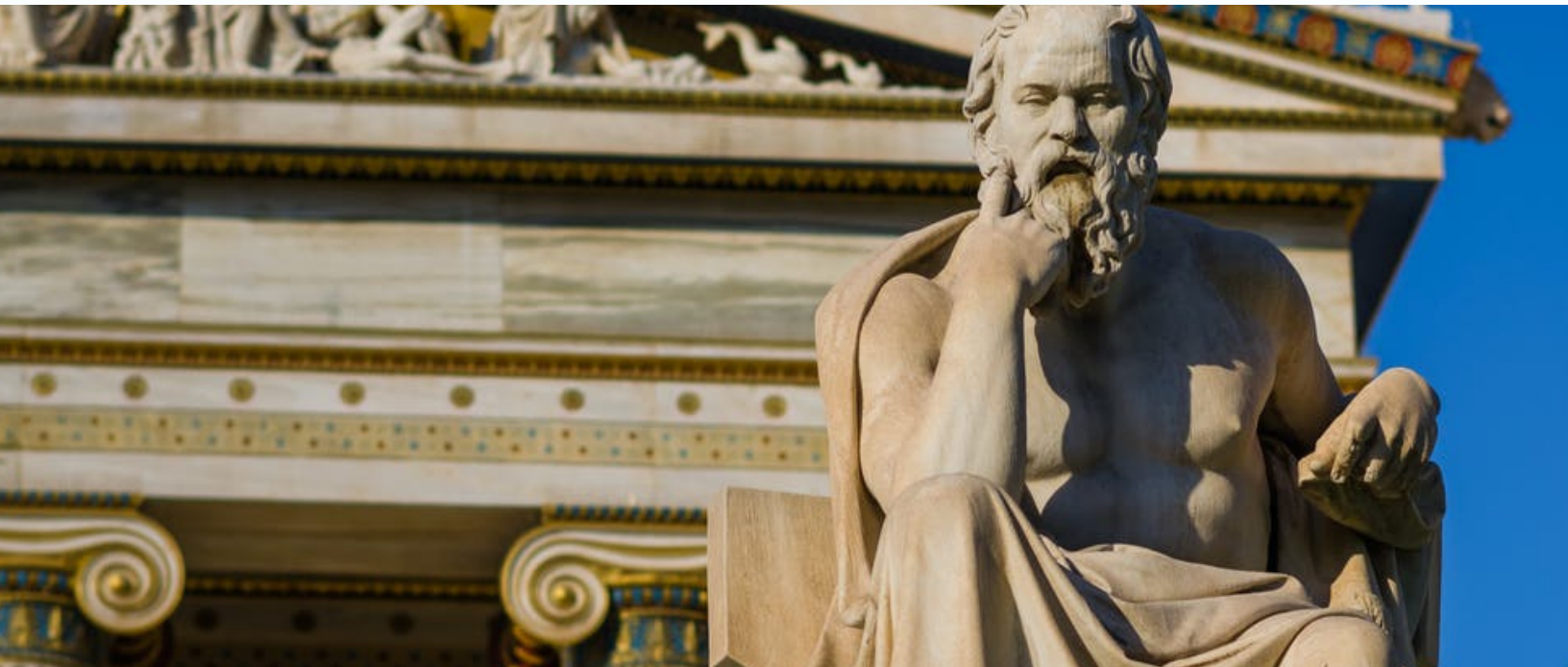


PINNACLE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

THE CLASSICAL DIFFERENCE



WHY CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN?

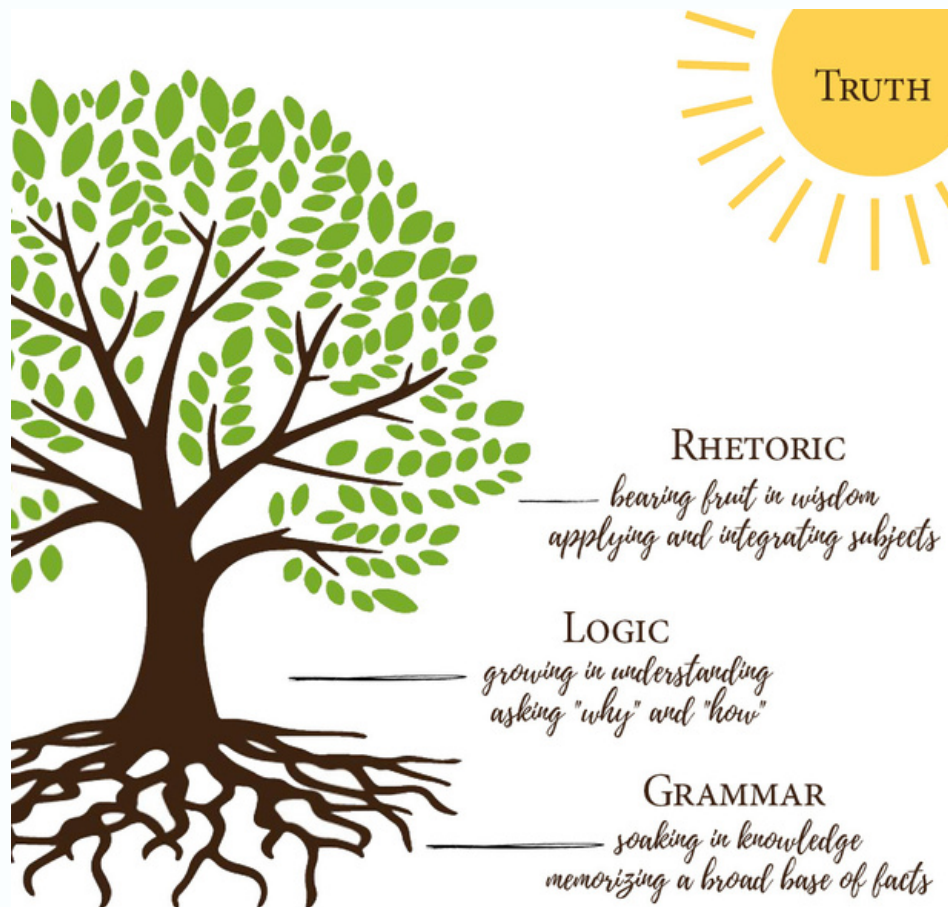


You've likely never heard of classical Christian education (CCE) until now. So, asking what it is and why it is valuable for your child is expected. CCE is the educational system that has been used for most of Western history to develop a biblical worldview. Its focus isn't on subject matter but on forming virtuous souls. Its goal isn't to prepare students for good jobs but for good lives in Christ.

G. K. Chesterton calls education a "transfer of a way of life." Our aim is to transfer to our students the best way of life: one that loves to learn about our Lord and His creation. An education that focuses on information and subjective values (even good ones) leaves the student hollow. CCE equips the whole student to honor God, love learning, and seek virtue externally found in God.

THE TRIVIUM

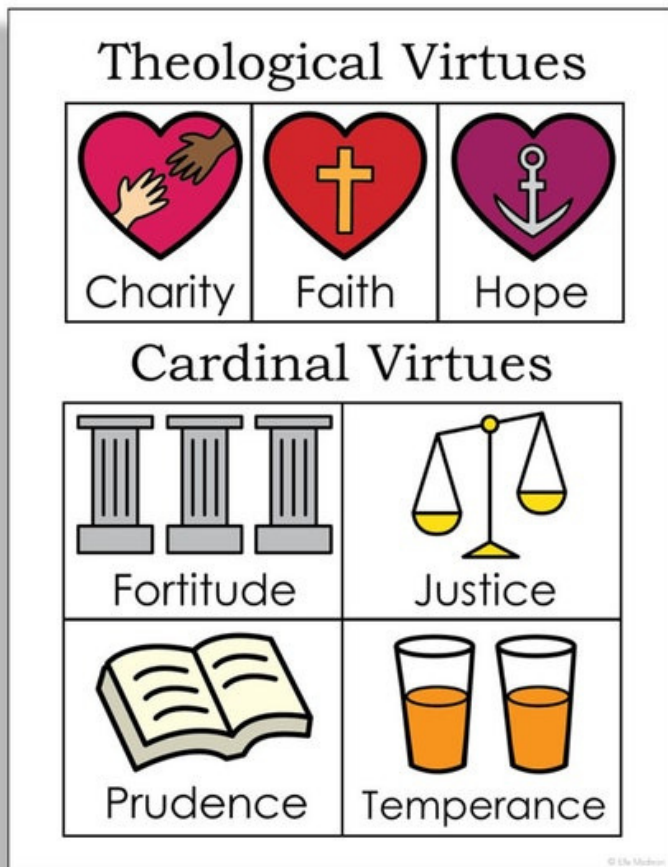
AN INTUITIVE METHOD



Classical Christian education has three stages: grammar, logic, and rhetoric. These stages utilize methods based on natural phases of child development. The grammar stage (K-6) harnesses the students' spongelike mind to absorb foundational **knowledge** in all areas of study. The logic stage (7-9) seizes the students' desire to argue and engages them in debate and **understanding**. The rhetoric stage (10-12) trains students to apply their knowledge and communicate their understanding to express **wisdom**.

FORMING VIRTUE

TRUTH THAT SHAPES CHARACTER



Modern education seeks to prepare students for the workforce. It forms workers, not thinkers. C. S. Lewis warned us that education without virtue creates "clever devils." Classical Christian education guards against this mistake by keeping the hearts of our students at the center, not just their minds.

We don't just want our students to learn. More importantly, we want them to *love* learning. We train them to pursue goodness, to appreciate beauty, and to affirm truth. The question that drives us as we teach our students is who they will become, not what they will know. By partnering with parents to focus on virtue, we achieve a more complete education.

INTEGRATED LEARNING

A CHRIST-CENTERED APPROACH

Modern education separates faith and learning. Classical Christian education properly views all learning under the umbrella of divine revelation.

We believe our God is a God of order, the Author of history, the Creator of the universe, the incarnate Word, a master storyteller, and the true King. There isn't a fraction of knowledge over which Jesus is not Lord. Without recognizing this truth, education has failed.

Subjects are not independent from one another because they all come from one Creator. Math, languages, literature, and history are all simply pieces of a larger web of wisdom that deepens our understanding of God and His world.



DOES IT WORK?

SHORT ANSWER, YES!

A study from Notre Dame surveyed young adults from various educational backgrounds: public schools, evangelical Christian schools, preparatory schools, and even homeschool. Above all other backgrounds, the results showed that classical Christian graduates were (1) more thankful, (2) better prepared for life's problems, (3) and better prepared for college.

Christian, classical school graduates (ACCS in yellow) exceeded all other graduates in the ways below: academic success in college, trust in God's sovereignty, church involvement, volunteering, taking action against wrongs, and confidence in the inerrancy of Scripture.

