

Nurturing Confidence

River Christian Training

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Eight Core Classes / 2- year cycle

- Christian Belief I
- Christian Belief II
- Christian Life and Morality
- History of Christianity
- Living the Great Commission
- Reading the Biblical Story
- Christianity and Global Perspectives
- The Care of Souls

Why?

In an age of suspicion, truth matters.



1 Timothy 3:15

“...in the household of God,
which is the pillar and buttress of
the truth.”

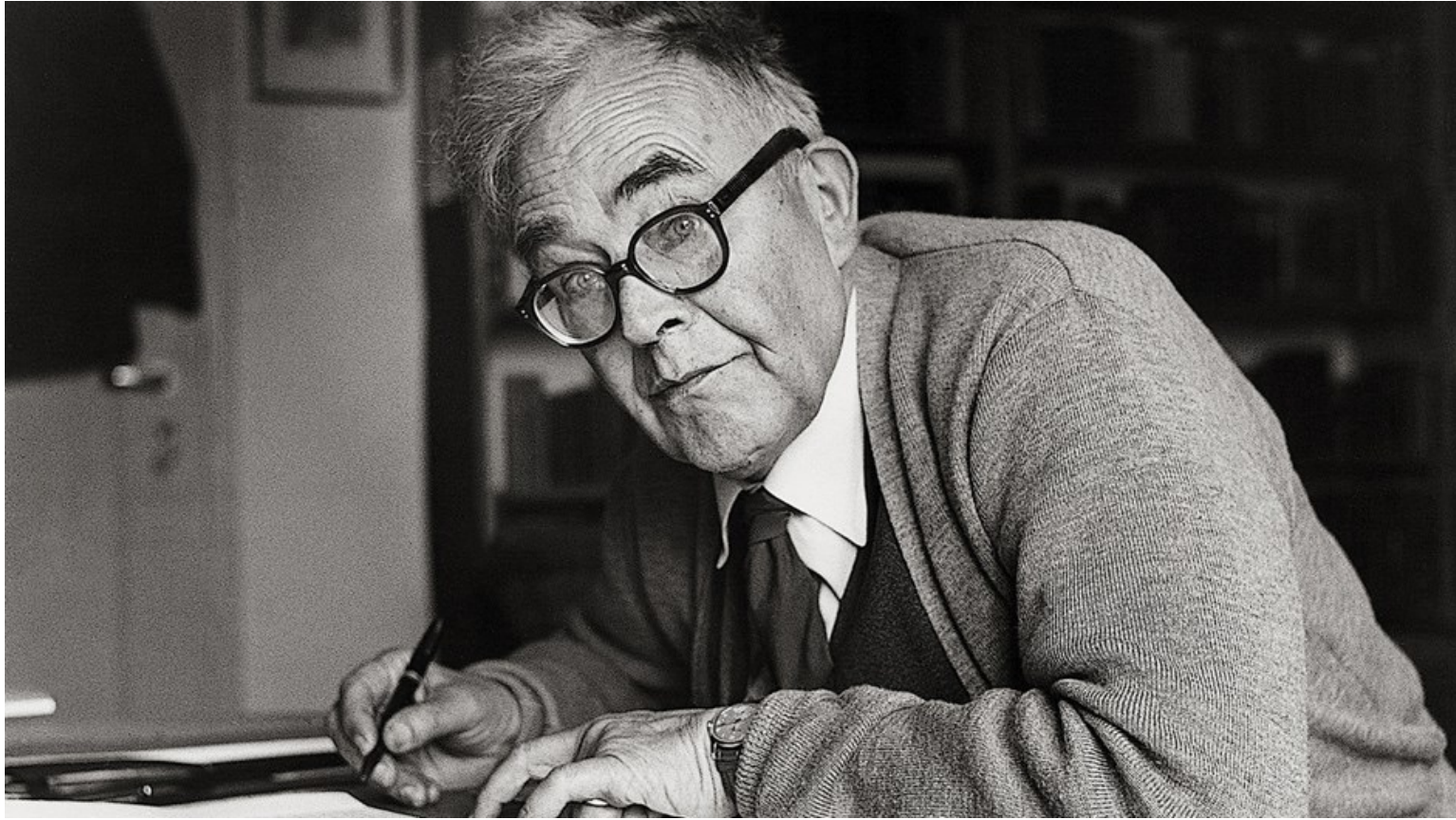


¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- Matthew 28:19-20

Truth applied = Maturity

Theological education is not primarily about *information*, it is about *formation*.



Karl Barth

“What is the most brilliant theology good for, if it is to be shipwrecked in one’s own house?”

A single-story life

True goal of theology:

Knowing and loving God and making God's love known to others.

Blue-collar truth worker



“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to **grow up** in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.”

- Ephesians 4:15

“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone **mature in Christ**. For **this** I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.”

- Colossians 1:29-29

Deuteronomy 6

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might.”

- Deuteronomy 6:4-5

“⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

- Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“²⁰ When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?’ ²¹ then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand...”

Deuteronomy 6:20-21

Tell them the story!

Biblically, theological education begins with the family.

Proverbs

“Hear my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching... my son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.” (Prv 1:8, 10)

“My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you...” (Prv 2:1)

“My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments.” (Prv 3:1)

Family → Tribes of Israel → Synagogue →
Church as the family and household God



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