Christian Education introduces children to the beliefs, values and ethics of the Christian faith, to the Bible and to the background behind Christian festivals that underpin our calendar.

<http://ceis.org.au/about/what-is-christian-education/>

"A Bible based, Holy Spirit empowered (Christ centred), teaching and learning process that seeks to guide individuals to all levels of growth through contemporary teaching means.

This is to lead individuals toward knowing and experiencing God's purpose and plan through Christ in every aspect of living, and to equip them for effective ministry, with the overall focus on Christ, the Master Educator's Example and Command to make mature disciples."

<http://www.coursematerials.vision.edu/textbooks/ED%20750%20Textbook.pdf>

“Christian Education, simply defined is the ministry of bringing the believer to maturity in Jesus Christ”

Teaching for Spiritual Growth: An Introduction to Christian Education

 By Perry G. Downs Zondervan (1994) 16

Christian Education involves those tasks and expressions of ministry that enable people

1. To learn the Christian story, both ancient and present
2. To develop the skills they need to act out their faith
3. To reflect on that story in order to live self aware to its truth; and
4. To nurture the sensitivities they need to live together as a covenant community.

Daniel Aleshire. Quoted in Tye, K. (2000) Basics of Christian Education Chalice Press: Danvers MA. 14

Christian Education... “has as its principal purpose this goal: that the baptized, while they are gradually introduced the knowledge of the mystery of salvation, become ever more aware of the gift of Faith they have received, and that they learn in addition how to worship God the Father in spirit and truth (cf. John 4:23) especially in liturgical action, and be conformed in their personal lives according to the new man created in justice and holiness of truth (Eph. 4:22-24); also that they develop into perfect manhood, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ (cf. Eph. 4:13) and strive for the growth of the Mystical Body; moreover, that aware of their calling, they learn not only how to bear witness to the hope that is in them (cf. Peter 3:15) but also how to help in the Christian formation of the world that takes place when natural powers viewed in the full consideration of man redeemed by Christ contribute to the good of the whole society.

<http://yearoffaith.rockforddiocese.org/files/files/resources/vatican-ii/GEeng-dio.pdf>

DECLARATION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

GRAVISSIMUM EDUCATIONIS

PROCLAIMED BYHIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI

ON OCTOBER 28, 1965

Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catechesis>

Religious education activity is a deliberate attending to the transcendent dimension of life by which a conscious relationship to an ultimate ground of being is promoted and enabled to come to expression. Groome : Christian Religious Education 22

Christian Religious Education is a political activity with pilgrims in time that deliberately and intentionally attends with them to the activity of God in our present, to the Story of the Christian faith community, and to the Vision of God’s Kingdom, the seeds of which are already among us.

Groome 25

CE designates those processes by which a people learn to become Christian and to be more Christian.

Astley Crit perspectives on CE, 3

 “Christians are made not born” Tertullian quoted by Westerhoff in Astleys Crit perspec on CE 63

CE “involves formation (Shaping: intentional relational experiential activities within the life of a story-formed faith community), Education (Re-shaping: critical reflective activities related to these communal activities) and Instruction (Building: the means by which knowledge and skills useful to communal life are transmitted, acquired and understood). Formation forms the body, education reforms it and instruction builds it up.” Westerhoff in Astley 63

“The fundamental Aim of CE in all its forms, varieties and settings should be that individuals – and indeed whole communities – learn these practices, be drawn into participation in them, learn to do them, with increasingly deepened understanding and skill, learn to extend them more broadly and fully in their own lives and into their world, and learn to correct them, strengthen them, and improve them.” Dykstra: growing in the life of faith 71 42-3)

The purpose of Christian Education:

1. The purpose is a return to God's honor in the life, for the purpose of education is to build character, to mold a life that honors the Lord.

2. The effort and purpose of a good Christian biblical education is to glorify Christ and the teachings of God's Word that are freely shared with a generation of youngsters who are reaching out for light in a dark world.

3. The purpose is to give an education that molds the total person to be "a vessel unto honor, meet for the Master's use and prepared for every good work."

(II Tim. 2:20-22)

<http://www.watke.org/resources/Chr.%20Education%20Overview.pdf> p5

A Christian education is one in which the infallible truths of Scripture reign paramount. They form the foundation upon which all academic pursuits are built, and for that reason, students are often better able to reach their full educational potential.

As Solomon writes, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10).          God expects children to be taught the truth in every subject.

<http://www.discoverchristianschools.com/faqs/what_is_a_christian_education>

Knowing how to allow Christ to be formed in us and how to act as Christ would is what Christian education is all about.  If you are an educator, work to teach your students more than just facts, but also how to listen to God and seek His will.  <https://www.cluonline.com/what-is-the-definition-of-christian-education/>

The aim of Christian education is much more radical and dynamic. The emphasis is not knowing but becoming. Christian education is the process of relating God's people to the challenges and opportunities of their lives in His service. <http://wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/interreligious/cd32-05.html>