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St Marks Campus



From the Seminary President

The phenomenon called God and the concept of reality beyond the human scope of a material world both challenges the mind of humankind since time immemorial. Theology is deemed the queen of science because it integrates the human mind to seek answers that other sciences cannot do and do not acquire. The necessity of theological training in our postmodern society is imperative if the church is to be relevant and effective in the world. We live in a pluralistic society and we are governed by a secular state. Identity and purpose are the essential pillars in the edifice of religion. The plethora of opinions and worldviews may intimidate minorities to conform or remain isolated and insignificant.

Christendom is segmented into diverse religious persuasions which appeal to a variety of human needs. We at St Marks Theological Seminary recognize this reality. With the rise of superstitious and experiential faith, an objective and constructive approach is highly recommended. Our seminary programme and academic agenda will foster greater interest in critical research and Bible interpretation. It is my sincere prayer that the principles we teach will give sunrise to the souls of all who study at our seminary.

Sola Scriptura.

Who We Are

St Marks Theological Seminary is located at the St Marks Campus found in Cape Road, Port Elizabeth. (pictured above). In addition to the Seminary, the St Marks campus also consists of a Registered Private School – St Marks Community School (offering education to children from Grade R to Grade 12) as well as St Marks Congregational Church. The St Marks Campus is home to the Head Office of the Association of Congregational Churches of Southern Africa.

As our opening Statement makes it clear, we are proudly evangelical and Dispensational in our Scriptural interpretation. We believe that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God and that:

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

St Marks Theological Seminary exists as a Pre-tertiary institution offering theological courses for students who have a deep desire to learn more about Gods Word.

What we believe

- ☞ We affirm that the seven-fold unity expressed in Ephesians 4:1-7 is the Holy Spirit's doctrinal Statement for the Church that is the Body of Christ.
- ☞ We believe that the Bible, comprising the Old and New Testaments is the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God. We believe that Scripture shows the mind of God to mankind and proclaims the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation, by faith, through God's Grace.
- ☞ We believe in the literal interpretation of Scripture.
- ☞ We believe that God, the Creator of all things, eternally exists as the Trinity. Three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one God. Each has the precise same nature, attributes, and perfections, essence and glory, and worthy of the same honor, confidence, and obedience.
- ☞ We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is God incarnate, God in human form, the expressed image of the Father, who, without ceasing to be God, became man so that He could reflect who God is and provide the way of salvation for mankind.
- ☞ We believe that the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, though omnipresent from all eternity, took up His abode in the world in a special sense on the day of Pentecost according to the divine promise. By His baptism He unites all to Christ in one body and indwells every believer. He is the seal by whom the Father guarantees the salvation of believers unto the day of redemption. He is the Divine Teacher who illumines believers' hearts and minds as they study

the Word of God. As the indwelling One, He is the Source of all power, all acceptable worship and service, and all spiritual gifts.

- ✠ We believe that according to the “eternal purpose” of God (Eph. 3:11) salvation in the divine reckoning is always “by grace through faith,” and rests upon the basis of the shed blood of Christ.
- ✠ We believe that mankind was directly created by God in His image and likeness (Gen. 1:26; 2:15-25) and that the purpose of man's creation was with the divine intention that he should glorify God, enjoy God's fellowship and live his life in the will of God. By this he shall accomplish God's purpose in the world (Isa. 43:7; Col. 1:16; Rev. 4:11).
- ✠ We believe that salvation is by God's grace through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, the merit of His shed blood and not on the basis of human works (Eph. 1:7; 2:8-10). We believe in the all-inclusive complete work of salvation performed on the cross (1 Cor. 1:17-18).
- ✠ We believe that regeneration is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit. It is instantaneous and is accomplished solely by the power of the Holy Spirit through the instrumentality of the word of God so as to secure voluntary obedience to the gospel. This work of regeneration is manifest by God's grace through faith (Tit. 2:11,12; Eph. 2:10; 1 Cor. 6:19-20).
- ✠ We believe in the mystery of the Body of Christ as revealed in the New Testament.
- ✠ We believe that all who place their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are baptised by the Holy Spirit into one united spiritual body (1 Cor. 12:12-13). The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Body (Eph. 1:22; 4:15; Col. 1:18).
- ✠ The eternal security of a believer does not imply that one has a licence to live recklessly, irresponsibly and immorally. We believe that all redeemed are secure in Christ forever (Rom. 5:9-10; Rom. 8:31-39; 1 Cor. 1:4-8; Eph 4:30).
- ✠ We believe that the next great event in the fulfillment of prophecy will be the coming of the Lord in the air to receive to Himself His own who are alive and remain unto His coming. This event is the blessed hope set before us in the Scripture (1 Thess. 4:13-18).
- ✠ We believe that the rapture of the church will be followed by the fulfillment of Israel's seventieth week (Daniel 9:27; Revelation 6:1 -19:21) during which the church, the body of Christ, will be in heaven.
- ✠ We believe that the period of great tribulation in the earth will be climaxed by the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth. The millennial age will follow, with Satan bound. Israel will be restored to her own land and the Abrahamic Covenant will be fulfilled.
- ✠ We believe that a clear distinction is made in Scripture between Israel's earthly Messianic Kingdom and the church which is Christ's Body.

Our Vision

Our vision is to promote a sound biblical worldview that will equip believers to contend for the faith.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide a Theological programme to all people irrespective of creed, gender or culture. We want to offer an opportunity to people living in South Africa and abroad, the ability to gain a better knowledge of God, based on sound Biblical teaching and less experiential emphasis.

Our mission is to raise up a Godly witness in society that will boldly and confidently share with authority and purpose, the mystery of the revelation as explained in the New Testament.

Our mission is to prepare prospective leaders to be relevant in a secular society and assertive in doctrine and lifestyle.

We want to present systematically the truth of God's Word, standing unequivocally for the fundamentals of the faith as contained in the Holy Scriptures; to equip the saints for service, and for the building up of the body of Christ for unity, knowledge of the Son of God and maturity (Eph. 4:12-16). It aims to raise the standard of holy living in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, acting as salt and light in the world (Philippians 2:15).

We will enable the Student to meet the demands of the Christian ministry, equipping them to serve as bastions against religious apostasy, discerning spurious doctrine.

*"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind Christ."
(1 Corinthians 2:16 KJV)*

Governance

St Marks Theological Seminary is Registered as a Non-Profit Company that has a Board of Directors who manage the Seminary.

Oversight is provided by a Staff Committee who continuously monitor the quality of the courses offered.

Any queries regarding the governance of the Seminary can be directed to the Seminary Administrator.

