

Christ's Pastors' Seminary

STUDENT'S HANDNOTE

Organisational Structure

Board of Directors

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| ○ Pastor Joe Jacowitz | Director |
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What is Christ's Pastors' Seminary?

Christ's Pastors' Seminary is an educational ministry instituted to train men who have been called and/or preparatory to Pastoral ministry. The Seminary is a ministry initiative of Christ Bible Church, San Leandro, California, USA.

Christ's Pastors' Seminary does not seek to award degrees but committed to delivering qualitative education in theology and pastoral studies, which gives its students a firm foundation to hold their own anywhere in the world. It is a non-denominational institution and would welcome application from all and sundry. A certificate of completion will be given upon completion of the course requirements.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to equip men for spiritual ministry. We are however, mindful of the fact that only the ministry of the Holy Spirit can produce results that are acceptable to God and redound to His glory, and ultimately enduring unto eternal life (John 4:23,24; 1 Pet.2:4, 5; 2 Cor.3:6-9; John 6:63; I Cor.3:10-17). Our method of preparing men for the pastorate is a three pronged, Biblical approach:

1. Doctrine (2 Tim.3:16, 17),
2. Meditation (1 Cor. 2:6-16),
3. Mentoring (2 Tim. 2:2; Matt.28:19-20).

In accomplishing our mission of equipping men for spiritual ministry, **Christ's Pastors' Seminary** training program has been tailored according to Bible's guidelines for ministry preparation. We also believe our program is both unique and pioneering in many ways.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Purpose of **Christ's Pastors' Seminary** (CPS) is to train Pastors to be Christ-like, New Testament ministers of the Word and the Spirit. And this can only achieved by faith

in the inerrancy of the Scripture, the canon of all beliefs and actions. The Bible is the primary means by which the Holy Spirit transforms lives so that the Lord Jesus Christ might be glorified and adored.

OUR CONCERN

The failure of much of the modern church to insist upon and maintain Biblical standards for its ministers has resulted in widespread doctrinal apostasy, stifling dead orthodoxy, and a plethora of false teachers and bogus Christianity filling the Evangelical church. For many years some Protestants and Evangelicals have followed what **Christ's Pastors' Seminary** believes to be a wrong model in the training of pastors that should be of concern.

- The traditional model calls for the separation of the man from his home church (in most cases).
- The traditional model fosters a learning process that elicits a focus of attention on the seminary institution rather than a Biblical and spiritual environment.
- The traditional model promotes a disproportionate emphasis on intellectual training to the exclusion of spiritual development.
- The traditional model is patterned after the secular university format of grading, scheduling, degree earning on a timed, condensed course schedule, without the Holy Spirit's involvement in the education process.

As a result the traditional model suggests what **Christ's Pastors' Seminary** believes is an unscriptural philosophy of education. We would like to build CPS on a different model which we believe will reflect a more scriptural foundation.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

1. We believe the Bible to be the divinely inspired, infallible, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, His deity, His sinless humanity and perfect life, the eternal all-sufficiency of His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the Father's right hand, and His personal imminent return to this Earth in power and great glory.
4. We believe that justification is a judicial act of God on the believer's behalf solely on the merits, blood, and righteousness of Jesus Christ, and that regeneration (the new birth) by the power of the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. This salvation is by grace alone through faith alone.
5. We believe in the Lordship of Christ over His church; the observance of the ordinances of baptism by immersion for believers and the Lord's Supper.
6. We believe Jesus Christ is coming again the second time to receive His own to himself who will be with Him for eternity. We believe the second coming of Christ is literal, personal, powerful, and bodily. The second coming of Christ does not take place in stages or phases. Christ will return to receive those who have been born again

and judge those who have rejected His rule and reign over their lives. Those who are declared unrighteous will spend an eternity separated from God.

7. We believe in a literal heaven and a literal hell. We believe heaven is the abode of all that receive Christ as Lord and Saviour. We believe hell is the abode of all that reject Christ as Lord and Saviour. We further believe hell is a literal place where God and good do not exist. There exists in hell an eternal fire.
8. We believe there is a spiritual relationship of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ so that all Christians must live a life of good works separated from the world in order to be an effective witness to the Lord's saving grace through the power and personal ministry of the Holy Spirit.

*****Special note.** *An expanded statement of the doctrinal position of CPS is set forth the in Baptist Confess of 1689. A free printed copy of the confession will be provided each student upon request.*

EACH LECTURE DAY

The day starts with morning devotion from 8.15am prompt to 8.55am. Every student is expected to be present. The devotion format is basically, a song to be chosen from the hymn book, read the passage you intend to preach on, your message and you must give allowance for open prayer. Every student must check the time-table to see when he is scheduled to take the devotion and if there is need to swap dates, approval must be granted by the Co-ordinator. All phones must be switched off.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed based on written essays, seminars, tests and quizzes. Your essay should be between 1000 – 1500 **TYPE WRITTEN** words or in legible hand writing; while seminar topics will be given in groups and presented in the class; questions would be asked after which the presentation would be submitted in a **TYPE WRITTEN format** of not more than 1000 words. Criteria for assessment are included in the rubric.

WELFARE AND MAINTENANCE

The students are to appoint among themselves, a student leader, Prayer Secretary and Book Secretary. The student leader liaises with the Seminary authorities on behalf of the students concerning their needs and supervises the maintenance of the premises. The prayer secretary organizes prayer meetings during free periods while the book secretary helps to source for recommended books to buy. Lunch cost is =N=1400 for 4meals per month (optional); this **AMOUNT IS DUE ON RESUMPTION.**

BOOK REFERENCES

Abiding in Christ	Andrew Murray
Absolute Surrender	Andrew Murray
A Devout and Holy Life	William Law
A Holy Life	John Bunyan
A Holy War	John Bunyan
All the Men in the Bible	Stanford E. Murrell
All the Miracles of Christ	Stanford E. Murrell
All the Parables of Christ	Stanford E. Murrell
All the Prayers of the Bible	Stanford E. Murrell
All the Wisdom and Works of Christ	Stanford E. Murrell

All the Women of the Bible	Stanford E. Murrell
Arminianism Answered	Christopher Ness
Baptist Confession of 1689 (Leader's Guide)	Stanford E. Murrell
Baptist Confession of 1689 Text Only	Stanford E. Murrell
Carnal Christian Theory	Ernest C. Reisinger
Creator's Story in Poetry	Adam C. Murrell
Church History: A Story Retold	Stanford E. Murrell
Church History Vol 1	Phillip Schaff
Church History Vol 2	Phillip Schaff
Church History Vol 3	Phillip Schaff
Commandments for Christians (OT)	Stanford E. Murrell
Commentary Book by Book	Matthew Henry
Commentary Chapter by Chapter	Matthew Henry
Da Vinci Code	John MacArthur
Divine Inspiration	A.W. Pink
Divorce Jewish Decree	
Drug Addiction and Alcoholism	
Evidence for a Young Earth	Jolly Griggs
Evolution and Gill Slits	
Fox's Book of Martyrs	John Fox
Free Offer of the Gospel	Joseph Gwynn
Free Will	J. I. Packer
Grace Abounding	John Bunyan
Geneva Bible	
How Goes It?	Bill Lash
How to Grow a Small Church	Bruce Hart
In Defence of the Decalogue	Richard C. Barcellos
Indulgences	Martin Luther
KJV of 1611	
KJV Only Challenged	Steve Rudd
Life of a Christian	John Calvin
Man's Will Free Yet Bound	Walter J. Chantry
Matthew Henry Book by Book	Stanford E. Murrell
Matthew Henry Charts	Stanford E. Murrell
Matthew Henry Summary Bible Chapter	Stanford E. Murrell
Matthew Henry Summary NT and OT Books	Stanford E. Murrell
Matthew Henry Summary NT Books	Stanford E. Murrell
Matthew Henry Summary OT Books	Stanford E. Murrell
Mortification of Sin	John Owen
New Perspective	John Resinger
New Perspective on Paul Movement	
Nine Marks of a Healthy Church	Mark Dever
Ninety Five Thesis	Martin Luther
Of Prayer	John Calvin
Old Testament as History	Stanford E. Murrell
Oneness Theology	James White
Payday Someday	R. G. Lee
People and Places in the NT	Stanford E. Murrell
Pilgrim's Progress	John Bunyan
Popes in Chronological Order	

Preface to the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans	Martin Luther
Reformed Pastor	Richard Baxter
Resolutions	Jonathan Edwards
Revival When is it Needed?	Stanford E. Murrell
Rule of Elders in the Church	R.A. Torrey
Saving Faith	A. W. Pink
Separation of Church and State	Thomas Jefferson
Sexual Purity	Bill Shannon
Sovereign Grace New Testament	Stanford E. Murrell
Thirty Wise Sayings in Proverbs	Stanford E. Murrell
Treasury of David in One Volume	Stanford E. Murrell
Treasury of David Psalm 1-50	Charles H. Spurgeon
Treasury of David Psalm 51-100	Charles H. Spurgeon
Treasury of David Psalm 101-150	Charles H. Spurgeon
Twelve Men who Changed the World	Stanford E. Murrell
Twenty Kings of Judah	
Wars of the Jews	Flavius Josephus
Westminster Shorter Catechism	
With Christ in the School of Prayer	Andrew Murray
Wolves Among Sheep	Adam Murrell

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE WORKS

Selected Sermons	Jonathan Edwards
A Divine and Supernatural Light	
Christian Knowledge	
Christ's Agony	
Excellency of Christ	
Future Punishment	
God Glorified in Man's Dependence	
God's Sovereignty in the Salvation of Sinners	
Hypocrites Deficient in the Duty of Prayer	
Importance of Divine Truth	
Justice of God	
Knowledge of Divine Truth	
Many Mansions	
Pardon for Sinners	
Present with the Lord	
Pressing into the Kingdom	
Punishment of the Wicked	
Safety, Fullness and Sweet Refreshment	
Salvation of the Soul	
True Saints	
Vain Self Flatteries of the Sinner	
Wicked Men Useful in the Destruction Only	
Selected Sermons	Charles H Spurgeon
Free Will a Slave	
Immutability of God	