

# Purpose and Objectives of the Seminary

## Statement of Purpose

The Church of God European Theological Seminary is a bilingual Pentecostal/Charismatic institution of the Church of God (Cleveland, TN, USA), which trains leaders and laity for Christian Ministry in today's world. It provides a balance of academic excellence with practical ministry experience and spiritual formation, for the purpose of equipping workers to fulfill the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Training for leadership in church ministry occurs on three levels at ETS:

1. Classroom or online lectures and learning activities encourage academic reflection and dialogue.
2. Life in the spiritual community, on campus or online, emphasizes social, spiritual, and character formation.
3. Practica and internships help to integrate learned material and personal development through practically engaging in real life ministry situations.
4. Institutional Goals

## Institutional Goals

The primary goals of the Seminary are to help students:

1. acquire a basic understanding of the Scriptures, the history of the church, and the church's theological heritage so as to be able to integrate these into a theological perspective that is biblically sound.
2. experience spiritual growth, personal development, and professional maturity so that they can function competently and responsibly in ministry.
3. acquire and develop communication and relational skills that will enable them to function well and communicate the gospel in whatever cultural or inter-cultural setting they may find themselves.
4. acquire and develop, under supervision, those skills, and abilities needed for the practice of ministry.

# Theological Commitment

We Believe:

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In One God eternally existing in three persons: namely the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried and rose from the dead. That He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ: through the Word and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness is God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine Healing is provided for all in the Atonement
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the pre-millennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous, and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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