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## **INTRODUCTION**

Scofield Graduate School and Theological Seminary (SGSTS) is a nonprofit educational ministry of Mable Ave Church, Modesto, CA. (AnAnswer.org). SGSTS is a Conservative Evangelical institution committed to providing quality, affordable, Christian education through distance learning and on campus studies. This catalogue contains current information regarding purpose, vision, objectives, educational programs, financial and general information, policies and procedures. It is very important that all prospective and registered students acquaint themselves with program requirements, policies and regulations governing SGSTS as contained in this catalogue. SGSTS reserves the right to make necessary changes at any time without notice in its courses, personnel,

tuition and fees as listed in this catalogue. SGSTS reserves the right to modify, revoke or add policies and procedures herein at any time. All new students will be admitted at the tuition in the current catalogue in effect at the time of enrollment. All students will be under the jurisdiction of the current catalogue in effect at the time of enrollment and any future edition. The seminary is named after C.I. Scofield.



**"Scofield, Cyrus Ingerson (1843-1921), Bible student and author,** born in Lenawee County, Michigan, reared in Wilson County, Tennessee, and privately educated. Fought in the Civil War from 1861-1865 under General Lee, his distinguished service earning him the Confederate Cross of Honor. Admitted to the Kansas bar in 1869, elected to the Kansas House of Representatives where he served for one year. President Grant appointed him United States Attorney for Kansas in 1873. Worked as a lawyer in Kansas and Missouri from 1869 to 1882. Converted at 36, he was ordained to the Congregational ministry in 1882, and served as pastor of the First Church, Dallas, Texas (1882-1895), and again (1902-1907); and of the Moody Church, Northfield, Massachusetts (1895-1902). Later years were spent lecturing on biblical subjects on both sides of the Atlantic. The work for which he is best remembered is his 1909 dispensational premillennial Scofield Reference Bible." (From "The Wycliffe Biographical Dictionary of the Church," page 362, Elgin S. Moyer, 1982, © Moody Press, Chicago, IL)

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

SGSTS believes that wisdom, knowledge, and understanding come through the Word of God. We believe that there is a calling time, a preparation time, and a sending time; and we believe that a person's preparation for ministry will determine their ability to serve effectively in their calling. SGSTS is a conservative evangelical educational institution committed to educating and training Christian men and women to serve with excellence in their field of Christian service, such as: evangelists, pastors, teachers, ministers, missionaries, organizational leaders, educators, administrators, managers, and other Christian workers and all born-again believers. SGSTS is a distance learning seminary, and all programs can be completed through resident, distance or independent study. In order to carry on an effective 21st Christian ministry one must be fully equipped for service. SGSTS programs will take you steadfastly through the Holy Scriptures and other theological and ministerial subjects essential for ministry. At SGSTS you will be trained to love God's Word, you will learn sound doctrine, you will learn to develop a well-defined apologetic to defend God's Word and to reach the lost world for Christ. At SGSTS you will be fully trained and equipped for effective full-time Christian ministry service. Many Christians today cannot afford to attend a large traditional (on campus) college, university, or seminary. Many would like to but are hindered because of time, money, energy, ministry or job, family, location and other reasons. At SGSTS all

hindrances are removed; our students will be able to study in the privacy, convenience, and comfort of their homes and complete their degree program at their own pace. Our students will save time, money and energy and receive the same education as those of prestigious traditional (on campus) colleges, universities and seminaries or even better. The secret to excelling through distance learning is self-motivation, a disciplined study habit, and an earnest commitment. Thanks for considering SGSTS for your education. We would love to have you as part of our student body, and may the Lord bless and direct you as you prepare for advanced study. If you have any question, don't hesitate to contact us by phone or email, we would be more than happy to assist you in any way possible. Thank you and God Bless,

*Dr. Kenny Rhodes, D.R.E., Ph.D., President*

### **SGSTS NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

SGSTS admits students of any race, color, gender, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights, benefits, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. SGSTS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, nationality, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other administered programs. SGSTS does not discriminate, except on the basis of religion, when any individual is not in harmony with the basics of evangelical doctrine.

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

1. We believe the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament Scripture alone to be verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original text, and that they alone are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God who is Creator of heaven and earth, who is infinite Spirit, light, love, and truth; eternal, almighty, infallible in all things, including His foreknowledge of all future events as well as all free choices; that He is unchangeable, all wise, just, and holy; and that the triune God eternally exists in one essence and three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the special creation of the entire space-time universe and of every basic form of life in the six historic 24-hour days of the Genesis creation record. We also believe in the historicity of the biblical record, including the special creation of Adam and Eve as the literal progenitors of all people, the

literal fall and resultant divine curse on the creation, the worldwide (Global) flood, and the origin of nations and diverse languages at the tower of Babel.

4. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Eternal Word manifested in the flesh. We believe that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and that He is true God and true man, having two distinct natures co-joined in one Person.

5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of every human being and thus offers salvation as a free gift based on grace alone.

6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ arose from the dead in the same physical body, though glorified, in which He had lived and died, and that His resurrection body is the pattern of that body which will be given to all believers at the return of Christ.

7. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven in the same glorified physical body in which He arose, was seated at His Father's right hand, assuring us of the perfection of His work of redemption, and that He now, as Head over all things to the Church, is engaged on behalf of the saved as their only Advocate.

8. We believe in the personal, imminent, pre-trib and premillennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones followed by His millennial (1,000 year) reign on earth. It is at this time he will fulfill all the promises he made to Israel.

9. We believe that man was originally created in the image and likeness of God, and that he fell through sin; and that as a consequence of his sin, he became dead in trespasses and sins, and that he became subject to the power of the devil. We also believe that this spiritual death, or total depravity of human nature, has been transmitted to the entire human race, the Man Christ Jesus alone being excepted; and hence that every child of Adam is born into the world with a nature which is totally corrupt.

10. We believe that only those who receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior on the condition of faith alone, apart from all good works, are thereby born again of the Holy Spirit, are justified once and for all, and have become children of God.

11. We believe that the Holy Spirit, being the Third Person of the Godhead, convicts men of sin, regenerates, indwells, baptizes, seals, and sets believers apart to a holy life; that He keeps and empowers believers day by day. We believe that He is the Teacher of the Word of God through which He guides us in our daily lives.

12. We believe in the eternal security and everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the eternal conscious punishment of the lost.

13. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted only two ordinances: water baptism and the Lord's Supper, to be observed until He comes. We believe that water baptism is not necessary for salvation but that it is an outward symbol of salvation and a sign of our obedience to Him.

14. We believe that the universal Church of Jesus Christ is composed of those who have been redeemed and washed in His blood, regenerated and sealed by the Holy Spirit, and that they are saved to worship and to serve; that it is the responsibility and privilege of all who are saved to seek to win others to Christ, to the "uttermost part of the earth"; that they should seek to live a holy life, to separate themselves from and forsake all that might dishonor God, cast discredit on His cause, or weaken their testimony.

15. We believe that there is a personal devil, a being of great cunning and power, who is "the prince and the power of the air," "the prince of this world," and "the god of this age." We believe that he can exert vast power but only as far as God permits him to do so; that he shall ultimately be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and shall be tormented day and night forever.

16. We are committed to classical Dispensational Theology. Dispensational Theology is distinguished by:

- A consistent (historical- grammatical) literal interpretation of Scripture.
- A clear distinction between Israel and the Church. Israel is not the Church and the Church is not Israel.
- Taking into account progressive revelation.
- Recognizing the glory of God as the ultimate purpose of God in all his dealings with man.

## **PURPOSE, MISSION AND VISION**

SGSTS was established for the purpose of educating Christians for excellence in the Church of Jesus Christ worldwide. SGSTS is a Conservative Evangelical Christian institution, and is open to all Christian denominations, associations, independent churches and ministries, and all born-again believers in Christ. Our mission is to educate and train men and women of God for ministry and other Christian services in the real world. SGSTS is committed to the Great Commission of teaching and making disciples of all nations. We stand on our biblical mandate of world evangelization and the teaching and equipping of men and women called into the Gospel ministry and other Christian services. SGSTS is an institution without walls, for the world is our classroom. Bringing quality and

affordable education to the reach of Christians in the Church of Jesus Christ around the world, educating and training them for effective Christian service is our vision.

## **OWNERSHIP AND LEGAL STANDING**

SGSTS is a nonprofit educational ministry of Mable Ave Church, Modesto, CA.. Mable Ave Church is a recognized 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Religious Corporation through its membership (group exemption) in the California Southern Baptist Convention and is incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

## **AUTHORIZATION**

SGSTS is authorized to operate and grant religious degrees and diplomas by exemption in the State of California by the Bureau for Private Post Secondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE). AAST is not a private postsecondary educational institution as that term is defined in law. SGSTS operates under California Education Code (CEC) Section 94739 (b)(6) of the BPPVE in the State of California.

## **ACCREDITATION**

SGSTS is accredited by International Council for Accrediting Alternate and Theological Studies (ICAATS), Kerala, India. ICAATS is a recognized accrediting agency by the Indian government. To contact ICAATS concerning Scofield's accreditation status write: ICAATS, Anand Villa, Cochin University PO, 682022, Kerala, India.

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[www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/accreditation/accredus.html](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/accreditation/accredus.html) .

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