

# TELEO UNIVERSITY REQUIRED AFFIRMATIONS

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

Teleo University is an Evangelical Protestant religious organization that holds to the essentials of biblical orthodoxy. The following statement addresses seven essentials upon which Christians have agreed throughout the centuries and is intended to be inclusive rather than exclusive. We are eager to partner with denominations, churches, and other religious organizations who hold to these essentials of the Christian faith. To maintain continuity and consistency, Teleo University expects faculty, administration, and students to agree with, personally adhere to, and support the following doctrinal statement:

We Believe:

1. The Scriptures, both Old, and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and women and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and practice.
2. In one God, creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. That Jesus Christ is true God and true man having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.
4. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age, to convict men and women, regenerate the believing sinner, and indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
5. That mankind was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
6. That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection, provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe. That the new birth comes only by grace through faith in Christ alone and that repentance is a vital part of believing, but is in no way in itself a separate and independent condition of salvation; nor are any other acts such as confession, baptism, prayer, or faithful service to be added to believing as a condition of salvation.
7. In the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.

## SPIRITUAL REQUIREMENTS: BELIEF AND CHARACTER

Applicants must agree with, personally adhere to, and support Teleo University's **Doctrinal Statement**. By completing and signing the application, the applicant promises to respect and comply with the student **standards of conduct of Teleo University**.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Serving is an integral part of the Christian life. Students enrolled in Teleo University are non-traditional students who are serving as pastors, church planters, and Christian leaders in the local church. Christian service is not a something added to the course work it is integrated into the entire educational experience at Teleo University at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Serving and loving non-Christians and helping disciples grow is a way of life for those seeking to finish the Great Commission.

## STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Teleo University trains pastors and church leaders who are currently serving in ministry. Paul declares that those who lead the church must be blameless and above reproach (Titus 1:6-7). In 1 Timothy 3:2-3 Paul further states, *Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.* Therefore, Teleo University holds these same expectations of biblical conduct for our students. Teleo University allows freedom of behavior where the Bible permits freedom and expects restraint, where the Bible gives clear commands. As church leaders and disciple makers, Teleo students should avoid every appearance of dishonesty, deception, lack of integrity, immorality, abusive speech, and impropriety.

I have read the **Statement of Faith**, **Christian Service Requirements** and **Standards of Conduct** affirm my agreement with them. I will respect, adhere to, and support these essential doctrines and requirements while associated with Teleo University.

*(Acknowledgment and affirmation of agreement with the Statement of Faith and these policies are completed as part of the Teleo University online application process.)*