



# New Geneva

## THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



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### Christ's Coming in Humility Sanctifies All of Our Endeavors

"When Mary was not nursing her son, she placed Him in an unused feeding trough (of wood or stone) right next to her...But a feeding trough! Let us never be surprised at the humility of God. The Westminster Shorter Catechism asks (Question 27), 'Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?' Its answer begins: 'Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition....' Its scriptural proof text for that 'low condition' is Luke 2:7. In a feeding trough, needing a mother's breast and a change of diaper. How very incarnate the incarnation is! And yet what encouragement is here. For if Christ stoops so low, to such a 'common' level, does this not sanctify all that seems common and ordinary and unimpressive in the lives of His people? To be quaint and go back a few years—the weaver laboring at his loom, the farmer putting up hay, the mother cleaning her oven, or the teacher tutoring her 'slower' student in reading, the accountant preparing tax returns, the pastor reading in his study, the doctor diagnosing a perplexed patient. Jesus' feeding trough suffuses all the glamorlessness of our callings with a touch of His humble glory."

Dale Ralph Davis, *Luke 1-13: The Year of the Lord's Favor*, pp. 46-47

### Extension Locations and Programs

The Lord has allowed us to provide our quality seminary education in Fredericksburg, Virginia (since 2002), and in Egypt (since 2010). In both locations we have been able to bring the full range of New Geneva's brand of biblical and theological education to students for whom it would otherwise not be easily available. Many of the graduates from these extensions are now engaged in vocational ministry or active leaders and teachers in their local churches. Thank you for providing the support that has made these extensions possible.

Dr. Aquila will be teaching in our Egypt extension in April. This time he will be lecturing on Church History (Reformation period) to the Masters students, and in Biblical Theology to the Doctor of Ministry students.

If you would like to support our extension in Egypt, you can designate this on your check. Your prayer support is also deeply appreciated.



### A New Way to Donate!

New Geneva recently contracted with Cornerstone Payment Systems to begin processing online donation payments. To make a donation online, visit the New Geneva website ([www.newgeneva.org](http://www.newgeneva.org)) and click on the donation link on the home page. The link will take you to another page where you can securely enter your credit card information.

### Appreciation for All Gifts

The board, administration, and faculty of New Geneva deeply appreciate every gift we receive. Each gift helps us fulfill our purpose of preparing servant leaders for the church for a lifetime of ministry. Most of our regular gifts are directed to our current operating fund. There are a number of ways to support the seminary's ministry.

- ⇒ Giving on a regular monthly or quarterly basis for current operations
- ⇒ Providing for student scholarships
- ⇒ Establishing a gift annuity or a charitable trust
- ⇒ Creating an endowment
- ⇒ Contributing to special needs, e.g., for property maintenance or equipment
- ⇒ Establishing a memorial in the name of a

loved one

### Success Flowing From Faithfulness

"Faithfulness, simply, is embracing and obediently using what you've been given according to God's wisdom and grace. To say it even more simply, faithfulness is obedience—obedience to God's commands, calling, and gifting—and obedience is success. That means that you may not be the most gifted teacher, but you're the right teacher for your church at this moment. Even though you may not be the greatest evangelist in the world, but you're the person to share the gospel with your neighbor. And although you may not have much to offer by the world's standards, but what you do have, you give joyfully.

That, truly, is the perspective we need, regardless of our role in ministry or the size of the ministry God has called us to. Through the gospel, Jesus frees us from the tyranny of 'fruitfulness' as we define it. Of growing attendance and giving, of gaining and maintaining 'influence.' He frees us from being the brightest person in the room. God gives you as much as you ought to have according to His wisdom—and that ought to be enough for us."

~ Aaron Armstrong