



MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR WORLD

TAMILNADU BIBLE SEMINARY

Teach All Nations

*"The harvest truly is great,
but the labourers are few."*

2026 - 2027

PROSPECTUS

DIRECTOR'S DESK



Br. A. Ruban
DIRECTOR, TBS

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord

It gives me great joy to welcome you to **Tamil Nadu Bible Seminary**, a place committed to nurturing faithful servants of God and equipping leaders for effective ministry. As we live in a time of great spiritual need and social transformation, theological education plays a vital role in shaping individuals who are rooted in God's Word and led by the Spirit.

At Tamil Nadu Bible Seminary, our mission is not only to impart biblical knowledge but also to cultivate Christ-like character, spiritual discipline, and a heart for mission. We are dedicated to providing sound theological training that strengthens faith, deepens understanding of Scripture, and prepares students to serve in churches, communities, and mission fields with integrity and compassion.

We believe that true ministry flows from a life surrendered to God. Therefore, alongside academic excellence, we emphasize prayer, practical ministry experience, and personal spiritual growth. Our desire is to see each student grow into a faithful ambassador of Christ, committed to proclaiming the Gospel and serving humanity with humility and love.

I warmly invite you to be part of this journey of learning, transformation, and service. May the Lord guide you as you seek His calling and purpose for your life.

With prayerful blessings,

Br. A. Ruban
DIRECTOR

Tamil Nadu Bible Seminary

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A NEW LIFE BEGINS

The Root of Your Calling



"Ministry is not just what you do; it is who you are when nobody is watching."

Coming to TBS is about more than just a degree it is about a change on the inside. You might be feeling a pull toward something greater. This is the moment to stop and see what God is doing in your **life** right now. We are here to help you grow from the root up.

IS YOUR SPIRIT SAYING 'YES'?

I want to know God more

I want to serve others

I want to learn the Truth

I am ready to be shaped



LEARN THE WORD



PRAY TOGETHER



GO AND SERVE

Wait Until You See What's Next...

The journey to the harvest begins on the very next page. We are going to show you our classes and how we prepare you to lead with power. **Turn the page to see your life at TBS!**

INTRODUCTION

TAMILNADU BIBLE SEMINARY

2026 - 2027
ADMISSION CYCLE

1.1 WELCOME TO TBS

Welcome to **Tamilnadu Bible Seminary**. We hope that as you read this prospectus, you will get a clear picture of our mission and how God has called us to train a generation of men to be lights for Jesus Christ throughout India.

1.2 HISTORY & VISION

Established in **2010**, TBS was born to prepare those with a divine calling. We combine academic excellence with a deep commitment to the practical application of theological discipline for the Kingdom of God.

1.3 Location

Located 10 km from Thirumangalam at the IPC Tamilnadu HQ. The **23-acre campus** at Zionpuram offers premium connectivity via the Kanyakumari-Kashmir highway.

1.4 DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

THE GODHEAD

One true God, Creator of all, existing eternally in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

THE SCRIPTURE

The Old and New Testaments are the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God.

JESUS CHRIST

His virgin birth, sinless life, atoning death, resurrection, and ascension to the Father.

THE CHURCH

The Body of Christ, redeemed and knit together by the Spirit to live as His disciples.

THE GOSPEL

The mandate to preach the whole Gospel to every person as commanded by Christ.

FUTURE HOPE

The resurrection of the saved to life and the unsaved to eternal condemnation.

1.5 PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

Our Vision

We envision Tamilnadu Bible Seminary as one of the leading centers for practical theological research, ministerial formation, and missionary training in India. Our goal is to raise spiritually mature, biblically grounded, and mission-focused leaders who faithfully proclaim the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek to serve churches throughout Tamilnadu and beyond by equipping individuals to minister effectively in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through sound doctrine, disciplined character formation, and contextual ministry training, we strive to impact communities with transformational Christian leadership.

Our Mission

Responding to the leading of God’s Spirit, the Seminary is committed to training and equipping men and women for effective Christian ministry. We provide structured academic instruction combined with spiritual mentoring, practical exposure, and leadership development. Our mission is to prepare pastors, evangelists, missionaries, church planters, teachers, and ministry leaders who will faithfully serve in diverse cultural and social contexts. We also aim to develop trainers who will multiply ministry impact by equipping others for Kingdom service.

1.6 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Seminary offers comprehensive academic programs integrating biblical knowledge, theological depth, spiritual formation, and practical ministry skills. Each

program progressively develops competence, character, and commitment to Christian service.

Programs	Duration	Eligibility
Bachelor of Theology	3 Years	Higher Secondary (XII) or Equivalent Qualification
Master of Divinity	3 Years	Bachelor Degree (BA, B.Sc, B.Com or Equivalent)
Certificate in Theology (Extension)	1 Year	Mature Candidates with Reasonable Proficiency in Tamil

The Bachelor of Theology program lays a strong biblical and theological foundation for ministry. The Master of Divinity program provides advanced theological education emphasizing pastoral leadership and ministerial excellence. The Certificate in Theology program serves mature believers seeking structured theological understanding for active church involvement and local ministry support.

1.7 AFFILIATION AND ACCREDITATION

While holding the conviction that ultimate accreditation comes from God Himself, the Seminary maintains recognized academic relationships to ensure credibility and accountability. TBS programs are accredited by NATA. Since 2019, the Seminary has been recognized under the Theological Board, IPC General (International) Council. These affiliations reflect our commitment to doctrinal faithfulness, academic integrity, and ministerial relevance within the broader Christian community.



2. ADMISSION AND ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Application for Admission

All correspondence and enquiries regarding admission procedures should be addressed to the Dean, Tamilnadu Bible Seminary, IPC Headquarters, Zionpuram, Rayapalayam PO, Thirumangalam, Madurai – 625 706. Applicants are encouraged to carefully review all requirements before submission to ensure smooth processing.

Documents to be submitted along with the application form:

- Duly completed and signed application form with accurate personal and academic details.
- Personal statement describing Christian experience, spiritual growth, and clear sense of call to ministry.
- Attested copies of Certificates and Academic Transcripts (originals must be produced at the time of admission).
- Recent medical fitness certificate confirming physical and mental suitability for residential study.
- Financial support statement from Parents / Sponsor / Church ensuring ability to meet academic expenses.
- Copy of Baptism Certificate as evidence of Christian commitment.
- Three recent passport size photographs for institutional records.

- Letter of recommendation from the Pastor or Church authority affirming character and calling.

Applications containing discrepancies, incomplete documentation, or insufficient information will not be considered for admission.

2.2 Admission Requirements

Bachelor of Theology: Candidates must have completed Pre-university or an equivalent recognized qualification. Applicants awaiting results may also apply provisionally. Mature candidates above 25 years of age with proven ministerial involvement and spiritual maturity may be considered under a special quota as determined by the Seminary authorities.

Master of Divinity: A Bachelor degree from a recognized institution along with a minimum of one year practical ministry experience is required. Applicants must successfully complete an entrance examination conducted by the Seminary in English, Bible Knowledge, and General Knowledge.

Certificate in Theology: Mature candidates above 25 years with reasonable proficiency in Tamil and demonstrated Christian commitment may apply. Selection will be based on suitability for theological training and ministry potential.

2.3 Orientation of New Students

New students are formally welcomed through a structured orientation programme designed to introduce them to academic policies, faculty members, spiritual disciplines, campus regulations, and community expectations. The orientation process aims to help students transition smoothly into Seminary life and begin their theological formation with clarity and confidence.



3. ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

3.1 Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction for all academic programs shall be English unless otherwise specified by the Academic Council.

3.2 Attendance Requirements

Students must maintain a minimum of 75% attendance in each subject to be eligible for semester examinations.

3.3 Internal Assessment

Internal assessment includes unit tests, assignments, seminars, and class participation as prescribed by the institution.

3.4 End Semester Examination

End semester examinations shall be conducted at the conclusion of each semester in accordance with approved syllabus guidelines.

3.5 Grading System

The Seminary follows the grading system below:

Letter	Grade %	Point
A+	90–100	4.0
A	85–89	3.7
A-	80–84	3.4
B+	77–79	3.0
B	73–76	2.7
B-	70–72	2.4
C+	67–69	2.0
C	63–66	1.7
C-	60–62	1.4
D	55–59	1.0
P	50–54	0.5
F	Below 50	0.0

3.6 Promotion Policy

Students must pass all required subjects to be promoted to the next academic level. Those with arrears must clear them within the prescribed academic period.

3.7 Completion Requirements

Students must complete all academic, practical, and financial requirements within the maximum duration prescribed by the Seminary to qualify for graduation.

3.8 Academic Discipline

Students are expected to maintain high academic standards and integrity. Any malpractice, dishonesty, plagiarism, cheating, or misconduct in examinations, assignments, research, or academic activities will invite strict disciplinary action including suspension or dismissal.

4. STUDENT CONDUCT

4.1 Code of Conduct

Students shall conduct themselves in a manner worthy of Christian calling both inside and outside the campus. Respect for faculty, staff, administrators, and fellow students is mandatory at all times.

4.2 Chapel Attendance

Attendance at daily chapel services and all special spiritual programs is compulsory. Spiritual formation is central to the Seminary's mission and training.

4.3 Hostel Regulations

Hostel residents must strictly follow regulations regarding cleanliness, study hours, punctuality, silence hours, and community living standards.

4.4 Discipline

Violation of Seminary rules may result in warning, suspension, withdrawal of privileges, or dismissal depending on the seriousness of the offense.

5. GENERAL REGULATIONS

5.1 Library

The library provides theological and reference resources for academic growth. Silence must be maintained. Books should be returned on time. Loss or damage must be compensated.

5.2 Practical Ministry

Students are assigned church and field ministries as part of practical training. Regular ministry reports must be submitted for evaluation.

5.3 Examinations

Students shall appear for examinations as scheduled. Absence without valid reason will result in forfeiture of marks unless special permission is granted.

5.4 Financial Responsibility

All fees must be paid within prescribed dates. Students with pending dues may not be permitted to attend classes, examinations, or receive certificates.

5.5 Sports

Balanced development of mental strength and physical fitness is encouraged. Sports and games are organized to build discipline, teamwork, and healthy relationships.

5.6 Dressing

In order to maintain the highest Christian standards, students are expected to dress modestly and decently both inside and outside the campus premises.



5.7 COUNSELLING

Personal and social counselling is provided by the warden as well as administrators and faculty members. Spiritual counselling may be obtained from the pastor or the Principal. Academic matters should be taken to the Academic Dean. All administrators and faculty are ready to assist students in resolving their problems and difficulties.

5.8 CAMPUS UP KEEPING

The students play an important role in keeping the campus clean and beautiful. Social work is organized at least two hours per week as needed.

5.9 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Respond to the bell at 5:30 a.m. and maintain quiet time.
2. Perform assigned duties honestly.
3. Keep rooms and bathrooms clean.
4. Be punctual for meals. No private cooking.
5. Lights off by 10:30 p.m. or fine imposed.
6. No heaters or electric stoves.
7. Guests require permission.
8. Special food requires medical certificate.
9. Food complaints to principal only.
10. Maintain hygiene and cleanliness.
11. Report sickness immediately.
12. Electronic devices with earphones only.
13. No intoxicating beverages.
14. Maintain unity and cooperation.
15. No strikes or rebellion.
16. No denominational arguments.
17. No outside campus programs.
18. No outside employment.
19. No purchase on credit.
20. Participate in all programs.
21. No disrespect to staff.
22. Mischief punished strictly.
23. Emergency leave by permission only.
24. Damage to property must be compensated.
25. Participate in evangelism and manual work.
26. No discrimination.
27. Campus leave requires permission.
28. Malpractice leads to dismissal.
29. No outside exam without approval.
30. Offenders warned; parents informed.
31. Rule violations lead to punishment.
32. Principal's decision is final.
33. Discipline is top priority in TBS.

SPECIAL FEATURES

1. Spiritual growth & academic excellence.
2. Biblical exposition & counselling focus.
3. Mission exposure & practical training.
4. Healthy campus atmosphere.
5. Scholarships available.
6. Training for modern ministry challenges.
7. Dedicated & qualified faculty.

6.1 FEES INFORMATION

Fee particulars for B.Th and M.Div programs are given below.

Sl.	Particulars	Amount
1	Admission Fee	₹ 2000/-
2	Tuition Fees	₹ 6000/-
3	Examination	₹ 1000/-
4	Medical	₹ 500/-
5	Library	₹ 500/-
6	Hostel Fees	₹ 12000/-
7	Electricity	₹ 500/-
8	Establishment	₹ 500/-
9	Maintenance	₹ 1000/-
	Grand Total	₹ 24,000/-

Other Fees: Late Registration – Rs.25/day | Duplicate Certificate – Rs.100 | Absent Fine – Rs.10/day.

6.2 FINANCIAL AID

Students are encouraged to seek sponsorship. Deserving candidates may receive scholarships upon approval. Travel, books, medical and incidental expenses are not covered.



7. BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Managed by the Theological Education Board of IPC Tamilnadu Council.

Bro. A. Ruban Director	Pr. S. Solomon Co-ordinator	Pr. Thomson Mathew Co-ordinator
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Department of Old Testament Studies

1. **OT 101: Pentateuch** – Study of Genesis to Deuteronomy covering creation, covenant law, redemptive history, patriarchal narratives, Mosaic leadership and the theological foundation of Israel's identity.
2. **OT 102: Historical Books** – Survey of Israel's journey from conquest to exile and restoration highlighting covenant faithfulness, kingship, prophetic voices and divine sovereignty.
3. **OT 103: Poetry & Wisdom Literature** – Study of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon emphasizing worship, suffering, wisdom and devotional spirituality.
4. **OT 104: Prophetic Books** – Examination of major and minor prophets focusing on repentance, covenant renewal, justice and Messianic expectation.
5. **OT 105: Old Testament Theology** – Theological themes of covenant, kingdom, sacrifice, priesthood and promise preparing for New Testament fulfillment.

Department of New Testament Studies

1. **NT 201: Life of Jesus Christ** – Chronological study of Christ's incarnation, teachings, miracles, parables, death and resurrection.
2. **NT 202: Synoptic Gospels** – Comparative study of Matthew, Mark and Luke with theological emphasis on kingdom proclamation.
3. **NT 203: Book of Acts** – Growth of the early church, apostolic preaching and missionary expansion under the Holy Spirit.
4. **NT 204: Johannine Writings** – Theology of John's Gospel and Epistles stressing love, truth and eternal life.

5. **NT 205: Prison Epistles** – Doctrinal and pastoral insights from Paul's imprisonment letters focusing on unity and perseverance.
6. **NT 206: Hebrews & General Epistles** – Faith, endurance and doctrinal instruction encouraging spiritual maturity.
7. **NT 207: Romans & Galatians** – Justification by faith, grace and Christian liberty forming the foundation of the Gospel.
8. **NT 208: Pastoral Epistles** – Church leadership, sound doctrine and ethical Christian living.
9. **NT 209: Apocalyptic Literature** – Study of Daniel and Revelation focusing on prophecy and God's ultimate victory.
10. **NT 210: New Testament Theology** – Overview of apostolic doctrine, salvation, mission and Christian ethics.

Department of General Bible Studies

1. **BG 301: Bible Survey** – Unified overview of Old and New Testaments in historical and theological context.
2. **BG 302: History of Israel** – Covenant history, monarchy, exile and restoration.
3. **BG 303: Hermeneutics** – Principles and grammatical-historical methods of biblical interpretation.
4. **BG 304: Bible Geography** – Study of biblical lands enhancing contextual understanding of Scripture.

Department of Church History

1. **CH 401: History of Christianity in India** – Development of Christianity in India including missionary movements and indigenous leadership.
2. **CH 402: General History of Christianity** – Survey from apostolic era through Reformation and global missions.

Department of Theology and Ethics

1. **TE 501: Theology I** – An introduction to the study of Bibliology, Theology Proper and Pneumatology, laying the foundation for systematic theological understanding rooted in Scripture.
2. **TE 502: Theology II** – An introduction to Anthropology, Hamartiology, Christology and Soteriology, examining the doctrine of man, sin, the person and work of Christ and the nature of salvation.
3. **TE 503: Theology III** – An introduction to Angelology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology including Demonology, providing a comprehensive understanding of spiritual beings, the Church and last things.
4. **TE 504: Christian Ethics** – A study on the ethical teaching of Jesus Christ in the Gospels and its implications to contemporary personal and social ethical issues.
5. **TE 505: Apologetics and Cults** – A study on defending the Christian faith against non-Christian philosophies and cult movements, examining their origins and essential teachings from biblical and historical perspectives.

Department of Mission and Ministry

1. **MM 601: Evangelism** – Designed to prepare students to share their faith effectively in public and private settings, applying biblical principles and evaluating modern evangelistic methods.
2. **MM 602: Homiletics and Worship** – A study of sermon preparation, delivery and principles of Christian worship with emphasis on biblical preaching and liturgical understanding.
3. **MM 603: Principles of Church Planting and Growth** – A survey of biblical church growth principles focusing on building spiritually healthy and mission-oriented congregations.

4. **MM 604: Christian Discipleship** – Explores foundations of disciple-making based on biblical insights and leadership development within the local church context.
5. **MM 605: Pastoral Care and Counseling** – A study of pastoral responsibilities including care, administration, preaching and counseling grounded in biblical leadership principles.
6. **MM 606: Introduction to Mission and Doctrines** – An introduction to the theology and practice of Christian missions, highlighting global trends and doctrinal foundations.
7. **MM 607: Leadership and Church Management** – A study of church leadership with special reference to servant leadership modeled by Jesus Christ.

Department of Religions and Philosophy

1. **RP 701: Major World Religions** – An introduction to the major religions of the world, especially those predominant in the Indian sub-continent, enabling students to respond from a Christian apologetic perspective.
2. **RP 702: Modern Religions and Secular Movement** – A study of contemporary religious and secular trends and their relevance to the Indian Church.
3. **RP 703: Introduction to Philosophy** – A survey of philosophical thinking from Greek philosophy to modern Renaissance thought, emphasizing critical reflection and Christian worldview engagement.

Department of Education and Communication

1. **EC 801: Christian Education** – Biblical foundation of Christian education, its historical development, theories, programs and methods.
2. **EC 802: English** – An introductory course designed to help non-English speaking students learn grammar and vocabulary for effective communication.

HEART AUDIT

Personal Readiness Self-Assessment



Evaluate your current spiritual standing. This activity is for your personal growth a tool to help you pray through your calling.

RATE YOURSELF (1 = LOW, 5 = HIGH)

SCRIPTURAL HUNGER

Consistency in personal Bible study and desire for truth.



PRAYER LIFE

Dependence on the Holy Spirit through daily communication.



SERVANT HEART

Willingness to perform humble tasks for the Kingdom's sake.



MISSION ZEAL

Burden for the unreached and passion for church planting.



WHERE DO I NEED THE MOST GROWTH?

"The Lord does not look at the outward appearance, but at the heart." — 1 Samuel 16:7

OUR SPIRITUAL LEGACY

Equipping Leaders For Global Harvest

"At Tamil Nadu Bible Seminary, we don't just provide certificates; we nurture callings. Our mission is to immerse every student in the profound truth of the Word, ensuring they emerge not just with knowledge, but with the fire of the Holy Spirit to transform nations. Your journey toward deeper ministry starts with a single step of faith here."

Pastor. S. Solomon

SECRETARY, IPC TAMIL NADU & TBS CO-ORDINATOR

WHY TBS IS YOUR RIGHT CHOICE



SOUND DOCTRINE

Deep-rooted biblical teaching focused on the infallible Word of God.



SPIRITUAL MENTORSHIP

Personal guidance from experienced leaders who care for your soul.



MISSION FOCUS

Practical outreach programs that prepare you for real-world ministry challenges.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Recognized curriculum that stands the test of theological scrutiny.

The World is Waiting.

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. If God is stirring your heart for ministry, TBS is the place to sharpen your tools.



HEAVENLY VISION. EARTHLY IMPACT.

Tamilnadu Bible Seminary is committed to excellence in theological education and practical ministry training for the next generation of Christian leaders.

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