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BTHB 533 The Holy Spirit in the New Testament Church
(3 Credits)

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An investigation of the role of the Holy Spirit in the primitive Christian community. The ministry of the Spirit in the worship and interpersonal relations of Christians will be stressed. Includes a special unit on the theology of the Church.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student should have demonstrated in class discussions, presentations, examinations, and written papers

1. An understanding of the New Testament witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in the earliest Christian church.
2. An understanding of the Pentecostal doctrine of the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the light of the biblical witness and contemporary theological analysis.
3. An understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in gifting the church and its members for service.
4. An understanding of the activity of the Holy Spirit in the worship of the church.
5. An understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in sanctifying and maturing the church and its members.
6. A sound methodology for biblical theology.
7. Growth in personal faith and the practice of ministry.

TEXTBOOKS

Fee, Gordon D. *Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1996.

Menzies, William W. and Robert Menzies. *Spirit and Power: Foundations of Pentecostal Experience*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.

Palma, Anthony D. *The Holy Spirit: A Pentecostal Perspective*. Springfield, MO: Logion Press, 2001.

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. The Birth of the Church
 - a. Pentecost
 - b. Proclamation
 - c. Glossolalia
 - d. Luke's Charismatic Theology
- II. The Spirit of Promise
 - a. The Old Testament
 - b. John the Baptist
 - c. Jesus
- III. The Believer's Life and Ministry
 - a. Conviction
 - b. Regeneration
 - c. Sanctification
 - d. Baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - e. Maturity
 - f. Ethics
 - g. Witness
- IV. The Church's Life and Ministry
 - a. The Fellowship of the Spirit
 - b. Worship in the Spirit
 - c. Gifts of the Spirit
- V. A Theology of Spirit-Baptism
 - a. Nomenclature
 - b. Subsequence
 - c. Initial Evidence
 - d. Theological Formulation

METHODOLOGY

Lectures, dialogues, and peer presentations/critiques.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Reading.** The student is expected to begin reading in advance of the class and by the end of the reporting period, complete and report, on a form to be supplied by the instructor, the following reading assignments:
 - a. All textbooks in entirety.
 - b. New Testament books of Acts and 1 Corinthians (emphasize chs. 12-14)
 - c. Parallel sources on bibliography, especially writers as Chan, Fee, Horton, Keener, Lim, Menzies, and Stronstad in relevant areas.

A final reading report attesting the reading of 1,000 pages is to be submitted not later than **Monday, May 29, 2006.**

2. **Paper.** The student is expected to write a paper of 15 pages (or 3,000 words) on a topic relevant to the subject matter of the course that is selected in consultation with, and approved by, the professor during the class sessions. Research must (1) involve multiple (not less than ten) sources, (2) be carefully documented with footnotes/endnotes/parentheses and bibliography, (3) carefully identify direct quotes with quotation marks or indentation, and (4) conform to Turabian, 6th edition. **Due date: Not later than Monday, May 29, 2006.**
3. **Presentation.** At a time to be designated during the class sessions, the student is expected to make a 15-minute presentation to the class from research and reading done in preparation for the required research paper.
4. **Examinations.** A major “take-home” examination will be distributed at the end of class. The student may utilize any resources gathered during the class periods and in the course of the class reading and research. It may be completed and handed in at any point from the end of class but the final due date is **Monday, April 24, 2006.**

GRADING

The course grade will be determined as follows:

Paper	– 40%
Examination	– 40%
Reading Report/Presentation/ Class Participation	– 20%

The reading report/class participation grade will be determined on the basis of quality of readings, care and time expended, and class participation in discussions, questions, and presentations.

NOTE: A \$30.00 fee will be charged to the student’s account for every grade change even if the instructor has approved an extension for completing the work. Any exception to the policy will be made by the registrar.

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SPECIFIC DATA

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