

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Continuing Education Course
In conjunction with Church Life Resources
Phoenix, AZ
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. The course 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, papers, and projects a high degree of comprehension of the following cognitive and affective objectives, as well as the skills to translate these objectives into the life and work of the Christian ministry:

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

TEXTBOOKS

Horton, Stanley M. *What the Bible Says About the Holy Spirit*. Rev. ed. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 2005. (*WBSHS*) [302 pp.]

Menzies, William W. and Robert Menzies. *Spirit and Power: Foundations of Pentecostal Experience*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000. (*S&P*) [211 pp.]

Palma, Anthony D. *The Holy Spirit: A Pentecostal Perspective*. Springfield, MO: Logion Press, 2001. (*HSPP*) [258 pp.]

Wagner, C. Peter. *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow*. Rev. ed. Ventura, CA: Regal, 1994. (*YSG*) [259 pp.]

Enloe, Tim; et. al. *Helping Others Receive the Gift: Insights on Spirit Baptism from God’s Word and Personal Experience*. Springfield, MO: Access Publishing/Gospel Publishing House, 2008.

Note: If any of these books have been previously read for credit in any other course, substitute another relevant book from the attached bibliography.

COURSE OUTLINE AND SCHEDULE

CALENDAR	OUTLINE
Unit 0	Complete reading of the assigned texts
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Devotions/Prayer Unit 1—The Spirit of Promise Unit 2—The Birth of the Church
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Devotions/Prayer Unit 2—The Birth of the Church Unit 3—The Believer’s Life and Ministry
Thursday 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Devotions/Prayer Unit 4—The Church’s Life and Ministry Unit 5—A Theology of Spirit-Baptism
Friday 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. to Noon	Devotions/Prayer Unit 5—A Theology of Spirit Baptism

METHODOLOGY

Lectures, dialogues, and peer presentations/critiques.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Reading.** Participants are expected substantially to complete the assigned texts before the first session . A final **reading report** on a form to be supplied by the

instructor that attests the reading of not less than 1,000 pages is to be submitted on **the last day of class.**

2. **Reflection Paper.** Participants should bring to the **first class** a 5-page reflection paper that represents a candid and thoughtful critique of their own practice of Pentecostal-Charismatic ministry as evaluated against the backdrop of the required readings. Be prepared to summarize orally, or perhaps, read, to the class. **Final draft due on the last day of class.**

3. **Professional Growth Paper.** After return to their places of ministry, participants should prepare a 20-page paper that addresses a specific ministry function that is impacted by the pneumatology of the New Testament. The paper should:
 - a. Identify a specific ministry function for congregational enhancement, i.e., preaching, encouraging the baptism in the Holy Spirit, cultivation of spiritual gifts, guidance for spiritual gifts, prayer for the sick, etc.
 - b. Explore and articulate an adequate theological basis for the projected ministry enhancements.
 - c. Develop and describe the process by which the theological insights will be actually applied in the life of the congregation.

The theological components of the paper should be carefully researched and documented from Scripture and scholarly resources. The practical components should likewise be grounded in careful research where such precedent is available. However, it is expected that participants will also demonstrate imagination and creativity in the application of their theology. The paper is due **August 13, 2008.**

4. **Turabian Style.** All papers are to be submitted in good Turabian (7th ed.) form.

GRADING PROCEDURE

The course grade will be determined as follows:

Reflection Paper	– 20%
Professional Growth Paper	– 80%
[Participation/Reading	--10%]

The participation grade may be employed in evaluating the quality of readings, care and time expended, and class participation in discussions, questions, and presentations. Class grades will be averaged using the following scale: F=1; D-=2; D=3; D+=4; C-=5; C=6; C+=7; B-=8; B=9; B+=10; A-=11; A=12. Grade reporting is based on the AGTS scale.

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SPECIFIC DATA

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ADDENDUM

For Undergraduate Credit

Participants taking the class for undergraduate credit will be expected to read the same texts and submit the same number of pages on the reading report. However, the final paper will be only 10 pages in length. Turabian (7th ed.) style will be required.

