

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Springfield, Missouri
June 21-25, 2004

BTHM/PCSM/PTHM 640 The Theology and Practice of Charismatic Ministry
(3 Credits)

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Summer II

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is an eclectic course, combining biblical (especially Paul, Mark, Luke, and John), missiological, theological and pastoral insights to the gifts of the Spirit. It presents the biblical theological base for ministry in Spiritual gifts and an understanding of the church and her major functions from a theological and structural point of view. Pastors and Missionaries need to grasp the sensitivities and unique needs of multi-cultural churches, especially as it relates to spiritual gifts. Most importantly, the development of gift ministry in our own lives is emphasized and practiced.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon the completion of the course, the participant should be able to:

1. Defend and teach a strong Biblical perspective of the work of the Holy Spirit
 - A. through exercise of all the gifts
 - B. through understanding the cosmic context (spiritual warfare)
 - C. through understanding the church context (structure and flow)
2. Exercise the gifts regularly
 - A. in personal life
 - B. in appreciation of the subtleties and perspectives in a multi-cultural context
 - C. in view of missions and the second coming of Christ
3. Evaluate contemporary phenomena and lead his/her church forward from the basis of biblical authority.

TEXTBOOK

Lim, David. *Spiritual Gifts: A Fresh Look*. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1991.

Recommended Text

Horton, Stanley, ed. Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1994. (Read pages 457-488, Dr. Lim's article on Spiritual Gifts.)

Trask, Thomas E., Wayne I Goodall, Zenas J. Bicket. The Pentecostal Pastor: A Mandate for the 21st Century. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, Reprint 2000. (Read pages 570-577, Dr. Lim's article on Planning the Worship Service in Concert with the Spirit.)

COURSE METHODOLOGY

Class sessions combine lecture, video, discussion, and actual ministry times. We should glean from the experience and wisdom of the students as well. Class interaction is invaluable and expected.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Pre-Session:

1. The participant should thoroughly read the instructor's book, *Spiritual Gifts: A Fresh Look* as well as his chapters in *Systematic Theology and Pastoral Theology*. Write a 5-8 page reflection paper on the materials, highlighting the most significant concepts and the reason for their significance.

Due Date: First day of class, Monday, June 21, 2004

Session:

1. The participant should attend all class sessions.
2. The participant should be involved in the interaction and discussion of course material.

Post-Session:

1. Write a 10-page essay reflecting summary and insight from the class as you are putting these concepts together in your own person and ministry.
2. Prepare a formal research paper of 22-25 pages (typed, double-spaced) on a specific topic related to the gifts of the Spirit. Thorough research, adequate documentation (i.e. footnotes and bibliography as required in the Turabian 6th edition style guide), a clear sense of purpose, and clarity of presentation are expected. The paper should also contain a title page, an outline of the contents, an introduction and a conclusion/summary. The instructor should approve the paper topics during the one-week course. Topics could include: A study on a specific gift of the Spirit; an enabling ministry such as apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher, a contemporary issue of Pentecostal/Charismatic concern; the relationship between gifts and fruit or gifts and holiness; differences in gift lists.

3. In addition to the required texts, the participant should read a minimum of 700 pages from the bibliography while doing research, or in preparation for class discussion. Submit a bibliographic report including the books on how many pages read.

Due Date: All post-session assignments are to be postmarked by October 1, 2004

Mail all assignments to:

**AGTS
Attention: Dr. David Lim
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COURSE GRADING

Pre-Session Reading & Reflection	15%
10-page Reflective Essay	25%
Additional Reading	10%
22-25 page Research Paper	50%

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