

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
BTH 533 The Holy Spirit in the New Testament Church

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course investigates the role of the Holy Spirit in the primitive Christian community. The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the worship and interpersonal relations of Christians will be stressed. Included in the course is a special unit on the theology of the Church.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course the student should be able to:

1. Describe and explain the unique contributions of the various NT authors to the biblical theology of the Spirit.
2. Synthesize and explain the organic unity of the NT theology of the Spirit.
3. Integrate the NT's pneumatology into her/his ministry.
4. Describe and explain the (Pentecostal) hermeneutical framework that results in a worldview of continuity.
5. Build a biblical case for supernatural/miraculous dimensions in ministry today.

TEXTBOOKS

Required:

Gordon Fee. *God's Empowering Presence*. Peabody: Hendricksen, 1994.

Jack Deere. *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993. Paperback.

Wayne Grudem, ed. *Are Miraculous Gifts for Today?* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996.
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William and Robert Menzies. *Spirit and Power: Foundations of Pentecostal Experience*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Biblical-Theological Method
 - A. Definition
 - B. Organic nature

- C. Framework
 - D. Process and tools
- II. Biblical-Theological Overview of the Spirit's Work
- A. Inner transformation
 - B. Empowerment
- III. New Testament Fulfillment of the Spirit's Work
- A. In the individual
 - B. In the corporate body of Christ
- IV. Special topics
- A. Gifts of the Spirit
 - B. Worship
 - C. Prophecy and tongues
 - D. Understanding cessationists
 - E. Building the case for a supernatural world view

METHODOLOGY

The course will utilize lectures, discussion, readings, and written assignments. Interaction is invited.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Note: Chapel, Wednesday, February 7th, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
Chapel, April 4th, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

1. Each student is expected to attend all class sessions, barring emergencies.
2. Each student will submit a 3-5 page essay comparing and contrasting the hermeneutic of Oss and Gaffin. **Essay due Wednesday February 28, 2007.**
3. Each student will write a 15 page formal research paper on a topic of interest within the purview of the course content (Holy Spirit in the NT). Turabian is required. A minimum of ten scholarly sources should be cited. The **paper is due at the beginning of class on Wednesday, March 28, 2007.**
4. Each student will sustain a final essay examination at the scheduled time for the final in this course. The question(s) will be taken from the list of possible questions distributed in class. Students are permitted to write answers to the questions in advance of the exam. Students are **not permitted** to bring notes or pre-written answers to the final exam. You are free, however, to memorize your essays. Students are required to write the examination in a blue book. No computers are allowed in the room for the final. Blue books and pens/pencils only.
5. Each student will read the required texts in their entirety. **Completed reading due by the beginning of class on Wednesday, April 25, 2007.**

GRADING PROCEDURE

1. The final grade will be based on the following percentages:

10%	Class participation (e.g., attendance, interaction)
10%	Timely completion of reading requirement
20%	Essay
30%	Research paper
30%	Final exam

2. Assignments will be given a letter grade which 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.

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