

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

THE/PCS 621 The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday, 8:00-10:45

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will examine the biblical expression of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. His vital role in providing regeneration for the repentant, sanctifying the convert, baptizing the believer and giving and empowering ministries for service to the Kingdom of God will be considered.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

1. A basic familiarity with the biblical material that presents the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
2. A grasp of the ways in which the Church has understood and declared those understandings of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
3. Knowledge of these teachings and their practical application about the importance of the person and work of the Holy Spirit for the modern church.
4. An appreciation and hunger for experiencing increased openness to the contemporary moving of the Holy Spirit within the church.

TEXTBOOKS

- Berding, Kenneth. *What Are Spiritual Gifts? Rethinking the Conventional View*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2006. ISBN 0825421241.
- Dieter, Melvin E., et al. *Five Views on Sanctification*. Grand Rapids, MI: Academie Books, 1987. ISBN 0310415314.
- Fackre, Gabriel, Ronald H. Nash, and John Sanders. *What About Those Who Have Never Heard?* Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995. ISBN 0830816062.
- Palma, Anthony D. *The Holy Spirit: A Pentecostal Perspective*. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 2001. ISBN 0882433024.
- Picirilli, Robert E. *Grace, Faith, Free Will Contrasting Views of Salvation: Calvinism & Arminianism*. Nashville, TN: Randall House Publications, 2002. ISBN 0892656484.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Introduction
2. Titles and Symbols of the Holy Spirit
3. The Personhood of the Holy Spirit
4. The Deity of the Holy Spirit

5. The Works of the Holy Spirit
 - a. Biblical descriptions of the work of the Spirit
 - b. The work of the Spirit upon the unbeliever
 - c. The work of the Spirit in salvation
6. The Holy Spirit in the Believer's Life
 - a. The work of the Spirit in sanctification
 - b. The work of the Spirit in baptism
 - c. The work of the Spirit in gifting believers for service

METHODOLOGY

The primary method of instruction will be lectures by the professor. Time will be made for discussion on material germane to the course. The student will participate in the learning experience in the class hour through taking notes, discussion, preparing a major paper, and interaction with the assigned texts.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. The student is expected to attend all class sessions. Absences should be for extreme circumstances only. Exceeding the absence limits shall be regarded as an unofficial withdrawal and result in a grade of F.
2. The class will break for a chapel service Tuesday, January 5, 9:30-10:45, and Tuesday, March 30, 9:30-10:45.
3. The student is expected to submit a three to five page critique on each of the assigned textbooks. They are due: Palma book—January 12; Piccirilli book—February 2; Fackre book—February 16; Dieter book—March 16; Berding book—March 30. The critique should evidence graduate level interaction with the argument of the books. The student should also be prepared to participate in class discussion of each text on the day the critique is due..
4. The student should submit a 15-20-page research paper on a subject germane to the course. The professor must approve the topic. The paper should conform in style to *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, (current edition), by Kate L. Turabian, using footnotes for resource documentation. The paper will be graded on content, composition, form, and style. The paper is due April 6, 2010.
5. The student should sustain a final exam. The exam will be essay in nature and, except for a personal emergency, must be taken on the assigned date. The exam is scheduled for April 20, 2010.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is assumed that students at AGTS will endeavor to be honest and of high integrity in all matters pertaining to Seminary life. A lack of respect and integrity is evidenced by cheating, fabricating, plagiarizing, misusing facilities, removing books and other property not one's own, and disrupting classes.

Cheating is defined as “intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise.” It is assumed that whatever is submitted by a student is the work of that student and is new work for that course. Fabrication is “intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise or form.” Plagiarism is “intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own in any academic exercise.” One who facilitates any of the above is equally responsible with the primary violator.

Penalties may include restitution, an “F” on an individual paper, exam, or course; loss of campus employment; disciplinary probation; removal from extracurricular activities; and suspension.

COURSE GRADING

The grade for the course will be determined as follows:

Book Critiques	33%
Exam	34%
Paper	33%

Grades are recorded and averaged on the basis of the following grade scale: A=94-100; A-=90-93; B+=87-89; B=84-86; B-=80-83; C+=77-79; C=74-76; C-=70-73; D+=67-69; D=64-66; D-=60-63; F=0-59.

All assigned work for the course must be submitted for the student to receive a passing grade for the course. The grade of I (Incomplete) may be granted only upon the written request of the student. Except in the case of severe extenuating circumstances the granting of the grade of I will mean that the course grade, assigned when the work is completed, will be reduced by one letter grade.

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SPECIFIC DATA

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