

# ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## BTH 534 The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

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### COURSE SYLLABUS

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is an exegetical and theological examination of the classical Pentecostal understanding of Spirit baptism. The historical development of the doctrine and relevant hermeneutical issues will also be considered.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

1. A basic understanding of the biblical bases for the classical Pentecostal doctrine of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
2. A better appreciation for the historical development of the classical Pentecostal doctrine of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
3. An understanding of the classical Pentecostal doctrine of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
4. An insight into the positions that compete with the classical Pentecostal doctrine.
5. An increased hunger for the reality of the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the individual life and in the corporate life of the contemporary church.

#### TEXTBOOKS

Chan, Simon. *Pentecostal Theology and the Christian Spiritual Tradition*. Journal of Pentecostal Theology Supplement Series, no. 21, ed. John Christopher Thomas, Rick D. Moore, and Steven J. Land. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2000.

Grudem, Wayne A. ed. *Are Miraculous Gifts for Today: Four Views*. Counterpoints Series. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996.

Keener, Craig S. *Gift and Giver: The Holy Spirit for Today*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 2001.

Palma, Anthony D. *The Holy Spirit: A Pentecostal Perspective*. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 2001.

#### COURSE OUTLINE

- I. The Historical Development of the Doctrine of Spirit Baptism

- II. The Hermeneutical Issues in the Doctrine of Spirit Baptism
- III. The Biblical Material Relative to the Doctrine of Spirit Baptism
- IV. The Doctrine of Spirit Baptism

## **METHODOLOGY**

The primary method of instruction will be the lecture, with ample time devoted to the discussion of ideas and issues germane to the course. The student will be expected to take notes consistently during the sessions.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. The student is expected to attend all class sessions. Absences should be for extreme circumstances only. The limits established by the Seminary will be observed. (“Barring a serious medical emergency, credit cannot be granted for courses in which a student has been absent beyond the equivalent of more than 2 weeks . . .” – *Catalog*, 74).
2. The student is expected to submit a 3-5 page typed critique of each of the assigned texts. They will be due according to the following schedule: Palma—September 22; Keener—October 13; Chan—November 3; and Grudem—December 1. The critique should evidence graduate level interaction with the arguments(s) of the book. The student should also be prepared to participate in class discussion of the text at the class session in which the critique is due.
3. The student is expected to submit a fifteen to twenty page paper on a subject from the list to be provided by the professor. The paper should conform to Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* (current edition, Chicago: University of Chicago Press), using footnotes for resource documentation. The paper will be graded on content, composition, and style, and is due at class time, December 1, 2003.
4. There will be a final exam given on Monday, December 15, 2003. The exam will be essay in nature and designed to allow the student to reflect his/her experience and learning during the class.

## **GRADING PROCEDURE**

The final grade will be determined as follows:

Book critiques	33%
Final exam	33%
Term Paper	34%

Grades are recorded and averaged on the basis of the following grade scale: A=12; A-=11; B+=10; B=9; B-=8; C+=7; C=6; C-=5; D+=4; D=3; D-=2; F=1. Classroom participation will also be considered in the assignment of the final grade.

To receive a passing grade for the course all work must be submitted. The grade of I (Incomplete) may be granted only for extenuating circumstances upon the request of the

student. Except in the case of severe extenuating circumstances the course grade will be reduced by one letter grade.

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