

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

1. Summarize the main contributions to the development of the early Christian pneumatology made by the Gospel writers and Paul.
2. Identify key hermeneutical and exegetical issues in the current debate concerning New Testament perspectives on the work of the Spirit.
3. Construct a biblical rationale for a Pentecostal understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual and of the Church.
4. Appreciate the challenges and opportunities that await those anticipating Pentecostal ministry today.

TEXTBOOKS

The Bible (preferably NASB or NIV).

Fee, Gordon. *Paul, The Spirit, and the People of God*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1996.

Menzies, Robert P. *Empowered for Witness: The Spirit in Luke-Acts*. Journal of Pentecostal Studies Supplement Series 6. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1994.

Stronstad, Roger. *The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1984.

Turner, Max. *The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts: In the New Testament Church and Today*. Rev. ed. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1996.

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. The Commissioning of the Church
 - A. Pentecost
 - B. Proclamation
 - C. Why Tongues?
 - D. Tongues and the Spread of the Gospel
- II. The Spirit of Promise
 - A. The Old Testament
 - B. John the Baptist
 - C. Jesus the Christ
- III. The Believer's Life
 - A. Conviction of Sin
 - B. Regeneration
 - C. Sanctification
 - D. Baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - E. Maturity (Fruit of the Spirit)
 - F. Ethics
 - G. Witness
- IV. The Church's Life
 - A. The Fellowship of the Spirit
 - B. Gifted by the Spirit
 - C. Worship in the Spirit
- V. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - A. Nomenclature
 - B. Subsequence
 - C. Initial Evidence
 - D. Rationale for Spirit Baptism

METHODOLOGY

The class will meet Mondays through Fridays, May 5-30, 2003, from 9:45-11:45 A.M. The class time will consist of lectures by the professor and classroom discussion of assigned reading material and other pertinent matter.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. The student is expected to attend all class sessions in accordance with the policies of the Seminary. "Barring a serious medical emergency, credit cannot be granted for a course in which a student has been absent beyond the equivalent of more than 2 weeks (3 days, 4-week summer session)" (*Catalog*, 74).
2. The student is expected to submit four book report/critiques, one on each of the four assigned texts. The due dates for the critiques are: May 9—Menzie's book; May 15—Stronstad book; May 21—Fee book; May 28—Turner book. The student should be prepared to discuss each book in class as it come due. Each critique is expected to be 3-5 typed pages in length and should deal with the author's purpose for and theological

positions revealed in the writing, a brief summary of the argumentation of the book, a critical and engaged evaluation of the argumentation and positions held by the author, and an overall evaluation of the value of the work.

3. The student should sustain successfully a final exam to be given May 30, 2003. The exam will include the classroom material covered during the course and the required textbooks.

GRADING PROCEDURE

The final grade will be determined as follows:

Book reports/critiques	50%
Final exam	50%

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. Late work will be penalized commensurate with the lateness.

The grade of I (Incomplete) may be granted only for extenuating circumstances upon the written request of the student. Except in the case of severe extenuating circumstances the course grade will be reduced by one letter.

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