

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BTH/PCS 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

Brand, Chad Owen. *Perspectives on Spirit Baptism: Five Views*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2004.

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.
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—June 28; Keener—July 1; Brand—July 5; and Grudem—July 7. 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. There will be a final exam given on Friday, July 8. The exam will be essay in nature and designed to allow the student to reflect his/her experience and learning during the class.

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.

GRADING PROCEDURE

The final grade will be determined as follows:

Book critiques	50%
Final exam	50%

Grades are recorded and averaged on the basis of the following grade scale: A+=97-100; A=93-96; A-=90-92; B+=87-89; B=83-86; B-=80-82; C+=77-79; C=73-76; C-=70-72; D+=67-69; D=63-66; D-=60-62; F=0-59.

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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SPECIFIC DATA

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