

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BTH/PCS 538 The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An exegetical and biblical theological study of all the major references to the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament with emphasis on the various aspects of the work of the Spirit in the lives of God's people. It will also show how these themes provide foundational support for Pentecostal experience and doctrine.

OBJECTIVES

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

1. Describe the major aspects of the Old Testament teaching on the Holy Spirit including discussion of the exegesis of the major passages.
2. Explain how the Old Testament provides foundational support for Pentecostal experience and doctrine.
3. Relate the working of God's Spirit in the lives of Old Testament people to His working in the student's life today and the life and mission of the church.

TEXTBOOKS

Cotton, Roger D., ed. *BTH 538 The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament Handouts, 2007*, by AGTS.

Hildebrandt, Wilf. *An Old Testament Theology of the Spirit of God*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1995.

Horton, Stanley M. *What the Bible Says About the Holy Spirit*. Rev. ed. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 2005.

Wright, Christopher J. H. *Knowing the Holy Spirit Through the Old Testament*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2006.

BASIC OUTLINE

1. Doing Biblical Theology and the word for spirit, ruach.
2. Genesis and Poetry Books—The Spirit in creation and guiding and sustaining people.
3. Exodus-Nehemiah—The Spirit empowering ministry, especially leadership and prophetic ministry.
4. Isaiah-Malachi—The Spirit in prophecy, especially the Messiah and eschatology.
5. Comparison of the work of the Spirit in the Old Testament and the New

NOTE: On June 11 the class will attend chapel the first 50 minutes.

METHODOLOGY

Lecture, discussion of readings, and class presentations of research projects.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class attendance is expected; the maximum allowable absences is three class periods. Please talk to the professor about your absences.

1. Be prepared for each class to discuss the Scriptures and readings assigned. The student is expected to read the appropriate material in Hildebrandt, Horton, and Wright as well as in the Handouts for each class and finish them by the end of the course.
2. Turn in a 4-6 page essay on **Monday, June 9**, on Peter's use of Joel 2 in Acts 2 and the Pentecostal understanding of it. Further instructions will be provided in class.
3. Choose one of the following:
 - A. Present in class for 20 minutes on a day to be scheduled, the highlights of a 2-3 page outline of your summary of your exegetical, biblical-theological, research into a sub theme or a passage on the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. The outline must be turned in the morning of the day before for the professor to get it copied for the class.
 - B. Make an appointment to present to the professor in his office a 20 minute summary of an outline as described above in A., by June 26.
 - C. Turn in a 9-12 page paper dealing with a topic as described in A. by June 26.

For all Three Choices:

Your topic must be turned in for approval by June 11. All three choices require a list of all sources consulted. [NOTE: Articles in books should follow 11.26 in Turabian 6th ed. or 17.1.8 in the 7th] This is to be based mainly on concordance work, including key word studies, with consultation of at least the following **to qualify for an A grade**: NIDOTTE, the Dictionary of Biblical Imagery, monographs, the best commentaries (the best 3 on the major passages), key journal articles (at least one), and OT theologies (at least 4 major ones). Do your own analysis first before reading the scholars' opinions. It should take into account any progressive revelation. Put your name, the course, and the date, at the top of the first page of the outline.

4. Write an essay final exam on Friday, June 27
5. Late work will be penalized 1 point per day late using a 12 point scale (12=A, 1=F).

WRITTEN WORK SUBMITTED TO ROGER COTTON

All work for me must be typed, double spaced, with one-inch margins and the right margin NOT justified, and be proof-read. Your writing should demonstrate good, formal, clear, writing style (see handouts and Strunk and White or *Getting the Words Right*). For questions about format see Turabian 6th edition. If you need to cite a source you may choose which one of the three citation methods in Turabian you prefer to use: foot notes, end notes, or parenthetical. For assignments with specific readings, no bibliography is needed unless you want the professor to know about additional reading you did. If the source has been assigned, just put the last name in parentheses with the page number. The length may exceed the limit by a page or so. If you do not have it finished when it is discussed in class you shouldn't listen to the discussion. Put the following information at the top of the first page or on a title page: Name, assignment, course, my name, date. Do not put anything but the page numbers at the top of the other pages. No title page is needed for work under 4 pages. Do not use a cover, just staple it.

GRADING

Reading of textbooks, handouts, and other assigned readings, and class participation	10%
Essay on Pentecostal understanding of Joel 2-Acts 2	22%
Presentation of Outline of Research Project	40%
Final Exam	28%

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SPECIFIC DATA

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