DO 630 Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

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I. PURPOSE: The purpose of this course is to provide an intensive treatment of a major Christian doctrine, namely, the person and work of Holy Spirit (Pneumatology). In our study we will draw primarily from scripture, along with insights from the Christian tradition and Christian experience, in constructing a doctrine of the Holy Spirit for Christian life and ministry in the church and the world today.

II. OBJECTIVES: By the end of this course students will have:

A. Dealt with biblical materials, become acquainted with historical developments, and reflected upon contemporary issues related to the doctrine of the Holy Spirit.


C. Been further equipped so that through their evangelizing, proclaiming, teaching, caring, and leading they will be able to communicate and impart the person and work of the Holy Spirit to others.

D. Been enriched in their own relationship with God through growth in their understanding and personal experience of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

E. Examined, evaluated and used a reasonable range of literature related to the doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

III. TEXTBOOKS

Chad Owen Brand, ed., Perspectives on Spirit Baptism
Raniero Cantalamessa, Come, Creator Spirit
Gordon Fee, Paul, the Spirit and the People of God
Veli-Matti Karkkainen, Pneumatology
Craig Keener, Gift & Giver: The Holy Spirit for Today
Clark Pinnock, Flame of Love
IV. REQUIREMENTS

A. Attendance at 90% of all class sessions and active participation in discussions.

B. A Journal (20%) based on your reading of Raniero Cantalamessa’s *Come Creator Spirit* (15-20 pages doublespaced typed). Each week of class you will be reading two chapters of the text and writing a 1-2 page (doublespaced typed) personal reflection or prayer or meditation related to how this material engaged your mind and heart. Every two weeks, we will devote a class session to discussing insights you gained from the text and how it impacted your spiritually. You will turn in your journal three times during the course of the semester. Below is the schedule for the reading, journal, and class discussions.

Sept 2-7. Introduction & Chapter 1
Sept 8-14. Chapters 2-3
Sept 15-21. Chapters 4-5
Sept 22-28. Chapter 6
Sept 29-Oct 5. Chapter 7
Nov 24-Dec 1. Chapter 22

C. 3 One-page Response Papers (12 font, singlespaced typed) on the Fee, Karkkainen, Pinnock, and Keener texts (10%). Choose three of the four texts to respond to. In your response include:
An Insight--something(s) you learned from reading this book.
A Challenge--something(s) specific this book is challenging you to do.
A Question--something you would like to question the author about. Perhaps it is something you disagreed with or something you’d like to further clarification about. The due dates for the response papers are listed on the course schedule below.

D. A Position Paper (20%) describing your understanding of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
Based on class discussions and reading of course texts (especially Brand and Keener), write a 5-7 page (doublespaced 12 font typed) describing your understanding of the
Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to discuss when it occurs, what it involves and what happens as a result. Also be sure to briefly interact with at least two of the other major positions on the issue describing why you find them untenable.

E. **A Group Project and Class Presentation (15%)**. Each group will be assigned an important contemporary book related to the Holy Spirit. The group will read the book and then present a 20 minute report to the class. In your report, be sure to tell us who the author is, what is the thesis and main content of the book, and what is the significance of the book. In presenting the book to the class be creative in your use of handouts, powerpoint, video clips, drama, etc. It is very important that your report does NOT exceed the 20 minutes allotted for your report. Books from among the following list will be reported on:

Doug Banister, *The Word and Power Church*
Jim Cymbala, * Fresh Power*
Tony Campolo, *How to be Pentecostal Without Speaking In Tongues*
Jack Deere, *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit.*
George Mallone, *Those Controversial Gifts*
Howard Snyder, *The Divided Flame: Wesleyans and the Charismatic Renewal*
Charles Swindoll, *Flying Closer to the Flame*
Peter Wagner, *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow*
Michael Welker, *God the Spirit*
John White, *When the Spirit Comes with Power: Signs & Wonders among God’s People*

D. **A Final Project** due Dec 8 (35%). Choose one of the following three options:

a. A Sermon (8-10 pages, doublespaced, 12 font typed). Choose a text directly related to the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Make sure that your sermon is a “biblical” sermon (i.e. a sermon which expounds the meaning of the chosen text) and not merely “Christian” sermon (i.e. a sermon which is Christian in content but is only indirectly related to the chosen text). However, make sure it is also engaging and applicable to the everyday practical lives of the average person in the pew and not merely a seminary exegesis paper.

b. A Magazine article (8-10 pages, doublespaced 12 font typed). Write an article on some aspect of the ministry of the Holy Spirit for a popular Christian magazine, one that is targeted primarily for a lay audience. Communicate in a clear and engaging way.
c. A Research paper (10-12 pages, doublespaced 12 font typed). Write a research paper on some aspect of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. Make sure you include at least 12 sources in your bibliography or works consulted.

d. 3-5 Hymns or Songs focusing on the Holy Spirit. Along with each hymn or song, include a two page (doublespaced 12 font typed) explanation of the theology of the Holy Spirit you were seeking to communicate through the hymn.

V. Course Outline and Schedule

Sept 2. Introduction

Sept 4. Living in the Age of the Spirit

Sept 9. Living in the Age of the Spirit

Sept 11. The Person of the Holy Spirit

Fee Response Paper Due.


Sept 18. The Person of the Holy Spirit

Sept 23. The Holy Spirit in Creation and Providence

Sept 25 The Holy Spirit in the Life and Ministry of Jesus

Pinnock Response Paper Due

Sept 30 Meet with Groups for Group Project

Oct 2 Guest Speaker

Oct 7 Discussion of Cantalamessa, Chapters 4-7. Journal due.

Oct 9 The Holy Spirit in Personal Salvation

Karkkainen Response Paper Due

Oct 14 The Holy Spirit in Personal Salvation

Oct 16. The Holy Spirit in Personal Salvation


Oct 30. Two Group Presentations

Nov 4. Discussion of Cantalamessa, Chapters 12-15. **Journal due.**

Nov 6. The Holy Spirit in the Church

Nov 11. The Holy Spirit in the Church

Nov 13. Two Group Presentations.


Nov 20. The Holy Spirit in the Church  
Keener Response Paper Due

Nov 24-29. Reading Week. No Classes

Dec 2. The Holy Spirit in the Church

Dec 4. Discussion of Cantalamessa, Chapters 20-22. **Journal due.**

Dec 9. Two Group Presentations

Dec 11. The Holy Spirit in the Church  **Final project due.**

Bibliography on the Holy Spirit

**Biblical Studies**


**Historical Studies**


**General Works on the Holy Spirit and Pneumatology**


