



Nipawin Bible College
TH2143 The Holy Spirit
Winter 2024
3 Credit Hours
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a study of the personality, deity, and work of the Holy Spirit as presented in the Scriptures. It will also cover current issues as well as the diversity of views on the Spirit with the different traditions of Christianity. A goal of this class is to kindle a greater thirst and desire for God that is satisfied by the presence of the Spirit in our lives. Our aim is to live in submission to the Spirit, to be led by the Spirit, and to serve in the power of the Spirit.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

Henderson, Daniel. *Transforming Presence*. Chicago, IL, Moody Publishers, 2018.

Smith, Gordon T. *Welcome, Holy Spirit: A Theological and Experiential Introduction*. Downers Grove, IL, IVP Academic, 2021.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Articulate a biblically faithful understanding of the Holy Spirit.
2. Identify common controversies and defend their positions on them using biblical, historical, and theological arguments.
3. Know key biblical texts in constructing a doctrine of the Holy Spirit.
4. Apply the doctrine the Holy Spirit to their lives and the life of their churches.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Scripture Quizzes - 10%

- The Bible is central to any theology. Therefore, students will be required to memorize select verses on the church and end times and reproduce them at the required time.
- Scripture can be memorized in any non-paraphrase translation.
- *Scripture Memorization will assess how well the students have met Course Objectives 1 and 4.*

DUE: See Course Schedule

Quizzes - 15%

- As per the course schedule, quizzes covering material from the textbook will be given at the beginning of the class. (5 quizzes total).
- Quizzes measure how well the student meets Course Objectives 2 and 3.

DUE: See Course Schedule

Transforming Presence Report - 25%

- Students will read *Transforming Presence* and write a 3 – 5 page review. The review should contain two elements:
 1. A two or three page analysis of the book which contains a thesis statement about the author's view of the Holy Spirit and defence of that thesis statement;
 2. One page containing application(s) to your life or the life of your church that connects to the reading.
- *The Transforming Presence Report will help assess how well the student meets Course Objectives 1, 2, and 6.*

DUE: March 4th

Research or Exegetical Project - 30%

- Students will select a topic/passage within the parameters of the course and write a 5 page analysis of the topic. Your topic should be concise enough to be examined in detail. **Submit your topic for approval by Monday, February 5.**
- The goal of the assignment is to be analytical and evaluative rather than merely descriptive.
- Research the topic/passage using a minimum of eight (8) scholarly secondary sources. Only one source can be on-line. One source must be from the Galaxie Theological Journals (journals do not count as on-line sources).
- Your paper must include an introduction of the topic/passage and a clearly written thesis statement (1/2 page), a defense of that statement (3 pages), an application for your personal life and your church (1 page), and a conclusion (1/2 page).
- Your paper must follow proper procedures and conventions for academic writing, in terms of paper structure, formatting, and citations.
- Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: the Personality of the Holy Spirit, the deity of the Holy Spirit, the work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament or the Gospels, the Holy Spirit and the day of Pentecost, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts, the gift of tongues, sins against the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian, the Fruit of the Spirit, the Spirit in the Church.
- Passage options include: Psalm 51:11, Joel 2:28, Matthew 1:18, John 14, 15, Romans 8, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 2 Corinthians 5:5, Ephesians 4:30, 1 Thess. 5:19.
- *This report will help assess how well the student meets Course Objectives 1, 2, & 4.*

DUE: March 18th

Exam - 20%

- The exam will cover in-class material.
- The student may use a non-study Bible during the exam but have no other help.
- *The Exam measures how well the student meets Course Objective 3.*

Due: Exam Week

All written assignments are to be typed in accordance with the guidelines in Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th ed. (Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press, 2018) for papers (**see NBC Sample Paper**). Assignments will be graded on the basis of content, clarity, grammar, and spelling.

Assignments will be due **at 8:30 a.m.** on the day that they are assigned.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Refer to the NBC Handbook 2023-2024.

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY: Refer to the NBC Handbook 2023-2024.

Reading: 410 pages.

Writing: 8 pages.

COURSE LECTURES AND ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Date	Session Topic	Assignment Due
January 15	The Promised Spirit	
January 22	The Spirit in Luke and Acts	Scripture Quiz #1: Joel 2:28-32
January 29	The Spirit in the Gospel of John	Quiz #1 – Chapter 1
February 5	The Spirit in Creation	Quiz #2 – Chapter 2 Research Paper Topic Due
February 12	The Spirit's Work in Salvation	Scripture Quiz #2: John 14:15-18
February 26	The Spirit's Work in Transformation	Quiz #3 – Chapter 3 and 4
March 4	The Spirit and the Word	Quiz #4 – Chapters 5 and 6 Transforming Presence Report due
March 18	The Spirit and the Church	Scripture Quiz #3: John 16:13-15 Research Project due
March 25	The Gifts of the Spirit	Quiz #5 - Chapters 7 and 8
April 1	Life in the Spirit	
Exam Week	Exam	

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