

**Syllabus**  
for the course:

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Purpose: The purpose of this course is

to provide students with knowledge of the Person of the Holy Spirit,  
to show students the Holy Spirit's function in the growth of believers,  
to inform students about the experience of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit,  
to create in students a desire to know the Holy Spirit more intimately,  
to familiarize students with the work of the Holy Spirit in everyday life, and  
to supply knowledge by which students will be able to teach others about the purposes,  
functions, nature, and work of the Holy Spirit, the third person in the Godhead.

### **SCHEDULE OF READING AND DISCUSSION**

Week 1: Chapter 1, The Nature of the Holy Spirit

Week 2: Chapter 2, The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Week 3: Chapter 3, Initial Evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Week 4: Chapter 4, the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and Intertestamental periods

Week 5: Chapter 4, The Holy Spirit in the New Testament period

#### **Paper #1 due**

Week 6: Chapter 5, The Holy Spirit in the Gospels

Week 7: Chapter 6, The Holy Spirit in Acts: Samaria

Week 8: Chapter 6, The Holy Spirit in Caesarea and Ephesus

Week 9: Chapter 7, Tongues in the Epistles

Week 10: Chapters 8 & 9, The Meaning of Tongues; How to Receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

#### **Paper #2 due**

Week 11: Chapter 10, The Need for Receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Week 12: Chapter 11, Results of Receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Week 13: Chapter 12 & 13, How to Receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit; Results of Receiving  
the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, Part I

Week 14: Chapter 13, Results of Receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, Continued

Week 15: Chapter 14, Tongues in Private Prayer and everyday life.

#### **Paper #3 due**

Students will demonstrate their grasp of the material of the course by writing three response papers, one due in week 5, one in week 10, and the third one due in week 15. Such papers will be a further, more intense discussion of one topic of discussion during that section of study. Papers will be 8 – 12 pages, typed double spaced, and will use appropriate notes and a Works Cited page to clearly identify all citation information for those sources actually referred to in the paper. If students wish to list sources consulted in research but not actually referenced in the paper, such sources will be listed separately in a list title "Additional Sources Consulted." Such a page is not necessary, but a Works Cited page is necessary.

### **PAPER TOPICS**

Paper topics may be chosen from the following suggestions (other topics must be approved by the instructor). The questions following the topic are meant to inspire thinking—they are not to be slavishly answered.

#### **PAPER #1**

- The Person of the Holy Spirit—Who is the Holy Spirit? What is His personality? How does He relate to believers? What are His various functions?

- The Three Persons of the Godhead—How is the Holy Spirit the same as God the Father & God the Son? How is He different? What is the interaction between the three?
- Speaking in Tongues as the initial evidence of Receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit—Is tongues the only evidence? What support do we have through the centuries that tongues still function?
- Trace evidence of the Holy Spirit through the Intertestamental period—Does He continue to work? If so, how does He function? Through whom? If not, why not? What impact would there be to the people who had no influence of the Holy Spirit?
- The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament—Trace the work of the Holy Spirit through the Old Testament. How does He work with people? What does He accomplish? How and why does He appear? To whom does He appear?

## **PAPER #2**

- The Holy Spirit in the Gospels—How much evidence do we find that the Holy Spirit was at work during the Gospels? The focus is on Jesus the Son, but some scholars see the Holy Spirit at work too. Is there evidence for such opinions?
- The Holy Spirit comes to the Early Church—Compare the Holy Spirit’s work in the experiences in Samaria, Caesarea, and Ephesus. Are the situations alike in all aspects? If not, how do the episodes differ? Why would there be differences?
- The Holy Spirit after the founding of the Early Church—does the Holy Spirit’s work stop with Acts? How and where and when and why do we see the work of the Holy Spirit throughout the Epistles? Is He working in a few only or in all the Epistles?
- Signs and Wonders—What is the purpose and function of the signs and wonders on the Day of Pentecost? Why these specific signs? How did these signs impact the audience then and since then and now? What symbolic meanings do these signs have? Do they have Old Testament significance?

## **PAPER# 3**

- The Infilling of the Holy Spirit—How does the Baptism or infilling with the Holy Spirit differ from the Holy Spirit’s other functions? Distinguish between the Holy Spirit’s coming at salvation and at the Baptism.
- Changes brought about by the Holy Spirit—How did the Holy Spirit change people’s lives? Trace the impact and changes we see on the apostles in the New Testament (especially Acts). Can you see how individuals have changed before and after their experience?
- The New Testament Church—Why was the Holy Spirit crucial to establishing the early church? How did the Holy Spirit get it established? Why so many martyrs among those who tried to get the church thoroughly founded? Why did God allow so much persecution? Why didn’t He keep His people safe from harm?
- Receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit—Is there a pattern that must be followed to receive the Baptism? Does the New Testament establish any pattern? Do any of the historical outpourings of the Holy Spirit since the New Testament church establish any pattern of receiving? Why or why not? Why do different ministers and spiritual leaders have different suggestions for receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit?
- Tongues—Are tongues still considered the initial evidence of receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit? Some believe that the sign of tongues was for those in the book of Acts only and not for today. Can you give proof for either side of the argument?
- One paradox of being filled with the Holy Spirit is the common response of so many—“I was never free until I became totally and completely a servant of Christ and the Holy Spirit.” What does this kind of statement mean? Does the Holy Spirit really “enslave” the believer? How does the Holy Spirit make believers free?