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PNEUMATOLOGY: THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

February 16, 2013
9:30 am-4:00 pm

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SYLLABUS

A. Course Description

This course outlines and develops the doctrine of the Holy Spirit by engaging exegetically and theologically—as far as possible—with the biblical material on the subject. It also seeks to interact at critical points with major historical and current views on the Holy Spirit. Since theology never occurs in a vacuum, these discourses on pneumatology will attempt to furnish relevant applications for the Christian’s personal relationship with the Holy Spirit.

B. Course Objectives

Through class lectures, discussions, and readings, the student should:

- (a) Become more familiar with the personality and divinity of the Holy Spirit;
- (b) Distinguish the Spirit’s relation to the other members of the Trinity;
- (c) Gain a clearer comprehension of the role of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament;
- (d) Grasp the interplay between the Spirit and essential New Testament doctrines.

C. Course Textbooks

Required:

Sinclair B. Ferguson, *The Holy Spirit*.

D.A. Carson, *Showing the Holy Spirit: A Theological Exposition of 1 Corinthians 12-14*.

Recommended:

J.I. Packer, *Keep in Step with the Spirit*.

John Stott, *Baptism and Fullness: The Work of the Holy Spirit Today*.

D. Course Requirements:

Class Attendance

Successful completion of the course requires the student’s attendance at all scheduled lectures. Absence from two or more sessions without legitimate reasons will result in a failure of the course.

Class Reading and Participation

Where possible, students should endeavor to read as much of the assigned texts prior to the commencement of the lectures to enable informed participation in class discussions. Students must complete the required reading by the due date of *April 16, 2013*.

Research Paper:

This course requires one exegetical paper on one of the following topics:

- a. The Procession of the Holy Spirit;
- b. The Holy Spirit and His Role in Adoption and Assurance;
- c. The Holy Spirit and the Life of Prayer;
- d. A Theological Examination of the Gift and Gifts of the Spirit.

Please note that the essay should interact with relevant treatises on the Holy Spirit, commentaries, and scholarly journal articles (see ATLA Religious Database:

http://www.tbs.edu/library_services/). Moreover, papers should not exceed 8 pages in length and must conform to the “Style Sheet” issued by Toronto Baptist Seminary and Bible College (<http://www.tbs.edu/academics/>). Due date for the paper: *April 16, 2013*.

E. Marking/Grading Scheme

Reading:	20%
Class Participation:	10%
Research Paper:	70 %
	100%

F. Course Schedule and Outline

LECTURE TIME	TOPICS
<u>Session 1</u> 9:30 am-10:20 am	Prolegomenon, the Personality, and Divinity of the Holy Spirit
<u>Session 2:</u> 10:30 am-11:20	The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament
<u>Session 3</u> 11:30-12:20	The Holy Spirit in the New Testament: <i>The Holy Spirit and Christology:</i>
12:30-1:00 pm	LUNCH
<u>Session 4</u> 1:00 pm-1:50 pm	The Holy Spirit in the New Testament: <i>The Holy Spirit, Soteriology, and the Christian Life</i>
<u>Session 5:</u> 2:00 pm-2:50 pm	The Holy Spirit in the New Testament: <i>The Holy Spirit and Ecclesiology</i>
<u>Session 6</u> 3:00 pm- 3:50 pm	The Holy Spirit in the New Testament: <i>The Holy Spirit and Eschatology</i>