

Syllabus for
GTHE 692—Pneumatology
3 Credit Hours
Summer 2009

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Studies New Testament passages relating to the Pentecostal doctrine of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Gives particular attention to the Spirit's gifts or manifestations. Designed to provide a viable exegetical basis for a Pentecostal theology of Spirit baptism.

Prerequisites: None

II. COURSE GOALS

The purpose of this course is to enable the student to do the following:

- A. Learn to focus upon the charismatic dimensions of Pentecostal experience and ministry.
- B. Explore various perspectives on Spirit Baptism within Christianity.
- C. Reflect on the Person and work of the Holy Spirit in light of the Trinitarian nature of God.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THIS COURSE

As a result of successfully completing this course, the student will be able to do the following:

- A. Evaluate critically the hermeneutical and exegetical principles necessary for a sound exposition of the Spirit baptism.
- B. Identify various views of Spirit Baptism.
- C. Articulate on theology of Spirit Baptism and its implications for life and ministry.
- D. Discuss a Trinitarian pneumatology.

IV. TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER LEARNING RESOURCES

A. Required Materials

1. Textbooks

Brand, Chad Owen. *Perspectives on Spirit Baptism: Five Views*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2004.

Karkkainen, Veli-Matti. *Pneumatology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2002.

Thimell, Daniel P. *Charismatic Faith and Ministry*. 2nd ed. Acton, MA: Copley, 2002.

2. Other
None

B. Optional Materials

1. Textbooks
None
2. Other
None

V. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. University Policies and Procedures

1. Attendance at each class or laboratory is mandatory at Oral Roberts University. Excessive absences can reduce a student's grade or deny credit for the course.
2. Students taking a late exam because of an unauthorized absence are charged a late exam fee.
3. Students and faculty at Oral Roberts University must adhere to all laws addressing the ethical use of others' materials, whether it is in the form of print, video, multimedia, or computer software. By submitting an assignment in any form, the student gives permission for the assignment to be checked for plagiarism, either by submitting the work for electronic verification or by other means.
4. Final exams cannot be given before their scheduled times. Students need to check the final exam schedule before planning return flights or other events at the end of the semester.
5. Students are to be in compliance with university, school, and departmental policies regarding Whole Person Assessment requirements. Students should consult the WPA handbooks for requirements regarding general education and the students' majors.
 - a. The penalty for not submitting electronically or for incorrectly submitting an ePortfolio artifact is a zero for that assignment.
 - b. By submitting an assignment, the student gives permission for the assignment to be assessed electronically.

B. School of Theology Policies and Procedures

1. **Completion of Assignments**
Assignments are due on the dates established in the course calendar, which is published in the syllabus. **Any assignments turned in after the scheduled due date are penalized five percent (5%) of the original value per day including weekends, breaks, and holidays.** All work turned in two weeks after the assignment deadline is received but is granted a grade of zero for that assignment. **No work** is accepted after the final date of regular classes.
2. **Incompletes**
 - a. An incomplete is given only after the student establishes with the academic committee by written petition that student's work is incomplete for good cause (i.e., lengthy illness, death in the family). **Incompletes are rarely granted.** Only those absences that are incurred within the time period of the extenuating circumstances prompting an incomplete are excused. The student is still accountable for any other absences and is penalized for them according to the attendance policy.
 - b. A Petition for Incomplete Grade with all supporting documentation must be submitted for approval one week prior to the end of normal classes.

The submitting of a petition does not automatically ensure the granting of an incomplete. The petition must be approved by the academic committee of the School of Theology and Missions. Students are expected to continue all course work until an incomplete is granted.

3. **Examinations**

- a. Early examinations **are not** allowed. Late examinations without grade penalty are administered only when extenuating circumstances are present (such as a death in the family the week before exams or a sudden and major illness the week of exams that is documented by a physician).
- b. A Petition for Late Examination must be submitted to the academic dean's office. A **\$15 fee**, plus proper documentation, must accompany the petition. The academic committee reviews each petition and grade penalties are assessed. (Late exam fee is not a grade penalty.)
- c. Students taking late exams should expect alternate versions of the original exams.
- d. **Not being present for the final examination automatically results in failure of the course.**

4. **Attendance**

The Official Attendance Policy for the School of Theology and Missions is as follows:

- a. If the class meets three times a week, the missing of **6** class sessions results in a grade reduction of **one letter** grade. Missing **8** class sessions results in a grade reduction of **two letter** grades. Missing **12** class sessions automatically results in a **grade of F**. If a class meets twice a week, the missing of **4** class sessions results in a grade reduction of **one letter** grade. Missing **6** class sessions results in a grade reduction of **two letter** grades. Missing **8** class sessions automatically results in a **grade of F**. If the class meets once a week, then the missing of **3** class sessions results in a grade reduction of **one letter** grade. Missing **4** class sessions results in a grade reduction of **two letter** grades. Missing **5** class sessions automatically results in a **grade of F**.
- b. **The absences allowed prior to a grade reduction are designed to allow for emergencies and illnesses and are not designed for indiscriminate use.**
- c. Administrative excuses are granted only when a student is on official university business and has received approval in advance from the university administration.
- d. Students are expected to be prompt for classes.
- e. Students are expected to remain for the entire class session.
- f. Leaving early without permission constitutes an absence.

C. **Course Policies and Procedures**

1. **Evaluation Procedures**

- a. Grading:

Reaction Papers	33%
Midterm Exam	33%
Final Exam	34%

- b. Grading scale:
A=90-100%
B=80-89%
C=70-79%
D=60-69%
F=59% and below
- 2. Whole Person Assessment Requirements
 - a. All students entering the seminary are required to enroll in PRF 059—ePortfolio: Whole Person Assessment, which provides specific training to develop the skills needed to create an ePortfolio.
 - b. Whole Person Assessment requirements for this course:
None
- 3. Other Policies and/or Procedures
 - a. A written reaction paper on Brand and Karkkainen is required. Form and style must conform to Turabian. **The font required is Courier New 12 point.** Each reaction paper shall be five pages in length.
 - b. A midterm and a final examination are given according to the university's schedule.
 - c. A peer-learning environment is cultivated, and individual participation is encouraged in achieving the goals of the course.

VI. COURSE CALENDAR

Day	Topic
1	Introduction, Old Testament Background
2	The Holy Spirit in the Gospels Read <i>Charismatic Faith and Ministry</i> , Chapters 1-6
3	The Holy Spirit in Acts Read <i>Charismatic Faith and Ministry</i> , Chapters 7-13
4	The Holy Spirit in the Pauline letters Begin <i>Pneumatology</i>
5	Pneumatology in the early and medieval Church Continue <i>Pneumatology</i>
6	Pneumatology in the Reformation Finish <i>Pneumatology</i>
7	Pneumatology in contemporary thought Begin <i>Perspectives on Spirit Baptism</i>
8	The Holy Spirit in Trinitarian Perspective I Continue <i>Perspectives on Spirit Baptism</i> Midterm Exam
9	The Holy Spirit in Trinitarian Perspective II Finish <i>Perspectives on Spirit Baptism</i>
10	Perspectives on Spirit Baptism
11	The Gifts of the Spirit
12	The Holy Spirit in the Christian life
13	The Holy Spirit in Ministry I
14	The Holy Spirit in Ministry II
15	The Holy Spirit in Ministry III Final Exam (university schedule)

Course Inventory for ORU's Student Learning Outcomes
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This course contributes to the ORU student learning outcomes as indicated below:

Significant Contribution – Addresses the outcome directly and includes targeted assessment.

Moderate Contribution – Addresses the outcome directly or indirectly and includes some assessment.

Minimal Contribution – Addresses the outcome indirectly and includes little or no assessment.

No Contribution – Does not address the outcome.

The Student Learning Glossary at <http://ir.oru.edu/doc/glossary.pdf> defines each outcome and each of the proficiencies/capacities.

Outcomes & Proficiencies/Capacities		Significant Contribution	Moderate Contribution	Minimal Contribution	No Contribution
1	Outcome #1 – Spirit-Filled Living				
1A	Entry-level competency —Possesses Christian character, personal integrity, a sense of calling, and a demonstrated interest in ministry-related endeavors			X	
1B	Mid-level competency —Exemplifies the fruit of the Spirit, spiritual gifts, ongoing spiritual growth, and clarification of a call to ministry		X		
1C	Candidacy-level competency —Demonstrates involvement in charismatic signs and wonders and integration of ethics and personal integrity in the healing ministry in obedience to a defined call to ministry	X			
2	Outcome #2 – Academic Excellence				
2A	Entry-level competency —Demonstrates an aptitude for graduate theological education				X
2B	Mid-level competency —Practices theological reflection and sound scholarship in acquiring knowledge through learning and research	X			
2C	Candidacy-level competency —Evidences critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making	X			
3	Outcome #3 – Professional Competence				
3A	Entry-level competency —Demonstrates awareness of professional requirements				X
3B	Mid-level competency —Communicates discipline-specific information effectively in written and spoken discourse as pertaining to ministry calling				X
3C	Candidacy-level competency —Integrates leadership in ministry and academic excellence with Spirit-led practices of ministry	X			
4	Outcome #4 – Cultural Relevance				
4A	Entry-level competency —Demonstrates knowledge about cultural diversity				X
4B	Mid-level competency —Pursues participation in diverse social/cultural contexts				X
4C	Candidacy-level competency —Evidences skill while engaging in healing, ministry, and acts of justice and mercy in diverse contexts	X			