

Syllabus for
THE 103—Charismatic Life and the Healing Ministry
3.0 Credit Hours
Spring 2002

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Presents the ministry and theology of Oral Roberts and Richard Roberts and their contribution to the Body of Christ. Emphasizes the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and the fact that God is still in living commerce with man, working supernaturally through healing and the gifts of the Spirit. Introduces basic Christian charismatic beliefs and the essential tenets of Oral and Richard Roberts Ministries through a topical study of the major themes of the Bible. In keeping with the founding purposes of Oral Roberts University, these beliefs are taught from an interdenominational and charismatic point of view to demonstrate the relevance of the Biblical truths not only for what Christians believe and say (faith) but also for what Christians do in Spirit-empowered action (ministry).

Course Prerequisites: None

Oral Roberts University was conceived in the midst of the Charismatic Movement and stands as a living witness to the impact that this worldwide ecumenical movement is having upon the Church Universal. The Charismatic Movement represents that portion of the Christian church which is characterized by the belief that the occurrences mentioned in Acts 2 on the Day of Pentecost not only signaled the birth of the Church, but described an experience available to believers in all ages. This experience of an endowment with power is referred to as the "baptism in the Holy Spirit" and is believed to be accompanied by the Spirit-given ability to speak in tongues. The movement believes that God is still in living commerce with people, working supernaturally through healing and the gifts of the Spirit. This course is also designed to introduce the student to basic Christian Charismatic beliefs and the essential tenets of Oral and Richard Roberts Ministries through a topical study of the major themes of the Bible. In keeping with the founding purposes of Oral Roberts University, these beliefs will be taught from a nondenominational and charismatic point of view. The intention is to demonstrate the relevance of the biblical truths not only for what we believe and say (faith) but also for what we do in Spirit-empowered action (ministry).

The course is taught jointly by an instructor from the Department of Theology, Chancellor Roberts, the first holder of the first endowed chair at ORU, a chair of the Holy Spirit, endowed by the late Lord J. Arthur Rank of Great Britain, and President Richard Roberts.

II. COURSE GOALS

This course is designed to do the following:

- A. Help the student discover practical applications of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the principles of abundant living.
- B. Introduce the student to basic Christian beliefs about God and perceptions of the world.
- C. Provide an opportunity for the student to initiate or enhance a living relationship with the Lord and promote a Christian lifestyle.
- D. Acquaint the student with Oral and Richard Roberts' teachings on the crucial beliefs of the church and appropriate the principles of seed-faith living and the power of the Holy

Spirit in healing evangelism and ministry.

- E. Help students better understand the ministry and theology of Oral and Richard Roberts and their contributions to the Body of Christ.

III. COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

- A. Identify his or place within the community of faith, not only as a member in good standing, but also as a practicing charismatic healing minister.
- B. Present the evidence of each of the major Christian beliefs studied.
- C. State the importance of the central Christian beliefs for the lifestyle followed by the individual believer.
- D. Demonstrate the relevance of Christian beliefs for the Spirit-empowered healing ministry to which Christ calls every believer.
- E. Discuss Oral and Richard Roberts' contributions to the Church.
- F. Discuss the seven concepts that changed Oral Roberts' life.
- G. Identify the most important persons and events regarding the historical development of the principles of abundant life.
- H. Present and analyze the biblical and theological bases for the principles of abundant life.
- I. Discuss the biblical basis and practical benefits of the prayer language.
- J. Delineate the gifts of the Holy Spirit and discuss their purposes.
- K. Explain the biblical principle of seed-faith giving and living.
- L. Personally practice Spirit-empowered healing ministry.

IV. TEXTBOOKS

- A. Required Textbooks

Roberts, Oral. *Expect a Miracle*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995.

Roberts, Oral. *Miracle of Seed Faith*. Fleming Revel Co., 1977.

Roberts, Richard. *The Joy of the Lord*. Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association.

Thimell, Daniel. *Charismatic Faith and Ministry*. Acton, Mass.: Copley, 2001.

- B. Recommended Texts and/or Reading Material

Roberts, Oral. *Better Health and Miracle Living*.

Roberts, Oral. *The New Testament Comes Alive*.

Roberts, Richard. *The Unlimited Power from within You!*

Roberts, Oral. *The God of the Second Chance*.

V. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. University Policies and Procedures

1. Attendance at each class or laboratory is mandatory at Oral Roberts University.
2. Double cuts will be assessed for absences immediately preceding or following holidays.
3. Excessive absences can reduce a student's grade or deny credit for the course.
4. Students taking a late exam because of an unauthorized absence will be charged a late exam fee.
5. Students and faculty at Oral Roberts University adhere to all laws addressing the ethical use of others' materials, whether it is in the form of print, video, multimedia, or computer software.
6. 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.

B. Department Policies and Procedures

Note: Attendance policy is enforced. Excessive absences will affect your grade. See syllabus attendance policy.

1. Completion of a Course
 - a. All assignments are due on the dates established in the course calendar, which is published in the syllabus or assigned in class. **Any assignments turned in after the scheduled due date will be 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 will be received but will be granted a grade of zero for that assignment.
 - b. **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 instructor and the department chair by written petition that his or her 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 will be excused. The student is still accountable for any other absences and will be penalized for them according to the attendance policy.
 - b. A Petition for Incomplete Grade with all supporting documentation must be submitted for approval at least 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 appropriate academic committee of the Undergraduate Theology Department.

3. Examinations and Other Assignments
 - a. Early examinations **are not** allowed.
 - b. Late examinations are administered only when extenuating circumstances are present (such as a death in the family the week before exams, sudden and major illness the week of exams that is documented by a physician). In fairness to all students, some persons should not have more time to prepare for an examination than others. **The granting of a late examination request is rare.**
 - c. A Petition for Late Examination without penalty must be signed by the professor and the chair. Proper documentation must accompany the petition and must be submitted to the Undergraduate Theology Department. The student must schedule the makeup exam with the professor of the course. The exam must be taken no later than five (5) calendar days after the approval of the petition. **Grade penalties may be applied as indicated by the Academic Affairs Committee.**
 - d. **All** exams will be given as scheduled. It is the student's responsibility when purchasing airline tickets, for example, to take this schedule into consideration. **Not being present for the final examination automatically results in failure of the course.**
 - e. These requirements apply to all quizzes, tests, and examinations administered by the Undergraduate Theology Department.

4. Attendance

- a. The Official Attendance Policy for the Undergraduate Theology Department is as follows for the three-semester hour class:
 - (1) If the class meets three times a week, the missing of 6 class sessions will result in a grade reduction of one letter grade. Missing 8 class sessions will result in a grade reduction of two letter grades. Missing 12 class sessions will automatically result in a grade of "F."
 - (2) If a class meets twice a week, the missing of 4 class sessions will result in a grade reduction of one letter grade. Missing 6 class sessions will result in a grade reduction of two letter grades. Missing 8 sessions will automatically result in a grade of "F."
 - (3) If the class meets once a week, then missing 3 class sessions will result in a grade reduction of one letter grade. Missing 4 class sessions will result in a grade reduction of two letter grades. Missing 5 class sessions will automatically result in a grade of "F."
- b. **The absences allowed prior to grade reduction are designed to allow for emergencies and illnesses, for example, and are not designed for indiscriminate use.** Many students incorrectly assume that they may use these allowable absences as unexcused "cuts" from class. Any illnesses, emergencies, and trips are included in exempt. Administrative excuses are granted only when a student is on official University business and has received approval in advance from the University administration.
- c. Students are expected to be prompt for classes. **Two tardies will equal one absence.**

- C. Course Policies and Procedures

1. Evaluation Procedures
 - a. The grading scale shall be as follows:

Reflection Paper	40%
Class Participation and Pop Quizzes	10%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%

- b. The student shall be assigned a letter grade in accordance with his performance in the course.
A=90% B=80% C=70% D=60%

2. Other Policies and/or Procedures

- a. The course will consist of collateral reading of the text, lectures, and discussions. It is vital that students participate in discussion and dialogue.
- b. Grading Scale:
90-100A
80-89B
70-79C
60-69D
0-59F

VI. COURSE CALENDAR

CHARISMATIC LIFE AND THE HEALING MINISTRY

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Dr. Thimell</u>	<u>Course Schedule</u>				<u>Thimell</u>
			<u>O Roberts</u>	<u>EAM</u>	<u>JOL</u>	<u>Seed Faith</u>	
1	Personal Relationship with Jesus	Person of Jesus	7				1
2	Holy Spirit and the Bible	Revelation	13				2
3	Kingdom of God	Person of God	11				3
4	The Joy of the Lord	Attributes of God	12	v-26	5-58		4
5	Lordship of Jesus	Work of Jesus	8	27-63	59-136		5
6	Baptism of Holy Spirit/ Tongues	Person of Holy Spirit	2	64-102			6
7	Gifts of Holy Spirit	Work of Holy Spirit	4	103-135			7
8	Holy Spirit and Healing	Nature of Humanity	5	136-167			8
9	Holy Spirit in our Trials	Sin	3	168-194			9
10	Message of Evangelism	Atonement		195-220			10
11	Role of Healing in Evangelism	Salvation	15	221-261		Fwd-88	11
12	Cross Cultural Christianity	Nature of the Church	9	262-293		89-157	12
13	Seed Faith and the Abundant Life	Worship and Discipleship	10	294-330			
14	Holy Spirit and Missions	End Time Prophecies	16	331-388			
15	End Time Revival: Our Role	Views of the End Times	17				

Week # Topic

<u>Week #</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	Personal Relationship with Jesus (President Roberts) The Person of Jesus (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: Sin and Salvation (OR: Tape 7)
2	The Holy Spirit and the Bible (President Roberts) Revelation (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: The Rise of the Charismatic Movement (OR: Tape 13)
3	The Kingdom of God (President Roberts) Person of God (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: Don't Go Against the Kingdom of God—Part I (OR: Tape 11)
4	The Joy of the Lord (President Roberts) Attributes of God (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: Don't Go Against the Kingdom of God—Part II (OR: Tape 12)
5	The Lordship of Jesus (President Roberts) The Work of Jesus (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: Sin and Salvation (OR: Tape 8)
6	The Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Speaking in Tongues (President Roberts) The Person of the Holy Spirit (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Tongues (OR: Tape 2)
7	The Gifts of the Holy Spirit (President Roberts) The Work of the Holy Spirit (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: The Word of Wisdom, the Word of Knowledge (OR: Tapes)
8	The Holy Spirit and Healing (President Roberts) The Nature of Humanity (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: The Gift of Prophecy (OR: Tape 5)
9	The Holy Spirit Helps Us Through Our Trials (President Roberts) Sin (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: The Renewing of Your Mind Through the Holy Spirit (OR: Tape 3)
10	The Message of Evangelism (President Roberts) Atonement (Dr. Thimell) MIDTERM EXAM
11	The Role of Healing in Evangelism (President Roberts) Salvation (Dr. Thimell)

<u>Week #</u>	<u>Topic</u>
	Tapes: The Working of Miracles (OR: Tape 15)
12	Cross Cultural Christianity (President Roberts) The Nature of the Church (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: Abundant Life—Part 1 (OR: Tape 9)
13	Seed Faith and the Abundant Life (President Roberts) Worship and Discipline (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: Abundant Life—Part 2 (OR: Tape 10)
14	The Holy Spirit and Missions (President Roberts) End Times Prophecies (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: Seed Faith Giving and Seed Faith Living (OR: Tape 16)
15	End Time Revival: Our Role (President Roberts) Views of the End Times (Dr. Thimell) Tapes: The Miracle Catch (OR: Tape 17)

VII. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Dr. Daniel Thimell
Name of Instructor

THE 103
Course No.

Charismatic Life and Healing Ministry
Title of Course

U. G. Theology
Name of Dept.

MISSION

The lifestyle at ORU is rooted in the word "Wholeness." ORU seeks to educate the whole person, with balanced emphasis placed on the development of mind, spirit and body.

GENERAL OUTCOMES

1. Spiritual Development
2. Physical Development
3. Communication
4. Analysis
5. Problem Solving
6. Valuing in Decision Making
7. Social Interaction
8. Global Perspectives
9. Effective Citizenship
10. Aesthetic Responsiveness

MAJOR OUTCOMES

Introduce the student to basic Christian beliefs

Help the student analyze his or her practical applications of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the principles of abundant living as understood by the Charismatic movement

Provide an opportunity for the student to initiate or enhance a living relationship with Jesus Christ and promote a Christian lifestyle.

Acquaint the student with Oral and Richard Robert's teachings on the Christian faith and life, with particular emphasis on seed-faith living and the healing ministry of the Holy Spirit through the Christian

COURSE GOALS

To assist the student in living out the Spirit-filled life, practicing his or her prayer language and hearing the voice of God in the Now

To assist the student in finding his or her place within the community of faith as practicing, Spirit-filled, healing ministers

To demonstrate the significance of the central Christian beliefs for one's lifestyle

To demonstrate the relevance of Christian beliefs for the Spirit – empowered healing ministry

ASSESSMENT OF COURSE GOALS

STIMULI:

Selected reading
Research papers
Discussion groups

CRITERIA:

Reflection paper	40%
Class Participation and Pop Quizzes	10%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%