

HT 350 The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

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Fulfills Advanced Theology requirement; can be adapted for Mission Development concentration.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology

3 credits; letter grade or credit/no credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An examination of classical and contemporary treatments of the person and work of the Holy Spirit within a Trinitarian framework and a critical exploration of contemporary pneumatological perspectives in relation to other theological concerns and topics, including creation, justification, sanctification, and the mission of the church in the world today.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To explain how the biblical writers depict the Holy Spirit's presence and activity (in both the Old Testament and New Testament).
2. To describe and critically engage key doctrinal issues in the study of the Holy Spirit, and the relationship of pneumatology to other key Christian doctrines, such as creation, the Trinity, Christology, salvation, and ecclesiology.
3. To identify and analyze contemporary issues and movements in pneumatology, including the emergence of new global and Pentecostal theologies.
4. To construct and articulate a biblically and historically informed theology of the Holy Spirit for today's context in that appropriately uses the resources of scripture and the church's tradition and addresses the present social and cultural context.

COURSE PROCEDURE AND EVALUATION:

1. The course will consist of lectures, student presentations, small group and plenary discussions on assigned reading. Regular attendance and active participation in all class work is expected.
2. Students will be evaluated on three written assignments, group presentations, and active class participation in discussions or VoiceThreads.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

1. Moltmann, Jürgen. *The Spirit of Life: A Universal Affirmation*. (Fortress, 1992).
2. Peterson, Cheryl M. *The Holy Spirit in the Christian Life* (Baker, 2024).
3. Schaab, Gloria L. *Liberating Pneumatologies: Spirit Set Free* (Herder & Herder, 2021)
4. Sánchez M., Leopoldo A. *Sculptor Spirit: Models of Sanctification from Spirit Christology* (Intervarsity, 2019). [Students will be assigned selected chapters]
5. One of the following books (to be assigned by the instructor at the beginning of the semester): Kim, Grace Ji-Sun, *Reimagining Spirit: Wind, Breath, Vibration*. (Cascade, 2019); or García-Johnson, Oscar. *Spirit outside the Gate: Decolonial Pneumatologies of the American Global South*. (Intervarsity, 2019), Part IV; Boff, Leonardo; *Come, Holy Spirit: Inner Fire, Giver of Life, and Comforter of the Poor* (Orbis, 2015); Yong, Amos. *Beyond the Impasse: Toward a Pneumatological Theology of Religions*. (Wipf & Stock, 2014); or Wallace, Mark I., *When God Was a Bird: Christianity, Animism, and the Re-Enchantment of the World* (Fordham, 2018).
6. Other articles TBA (will be posted on Castle Commons).