

STARTING:

Thursday, February 1, 2024
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Jelmer Groenewold

LOCATION: TBD

COURSE SUMMARY:

John R.W. Stott said, "The Christian life is life in the Spirit ... It would be impossible to be a Christian, let alone to live and grow as a Christian, without the ministry of the gracious Spirit of God. All we have and are as Christians we owe to Him." Due to the importance and misunderstandings of the Holy Spirit this course will seek to provide you with a biblical understanding of the person, role, and work of the Holy Spirit in the Triune Godhead. You will explore what this means personally for you in terms of your adoption, regeneration, and sanctification. Additionally, you will gain a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in ecclesiology or in our lives together, corporately, as the Church.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

- This course will use a combination of lecture and in class discussions.
- The course will last 12 weeks.
- Preparation for each class will involve reading assignments and discussion questions.
- The final class will be presentations of lessons or papers on some aspect of the Holy Spirit.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Students will gain a biblical overview of the "forgotten member" of the Trinity – the Holy Spirit.
- Students will learn the significance of the Holy Spirit's work in their own lives and in the lives of others.
- Students will learn about the Holy Spirit's significant work in the church (ecclesiology) and his significant work when we die (individual eschatology) and when Christ returns (universal eschatology).

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS & TEXTBOOK(S):

- Weekly reading assignments. The main textbook will be *Introducing Christian Doctrine*, Millard J. Erickson (Baker Academic, 2015, 3rd Edition) [available as e-textbook and in Kindle format].
- Additional readings will be supplied by the instructor.
- Project: Each student will be encouraged to select an aspect of the Holy Spirit as a paper topic or a shot presentation to the class.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (not required, but could be useful for your paper or presentation):

- *Baptism & Fullness*, John R.W. Stott—very helpful in understanding baptism in the Spirit and how to be filled with him.
- *The Holy Spirit*, Sinclair Ferguson – a basic introduction.
- *Reversing our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit*, Francis Chan – a new introduction with emphasis on the consequences of neglecting the Spirit.
- *The Mystery of the Holy Spirit*, R.C. Sproul – a basic introduction.
- *How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit*, A.W. Tozer – a devotional gem.

COURSE SCHEDULE*:

CLASS	DATE	TOPIC
1	Feb 01	Introduction – I've got Jesus, why do I need the Holy Spirit?
2	Feb 08	The Mystery of the Holy Spirit
3	Feb 15	The Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus
4	Feb 22	Pentecost: Yesterday and Today
5	Feb 29	The Holy Spirit and Salvation: <i>He connects us with Jesus subjectively</i> (through our our calling, conversion, and regeneration) <i>and objectively</i> (through our union with Christ, our justification, and our adoption)
6	Mar 07	The Holy Spirit and Salvation: He completes it (sanctification, perseverance, and glorification)
7	Mar 14	The Holy Spirit and Ecclesiology—what he offers the church as Christ's body
8	Mar 21	The Holy Spirit and Ecclesiology—What he offers the church through its individual members (his fruit and his grace gifts)
9	Mar 28	The Holy Spirit and Individual Eschatology (the believer's death, the intermediate state, and the final resurrection)
10	Apr 04	The Holy Spirit and Universal Eschatology (the end times, Christ's final return, and the new creation)
11	Apr 11	The Holy Spirit's Work in the World
12	Apr 18	Student presentations/papers

*A discussion of schedule alternatives will be part of the first class.