

Pentecostal Spiritual Formation (D.Min./M.Div.)
Ecclesia Theological Seminary
17 – 21 October 2022
9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. daily

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Course textbooks:

Simon Chan, *Pentecostal Theology and the Christian Spiritual Tradition* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2000, 2011) (119 pp)

Simon Chan, *Pentecostal Ecclesiology: An Essay on the Development of Doctrine* (Blandford Forum, Dorset: Deo Publishing, 2011) (125 pp)

Supplementary Texts (see below)

Course Description

The course examines the nature of Pentecostal spirituality, its development since its beginning in the early 20th century, and some of the challenges that Pentecostals face today. It will examine some of the key Pentecostal doctrines such as baptism in the Spirit, glossolalia, the charismata, etc. in order to lay the foundation for the development of a Pentecostal spirituality. It will demonstrate how Pentecostal spirituality is similar to and different from other Christian traditions. Finally, it will critically look at some of challenges and threats to a holistic Pentecostal spirituality.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

1. demonstrate the correlation between Pentecostal doctrines and their formation of a Pentecostal way of life
2. distinguish between Pentecostal spirituality and the spiritualities of other Christian traditions
3. distinguish between a genuine Pentecostal spirituality from aberrant forms
4. engage in more habitual Pentecostal spiritual practices

Course Requirements

1. **All assigned readings including textbooks must be completed before the start of the course.**
Note: The assigned readings total 1,437 pp. For D.Min. students, other readings for your research paper can count towards the shortfall.
2. All assignments must be submitted in MS Word (.doc or .docx)
3. Reading requirement: 2,000 to 2,400 pages (D.Min. students), 1,000 to 1,200 pages (M.Div. students).
4. A 10,000 word (D.Min.) or 8,000 word (M.Div.) paper focusing on one specific aspect of Pentecostal spirituality. The paper must identify an issue, proposed a clear thesis statement

to address the issue, and formulate coherent arguments to support the thesis. If unsure, please refer to Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers*, 8th edition, chapters 1 to 3.

- Paper must conform to Turabian 7th edition and above (Chicago Style).
- Use footnotes, not endnotes
- Include a complete bibliography

Course Methodology

As the sessions will be on Zoom, time will be given for questions and discussions using the “chat” feature of Zoom at the end of each lecture.

Course Grading

D.Min.

1. Readings: 20%. Submit a reading log of each reading. The log consists of your personal reflection and/or interaction with the author: what is your takeaway from the reading? Do you agree/disagree with the author? Any particularly interesting idea? etc. There is no specific length for each entry. It could be from a few sentences to a few paragraphs.
2. Course paper: 70%
3. Full attendance and class participation: 10%

M.Div.

1. Readings: 20%. Submit a reading log of each reading. The log consists of your personal reflection and/or interaction with the author: what is your takeaway from the reading? Do you agree/disagree with the author? Any particularly interesting idea? etc. There is no specific length for each entry. It could be from a few sentences to a few paragraphs.
2. Final examination: 40%
3. Course paper: 30%
4. Full attendance and class participation: 10%

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious offence. The seminary’s policy on plagiarism will be followed. A short summary of what constitutes plagiarism is attached.

Course Schedule and Corresponding Readings

Day 1: Theological Foundation for Pentecostal Spirituality

- Baptism in the Spirit: Biblically, Historically, and Theologically
 - Spirit in the OT and Inter-Testamental Period
 - Spirit in the NT
 - Spirit-Baptism: Historically and Theologically
- Readings:
 - Henry I. Lederle, *Treasures Old and New: Interpretations of "Spirit-Baptism" in the Charismatic Renewal Movement* (Peabody, MA: Hendriksen, 1988), chap 1. (32 pp)
 - Frank D. Macchia, *Baptized in the Spirit: A Global Pentecostal Theology* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006). (282 pp)
- The Spirit in Trinitarian Relationship
 - The Identity of the Spirit: His Relation to the Father and the Son
 - The Identity of the Spirit: His Relation to the Church
- Reading: Tom Smail, *The Giving Gift* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1988) (214 pp)
- The Spirit and Worship: Locating the Spirit in the Liturgy
- Readings:
 - Simon Chan, "The Mutual Challenges of Pentecostal-Charismatic and Liturgical Worship" in *Pentecostal Theology and Ecumenical Theology*, eds. Peter Hocken, Tony L. Richie, Christopher A. Stephenson (Leiden: Brill, 2019), pp. 261 – 282. (20 pp)
 - See also Smail, *The Giving Gift*, chap. 9

Day 2: Theological Foundation for Pentecostal Spirituality

- The Spirit of Prophecy
- Readings:
 - Max Turner, *The Spirit and Spiritual Gifts* (Peabody, MA: Hendrikson, 1996), chap. 18 (13 pp)
 - Wayne Grudem, *The Gift of Prophecy in the New Testament and Today*, rev. ed. (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2000), "Introduction"; chaps. 3 – 5.(61 pp)
- A Theology of the Charismata
- Readings:
 - Siegfried Schatzmann, *A Pauline Theology of Charisma* (Peabody: Hendrikson, 1987) (91 pp)
 - Max Turner, *The Spirit and Spiritual Gifts*, chap. 15 (25 pp)
- A Theology of Healing
- Readings:
 - Kimberly E. Alexander, *Pentecostal Healing: Models in Theology and Practice* (Blanford Forum, Dorset: Deo Publishing, 2006), chaps. 1, 4 (38 pp)

- Keith Warrington, *Jesus the Healer: Paradigm or Unique Phenomenon* (Carlisle: Paternoster, 2000), “Preface”; chaps 1, 3 (57 pp)

Day 3: Challenges to Pentecostal Spirituality

- Signs and Wonders

Reading: Tom Smail, Andrew Walker, Nigel Wright, *Charismatic Renewal: The Search for a Theology* (London: SPCK, 1993) (130 pp)

- The Discernment of Spirits

Readings:

- Benedict Groeschel, *A Still Small Voice* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1993), chaps. 5-8 (68 pp)
- Michael Perry, ed., *Deliverance: Psychic Disturbances and Occult Involvement* (London: SPCK, 2012), chaps. 3, 10 – 12. (67 pp)

- Dealing with the Demonic

Reading: Gary Tyra, *The Dark Side of Discipleship: Why and How the New Testament Encourages Christians to Deal with the Devil* (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2020) “Introduction” (15 pp)

Day 4: Challenges to Pentecostal Spirituality

- Spiritual Warfare

Reading: Opoku Onyinah, “Spiritual Warfare: The cosmic conflict between good and evil” in *Routledge Handbook of Pentecostal Theology*, ed. Wolfgang Vondey (London, N.Y.: Routledge, 2020) (22 pp)

- Prosperity Gospel and the Theology of Glory

Readings: Costi W. Hinn, *God, Greed, and the (Prosperity) Gospel: How Truth Overwhelms a Life Built on Lies* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019), chaps. 9 – 11 (63 pp).

- Apostleship and Spiritual Authority

Reading: Edgar R. Lee, ed., *He Gave Apostles: Apostolic Ministry in the 21st Century* (Springfield, MO: Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, 2005), pp. 12-45.

Day 5: Construction of Pentecostal Spirituality

- The personal and the corporate in Pentecostal spirituality
- Pentecostal formation and the sacraments

Readings:

- Daniel Tomberlin, *Pentecostal Sacraments: Encountering God at the Altar* (Cleveland: Center for Pentecostal Leadership and Care, 2010), “Preface,” chap. 3 (38 pp).
- Chris E.W. Green, *Toward a Pentecostal Theology of the Lord’s Supper: Foretasting the Kingdom* (Cleveland, TN: CPT Press, 2012), chaps. 1 – 3. (181 pp)