THEO 535 - Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

Teacher	Dr. S. Schumacher		
Semester	Fall	Duration	8 Weeks
Frequency	Every three years		
Credits	5 ECTS	Workload	150 Hours
Module format	Intensive		
Applicability	The student will be assisted in establishing his/her own pneumatological outline of a biblical book and in constructing his/her own pneumatological approach, or pneumatology. In a final step, the student will bring the contours of such pneumatology in conversation with contemporary scholarship and ministry, engaging in a pneumatological discussion on the relevance of his/her pneumatology for the present and future.		
Course structure	See module and courses		
Contact time	40 Hours	Self-Study	110 Hours
Participation requirement	See access to the program		

Evaluation

Evaluation	Hours	Weight
Phase 1	50	20%
Reading assignments	50	20%
Phase 2	40	50%
Participation	30	20%
Two presentations	10	30%
Phase 3	60	30%
Research Paper	60	30%
Total	**150**	**100%**

Content of the Module

This course will deal with the doctrine of the Holy Spirit (pneumatology) and will first focus on the history of the treatment of the Spirit from 30 AD until today. A particular focus will then be given to the development of the doctrine of the Spirit among scholarship within the last 150 years before the class directs its attention to the emergence of Pentecostal pneumatology. Here, various past and contemporary pneumatological approaches among early Pentecostals and contemporary Pentecostal scholars will be highlighted and discussed.

Learning Objectives

- To discuss the history of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and to locate specific time periods, changes, and shifts in church history in relation to the establishment of pneumatology.
- To analyze and compare various pneumatological approaches within the last 120 years.
- Formulate your own pneumatological approach based on a particular book of the Bible.
- To demonstrate a basic scriptural understanding of the nature and functions of the Spirit of God.
- To appraise contemporary topics and issues regarding pneumatology (i.e. in contemporary ecclesiology) and to evaluate the impact of the current Pentecostal scholarship on contemporary ministry.

Outline	• Definition of pneumatology • Pneumatological discussions and approaches over the last centuries • North American Pentecostal movements • Pentecostal outline of pneumatology of the Torah • Contemporary Pentecostal contexts (1990-today) • Constructing a pneumatology based on a particular book of the Old or New Testament • Applying pneumatology to contemporary Pentecostal ministry and scholarship. • Appraise the characteristics of pneumatology of the particular book chosen and compare and contrast them with the contemporary ecclesiology of Terry Cross.
Examination	See Evaluation

Core Literature

Textbooks:
Terry L. Cross, The People of God's Presence: An Introduction to Ecclesiology (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2019).
Steffen Schumacher, The Spirit of God in the Torah – A Pentecostal Exploration (PhD thesis; Cleveland, TN: CPT Cleveland, 2021).

Reading List:
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Dreytza, Manfred, Der Theologische Gebrauch von Ruah im Alten Testament: Eine Wort- und Satzsemantische Studie (Gießen: Brunnen Verlag, 2nd edn, 1992).
Edwards, Denis, Breath of Life: A Theology of the Creator Spirit (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2004).
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Goldingay, John, 'Was the Holy Spirit Active in Old Testament Times? What Was New about the Christian Experience of God?', ExAu 12 (1996), pp. 14-28.
Gunkel, Hermann, Die Wirkungen des Heiligen Geistes nach der populären Anschauung der Apostolischen Zeit und der Lehre des Apostels Paulus: Eine Biblisch-Theologische Studie (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1888).
Hehn, Johannes, 'Zum Problem des Geistes im Alten Orient und im Alten Testament', ZAW 43.1 (1925), pp. 210-25.
Hildebrandt, Wilf, An Old Testament Theology of the Spirit of God (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1995).
Hubbard, Jr, Robert L., 'The Spirit and Creation', in David G. Firth and Paul D. Wegner (eds.), Presence, Power and Promise: The Role of the Spirit of God in the Old Testament (Nottingham, England: Apollos, 2011), pp. 71-91.
Johns, Jackie David, The Pedagogy of the Holy Spirit according to Early Christian Tradition (Leipzig: Center for Pentecostal Ministries, 2012).
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Other information