

New Geneva Theological Seminary
(Fredericksburg Campus)

Syllabus

ST 506 – The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

Spring 2019

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Course Description

This is a survey of the Doctrine and Work of the Holy Spirit as set forth in the Scripture. Special emphasis will be given to standard theological themes.

Objective

1. Knowledge

- To become acquainted with the orthodox doctrine of Holy Spirit, and the Biblical evidences for these doctrines.

2. Skills

- To be able to teach, illustrate, and explain the orthodox doctrines.
- To refute all heresies, innovations, and novelties that are fashioned by Satan and the imaginations of men.

3. Character

- To live a life molded by the operations of the Holy Spirit.
- To experience the application of the work of Christ.
- To develop and use the talents and gifts, both natural and ministry, for the well-being of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Procedure

1. Method

- Students will be expected to become familiar with the scripture and literature of the Holy Spirit in His work of Creation and Salvation.

2. Class

- Students are responsible for all the material presented or discussed in class.

3. Grading

- Quizzes: 25%
- Reading Assignments 25%
- Research Paper 25%
- Final Exam: 25%

4. Required Reading Resources

- Turretin, F. (1992–1997). *Institutes of Elenctic Theology*. (J. T. Dennison Jr., Ed., G. M. Giger, Trans.) Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing.

- Murray, J. (1955). *Redemption: Accomplished and Applied*. Grand Rapids, MI; Cambridge, UK: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company.
- Westminster Confession of Faith
- Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms

5. *Supplemental Resources*

- Heidelberg Catechism
- Berkhof, Systematic Theology
- Calvin, John. Institutes of the Christian Religion
- Charnock, Stephen. The Existence and Attributes of God
- Ferguson, Sinclair. The Holy Spirit
- Hodge, Charles. Systematic Theology
- Turretin, F. Institutes of Elenctic Theology
- Works of John Owen, Volumes 3 & 4

6. *Schedule*

- Classes will be held every Monday 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.

Week	Lecture Topic
01/14/19	01 The Person of the Holy Spirit – The Trinity
01/21/19	02 The Person of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit
01/28/19	03 The Person of the Holy Spirit – The Spirit of Christ
02/04/19	04 The Work of the Holy Spirit – Creation and Common Grace
02/11/19	05 The Work of the Holy Spirit – Union with Christ
02/18/18	06 The Work of the Holy Spirit – Calling, Regeneration, and Conversion
03/11/19	07 The Work of the Holy Spirit – Faith and Repentance
03/18/19	08 The Work of the Holy Spirit – Justification and Adoption
03/25/19	09 The Work of the Holy Spirit – Sanctification Part 1
04/01/19	10 The Work of the Holy Spirit – Sanctification Part 2
04/08/19	11 The Work of the Holy Spirit – Sanctification Part 3
04/15/19	12 The Work of the Holy Spirit – Perseverance and Glorification
04/22/19	Final Exam / Paper Due: 04/26/19

7. *Reading Assignments*

- Reading assignments are to be accomplished prior to the associated lecture
- Lecture 01 : Turretin – 3rd Topic (Questions: 3, 23-29)
- Lecture 02 : Turretin – 3rd Topic (Questions: 30-31)
- Lecture 03 : Turretin – 13th Topic (Questions: 11-12)
- Lecture 04 : Turretin – 15th Topic (Questions: 1-3)
- Lecture 05 : Murray – Chapter 9; Turretin – 15th Topic (Questions: 4)
- Lecture 06 : Murray – Chapter 2-3; Turretin – 15th Topic (Questions: 5-6)
- Lecture 07 : Murray – Chapter 4; Turretin – 15th Topic (Questions: 7-15)
- Lecture 08 : Murray – Chapter 5-6; Turretin – 16th Topic
- Lecture 09 : Murray – Chapter 7;

- Lecture 10 : Turretin – 17th Topic
- Lecture 11 : Turretin – 19th Topic (Questions: 8,11-12,19,22,28)
- Lecture 12 : Murray – Chapter 8,10; Turretin – 15th Topic (Questions: 16-17)

8. *Research Paper Guidelines*

- The paper may be on one of the subjects covered within the class; i.e., to “dig deeper” into one of the areas of the Person and Works of the Holy Spirit.
 - If you have questions on the topic please consult with the instructor first.
- The student is required to use the standard MLA format.
 - A simple guideline is provided at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>
 - Extended parentheses (For example, a “long winded excursus stuck in the middle of a sentence to explain a complicated idea or concept) are frowned upon in this format. It breaks up the train of thought and makes it very difficult for the reader to follow.
 - Footnotes at the bottom of the same page.
- The paper must be written from two standards:
 - It must be academically proficient: as a graduate student always remember that your research is to be of the highest caliber.
 - It must be professionally proficient: a theological paper is written concerning the deep truths of God.
- Avoid excessive use of internet citations.
 - One example is above with the MLA format address. There is no telling how long that address will exist on the internet since it changes so often, servers go down, etc.
 - With the internet, there is a “flattening” of authority; i.e., anyone with a keyboard is now a selfproclaimed authority. Good research isn’t googled.
- Include a correctly formatted bibliography.
 - If you footnote a source it must be in your bibliography.
- Length of Paper
 - A standard length for a graduate paper is 15-20 pages – double spaced.
 - The bibliography is not included in the page count.
 - Font is Times New Roman, 12 point.
 - Late papers will be docked one grade for each day the paper is late. If the student cannot complete the assignment (as above), please see the instructor before the due date.