ST 5103 -- THEOLOGY III: HOLY SPIRIT, CHURCH, AND LAST THINGS
ELMBROOK CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTER
GRADUATE CREDIT – TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL
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Wednesday Evenings; January 22 – April 30; 6:30-9:15 PM
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course begins with the study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Focus then shifts to the doctrine of the Church. Topics include the nature, mission, function, organization, and ordinances of the church, as well as the role of women and the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in ministry, and the relation of Israel to the Church. The course concludes with a treatment of the Last Things in relation to individuals (including the intermediate state and the resurrection of the body) and in relation to the following corporate groups: the Church, Israel, and the nations. Three hours.

OBJECTIVES
It is expected that through this course, the student will:
1. Gain a deepened appreciation for the privilege of studying theology from God’s own revelation.
2. Grow in the ability to think critically about theological issues and to relate them to other areas of doctrine.
3. Learn the major issues, arguments, and biblical texts involved in the doctrines of the Holy Spirit, the Church, and Eschatology.
4. Intensify his or her love for and reliance on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in Christian living and ministry.
5. Deepen his or her gratitude to Christ for his Body, the church, and deepen his or her commitment to serve Christ's church.
7. Grow in his or her ability to formulate their own biblical convictions about controversial issues and to relate lovingly and kindly to those who hold to differing convictions.

REQUIRED COURSE TEXTS

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Reading
   Each student will read thoughtfully and carefully the required texts according to the schedule indicated on the course calendar. Each student will turn in the attached reading report indicating the completion of his or her reading. The reading report may be turned in on the last day of class (Wednesday, April 30) but must be returned at the latest with the student’s final exam (due on Monday, May 12).

2. Scripture Meditation.
   A much neglected spiritual discipline of the Christian life is Scripture meditation. J. I. Packer says that such meditation is an essential part of the process of turning our knowledge about God into knowledge of God. He says that we must "turn each truth we learn about God into matter for meditation before God, leading to prayer and praise to God." He then defines meditation as “The activity of calling to mind, and thinking over, and dwelling on, and applying to oneself, the various things that one knows about the works and ways and purposes and promises of God. It is an activity of holy thought, consciously performed in the presence of God, under the eye of God, by the help of God, as a means of communion with God. Its purpose is to clear one's mental and spiritual vision of God, and to let His truth make its full and proper impact on one's mind and heart.” [Knowing God, pp. 18-19]. In this course, you will be encouraged to grow in this spiritual discipline by engaging your minds and hearts in consistent Scripture meditation. I will ask you to read thoughtfully and prayerfully some assigned passages of Scripture. Please read each of these passages three to four times a week. At the end of each section, each student will write, in 2-3 pages, his or her personal reflections on these passages. These papers will not be graded, but, unless they are simply too personal to be read by the instructor, they should be handed in. On the attached reading report form, you will be asked to indicate your level of consistency in meditation and your writing of these meditation reflection papers.

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<th>Holy Spirit/Church</th>
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<td>Galatians 5:16-26</td>
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<td>1 Corinthians 12:1-13:13</td>
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   Paper Due: Wednesday, March 5

One of the great privileges of seminary education is the opportunity to explore a variety of theological questions, both to understand the dimensions of the issues and to endeavor to come to some resolution on them (however tentative it might be). In this course, each student will have the opportunity to engage in this kind of theological reflection through the writing of two position papers (7-8 pages each).

Each position paper should include the following elements:
A.) Issue: State as clearly and precisely as you can the dimensions of the issue you will be discussing (about 1 page);
B.) Options: Summarize the leading positions of the issue and the arguments in favor of them (about 3-4 pages);
C.) Your Own Position: Indicate your own position (however strongly or tentatively you hold to it, and explain why you view it to be a stronger position biblically than the other alternatives (about 3-4 pages).

The first position paper will be due Wednesday, April 2, and should be written on one of the following two issues:
1.) Are miraculous gifts of the Spirit operative today? If so, how frequently should we expect them to operate?
2.) What does the Bible teach concerning the proper ministry roles of men and women? (i.e. may godly, gifted women rightly serve as teaching elders in the church?)

The second position paper will be due no later than Monday, May 12, and should be written on one of the following two issues:
1.) What view of the millennium is most strongly supported biblically?
2.) What view of universalism and the nature of hell is most strongly supported biblically?

4. Final Exam

Each student will write a take-home final exam. The exam will be given out on our last day in class (Wednesday, April 30). The completed exam must be emailed back to the professor no later than Monday, May 12. The exam will be essay in nature and comprehensive in scope, covering the broad range of material covered in class and in required readings. More specific information on the structure of the final will be given prior to the exam.

**GRADING**

- Reading 20%
- Scripture Meditation #1 5%
- Scripture Meditation #2 5%
- Position Paper #1 20%
- Position Paper #2 20%
- Final Exam 30%
GRADING SCALE

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COURSE OUTLINE

I. The Holy Spirit.
   A. The Person of the Holy Spirit.
      1. His Distinct Personality.
      2. His Deity.
      3. His Relationships within the Trinity.
      1. In the Old Testament.
      2. In the Life of Christ.
      3. In the Life of the Church.
   C. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

II. The Church (Ecclesiology)
   A. The Nature and Marks of the Church.
   B. The Mission of the Church.
   C. The Unity and Purity of the Church.
   D. The Government of the Church.
      1. The Episcopal View.
      2. The Presbyterian View.
      3. The Congregational View.
   E. The Officers of the Church and their Qualifications.
      1. Divorce and Church Leadership.
      2. The Roles of Women and Men in the Ministry of the Church.
   F. The Sacraments (or Ordinances) of the Church
      1. Baptism.
      2. The Lord's Supper.

III. Last Things (Eschatology).
   A. Individual Eschatology.
      1. Physical death.
      2. The intermediate state.
      3. The Resurrection of the body.
B. General Eschatology.
   1. The Second Coming of Christ.
   2. The Millennium.
      A. Amillennialism
      B. Postmillennialism.
      C. Historic Premillennialism.
      D. Dispensational Premillennialism.
   3. The Rapture.
   5. Hell and Heaven.

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**COURSE SCHEDULE**

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<td>Introduction to the course. Why study theology? The personality and deity of the Holy Spirit.</td>
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<td>The Work of the Holy Spirit in the OT; in the Life of Christ; in the Life of the Church.</td>
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<td>Baptism in the Holy Spirit; the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.</td>
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<td>Feb 12</td>
<td>The Fruit of the Spirit; the nature and marks of the church. <strong>Group #1 reading -- Erickson, chs. 41-42 (2nd ed) or chs. 39-41 (3rd ed) or Grudem, chs. 30, 39, 52-53; Cole -- due.</strong></td>
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<td>The mission of the church; the unity and purity of the church.</td>
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<td>The government of the church; officers and their qualifications.</td>
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<td>Mar 5</td>
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<td>Church Discipline. The Sacraments (Ordinances) of the Church; Baptism.</td>
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<td>The Lord’s Supper. <strong>Group #2 reading-- Erickson, chs. 50-55 (2nd ed) or chs. 49-53 (3rd ed) or Grudem, chs. 44-51; Clowney; Women in Ministry -- due.</strong></td>
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<td>Introduction to Eschatology. Individual eschatology (physical death; the intermediate state; the resurrection of the body). <strong>Position paper #1 due.</strong></td>
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April 9  General Eschatology--The second coming of Christ; the Millennium: Amillennialism; Postmillennialism.

April 16  The Millennium: Historic Premillennialism; Dispensational Premillennialism.

April 23  The rapture; Final judgment.  Meditation paper #2 due.

April 30  Hell and Heaven.  Group #3 Readings -- Erickson, chs. 56-60 (2nd ed) or chs. 54-58 (3rd ed) or Grudem, chs. 54-57; The Meaning of the Millennium; Love Wins -- due.

May 12  Final Exam, Position Paper #2, and Reading Report due.
(Monday)
**READING REPORT**

Please keep a record of the completion of your reading on this form and **turn it in when you return your final exam (on or before Monday, May 12)**. All reading is to be completed prior to class on the dates indicated. If the reading is completed by the due date, simply place a check in the "On Time" space. If a reading is finished late, please indicate how much of the reading was done on time and when the remaining reading was completed.

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