

COURSE SYLLABUS

A History of the Charismatic Movements

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Course Description

Charismatic theology is more than just a theology of spiritual gifts; worship, bibliology, sanctification, and ecclesiology are also central. Learners will complete a historical and theological study of the origins and developments of Classical Pentecostalism, Charismatic Renewalism, and Restoration Movements, with emphasis given to theological backgrounds and trends. Lectures also analyze other related movements, including the Jesus Only Movement, the Vineyard Movement, and the Toronto Revival Movement. Throughout the course, the pros and cons of the various charismatic movements are presented.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Trace the history of the Pentecostal Movement from its origin in the American Holiness Movement to its current manifestation, Charismatic Renewalism, and the varieties of Restorationism.
- Move toward a formulation (or clearer understanding) of such concepts as spiritual power and victory for yourself. At the minimum, the course purposes to discover the questions that must be asked in order to formulate a cogent statement of the “victorious Christian life.”
- Gain insight into the nature and defense of Pentecostal and Charismatic distinctives, as well as the theological changes that have taken and are taking place in the movement.
- Understand theological differences among Holiness, Pentecostal, Charismatic, and Restorationists groups, as well as theological change within those groups.
- Gain insight into the contribution of Pentecostalism to the religious history of the American people, the nation, and the world.
- Gain insight and understanding into the status and contemporary trends among Charismatics.
- See and understand the issues with which the Pentecostal/Charismatic Renewalists churches are currently grappling.

- Become knowledgeable of the major formulators and the propagators of Pentecostalism, both their biography and theology.
- Have facilities for personal research with a view to using the course in future ministries.

Course Lecturer



John D. Hannah, PhD, ThD

Education:

- Yale University, Postdoctoral Fellowship in American Studies
- University of Texas at Dallas, PhD
- Southern Methodist University, MA
- Dallas Theological Seminary, ThM and ThD
- Philadelphia College of the Bible, BS

Teaching Career:

- Distinguished Professor of Historical Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary
- Chairman of the Department of Historical Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary (1980)
- Adjunct Professor, Westminster Theological Seminary
- Instructor, Plano University
- Winner of numerous awards, including Dallas Theological Seminary's Award for Faculty Excellence

Other Career Highlights:

- Considered a tremendous communicator and an expert in the works of Jonathan Edwards and John Owen
- Pastor in various church ministries in Dallas, TX
- Founder of Granbury Bible Church in Granbury, TX and the Terrell Bible Church in Terrell, TX
- Teacher/staff member at Campus Crusade for Christ, the Navigators, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and Summit Ministries
- Member of the Board of Directors of Scripture Film Incorporated
- Elected Chairman of the Board of the Scofield Christian School in Dallas, TX
- Member of numerous historical and theological societies in the United States and United Kingdom
- Presented various papers, including one on prayer revival at the Conference of Evangelical Awakening
- Led several tours to Israel and Europe
- Frequent conference speaker in the United States and abroad

Publications:

- Contributions to several historical and Christian publications, including *Bibliotheca Sacra* and the *Grace Theological Journal*
- Various Bible-study software programs
- Numerous books, including *The Glory of God Alone*, *The Kregel Pictorial Guide to Church History*, and *Our Legacy: A History of Christian Doctrine*

Recommended Reading

Though not required, you may choose to read the textbooks shown below to supplement your learning.

Burgess, Stanley M. and Eduard M. Van Der Maas, eds. *The New International Dictionary of Pentecostal And Charismatic Movements* (Revised and Expanded Edition). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing Co., 2002.

This work is singularly a wonderful collection of a vast array of material, written by sympathetic scholars, and has the advantage of being a standard tool for many years to come.

Packer, James I. *Keep in Step With the Spirit*. Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1987.

This book is a multiple-views text dealing with the various positions on sanctification including the ones discussed in the early lessons of the course.

Deere, Jackie. *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing Corporation, 1996.

This work reflects the sojourn of a scholar from a non-charismatic tradition to the Vineyard Movement.

Grudem, Wayne. *The Gift of Prophecy: In the New Testament and Today*. Westchester, IL: Crossway Books, rev. ed. 2000.

Dr. Grudem argues that the gift of prophecy is for today. The work presents his understanding of the evidence and cogent definition of terms.

Ranaghan, Kevin. *The Lord, The Spirit, The Church*. South Bend, IN: Charismatic Renewal Services, 1973.

O'Conner, Edward D. *The Pentecostal Movement in the Catholic Church*. South Bend, IN: Ava Maria Press, 1971.

Wimber, John. *Power Evangelism*. North Pomfret, VT: Trafalgar Square Publishing, 2000.

This book is the seminal book on the beliefs of the Vineyard Movement.

Textbooks can be ordered through your local bookstore, various online bookstores, or through your preferred eReader when available.

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

Course Assessment and Requirements

Course requirements include:

- Listening to all 24 audio lectures.
- Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student. No numeric or letter grade will be awarded for this course.