

REGENT COLLEGE  
Distance Education

BIBL 509: HOLY SPIRIT IN PAULINE THEOLOGY

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3 Graduate Credit Hours

Main source for guidelines, resources, extra handouts:

[www.regent-college.edu/classesonline](http://www.regent-college.edu/classesonline)

**Your due date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(See the last page of your Student Handbook for setting your due date)

**A course may be dropped within two weeks of the course start date for a 100% refund (less a \$25 drop fee). A course may be dropped between two and four weeks of the course start date for a 75% refund (less a \$25 drop fee). A course may be dropped between four and eight weeks of the course start date for no refund; after this time the student is committed to receiving a grade for the course. All course materials must be returned in original condition before a drop or refund will be approved.**

**Course Description**

This course examines the role of the Holy Spirit in Paul's experience and his reflection on that experience. Key texts will be analysed in the process of investigating Paul's understanding of the Spirit in relationship to key elements in his theology. Questions of contemporary relevance will also be pursued.

**Course Outline and Assigned Reading**

*See appended chart.*

Students are expected to spend 3 hours each week preparing for the next lecture session, including the reading in the textbook and an examination of some of the primary texts.

**Academic Requirements and Time Investment**

	<u>3 credit hours</u>
Lectures	20 hours
Class Preparation	30 hours
Term Paper – 2,500-3,000 words	45 hours
Sermon – 2,500 words	20 hours
Critical Reading Assignment – 2,500 words	<u>20 hours</u>
TOTAL	135 hours

**Assignments**

1. **Term Paper** (2500- 3750 words, double-spaced)

Interact with Fee and Dunn on the topic of “Flesh and Spirit” in Paul. The paper should show evidence of (a) working through the major texts involved (Romans 7 and Galatians 5); (b) understanding the points of difference between the two authors; and (c) some acquaintance with other

literature on the subject. Be sure your essay includes all three areas of inquiry.

For Dunn's perspective, consult the following articles, included on your course moodle site:

James D. G. Dunn, "The Eschatological Spirit," in *Jesus and the Spirit* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1975), 308-318.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Romans 7:14-25 in the Theology of Paul," in Paul Elbert (ed.), *Essays on Apostolic Themes* (Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 1985), 49-70.

2. **Sermon** (approximately 2500 words, double-spaced)

A full-length sermon from any Spirit text in the Pauline corpus; this is to be a *sermon*, not a rehash of the exegesis. Think through how the point/content of your paragraph speaks to a contemporary Christian congregation. For further guidelines, refer to the moodle site.

3. **Critical Reading Assignment** (not more than 2500 words, double-spaced)

Select one paragraph or theme from 1 Corinthians 12-14 and reconstruct a conversation between Carson, Fee, Grudem and Martin (see below). Be sure to reflect each author's views accurately and fairly; anticipate where they find agreement / disagreement and evaluate the relative strengths and weaknesses of each position. With a concluding paragraph, include your own reflections and judgment stating whom you find most convincing and why. (For Fee's position, consult both the commentary on 1 Corinthians and *God's Empowering Presence*)

Carson, D. A., *Showing the Spirit, A Theological Exposition of 1 Corinthians 12-14* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1987).

Swete, H. B. *The Holy Spirit in the NT* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1976). [the Pauline sections] (*optional*)

Grudem, W. A. *The Gift of Prophecy in 1 Corinthians* (Washington, D.C.: University of Press of America, 1982).

Martin, R. P. *The Spirit and the Congregation: Studies in 1 Corinthians 12-15* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1984).

**Evaluation**

Term Paper	50%
Sermon	25%
Critical Reading Assignment	<u>25%</u>
TOTAL	100%

**NB: The Course evaluation form must be returned by your due date**

**Late Policy and Extensions (please read carefully!)**

For every week that your course requirements are submitted late, there will be a deduction of a third of a letter grade per assignment accordingly. Only under circumstances that are both *unavoidable* **and** *unforeseeable* are extensions considered (please refer to your student handbook for specific details <http://www.regent-college.edu/academics/cstudies/documents/StudentHandbook.pdf> ). Weddings and births do not count as *unavoidable* **and** *unforeseeable*. If you need to go beyond the six-month time limit, you must contact the Coordinator **first** for an extension. Contact information is provided in your **Student Handbook**. Please note that extensions are not automatically granted, and must be applied for before your original due date.

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**Bibliography**

*Required Reading*

Gordon D. Fee, *God's Empowering Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Letters of Paul* (Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 1994).

*Recommended Reading*

Gordon D. Fee, *Paul, the Spirit and the People of God*, (Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 1996).

James D. G. Dunn, *Jesus and the Spirit*, (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1975).

Course Outline and Assigned Reading

		<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Read</b>	<b>Biblical Text</b>
iTunes A	CD 1 / DVD 1	Introduction to Course	Fee, 1-36	
iTunes B	CD 2 & 3 / DVD 2	Spirit as Person	Fee, 827-845	2 Cor 13:13 2 Cor 3:16-18 1 Cor 1 5:42-46 Eph 4:4-6 Eph 4:30
iTunes C	CD 4 & 5 / DVD 3 & 4	Spirit and Eschatology	Fee, 904-915, 799-813	2 Cor 1:21-22 Eph 1:13-14 Rom 8:14-30 Rom 5:1-5
iTunes D	CD 6 & 7 / DVD 4	Spirit and Eschatology Spirit and Torah	Fee, 813-16	2 Cor 3:1-6 Gal 3:13-14; 15-18 Gal 3:21-22 Gal 4:29 Rom 1:3-4; 2:29 Rom 7:4-6; 7:14, 18 Rom 8:1-4
iTunes E	CD 8 & 9 / DVD 5 & 6	Spirit and the Believer	Fee, 846-869, 822-826	1 Thess 1:4-6 1 Cor 2:4-5 Rom 15:18-19 Gal 3:1-5; 4:4-7 Titus 3:5 1 Cor 6:19-20; 12:12-14
iTunes F	CD 10 & 11 / DVD 6 & 7	Spirit and Ethics Flesh and Spirit	Fee, 876-883, 816-822	Gal 5:1-21 Rom 8:5-13
iTunes G	CD 12 & 13 / DVD 7 & 8	Spirit and Ethics	Fee, 439-468, 881-883	Gal 5:22-6:10 Rom 12:1-2; 14:1-15:13 Eph 3:14-21; 4:1-2
iTunes H	CD 14 & 15 / DVD 8 & 9	Fruit of the Spirit Spirit and the People of God	Fee, 870-876	1 Cor 3:16-17 2 Cor 6:16-18
iTunes I	CD 16 & 17 / DVD 9 & 10	Spirit and Worship	Fee, 886-895	1 Cor 12:1-11; 12:27-30 1 Cor 13:1-3 1 Cor 14:1-40 Rom 8:3-7
iTunes J	CD 18 & 19 / DVD 10	Spirit and Worship, Spirit and the Gifts	Fee, 883-886, 896-903	