

# PREACHER SCHOOL

## Pneumatology — Class Syllabus

**Introduction:** The Holy Spirit is God. He is the Third, Co-Equal Person of the Trinity. The Trinity is One. They are Three Persons who are together, One God. Three Persons sharing the same essential essence. The Three Persons are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and while they share in a profound Oneness they have different functions or operations, yet they are together, One God. The Trinity exists without hierarchy, One loves the Others, serves the Others, yields to the Others, is humble before the Others, maintains, protects, and works for the good of the Others, in perfect Love and unity.

That introduction is a summary of Trinitarian theology. We have a monotheistic, Trinitarian faith. This is a difficult subject for the bravest and most adept theologians so relax and maybe re-read introductory paragraph again to simply consider how complex and mysterious our Great God is! And remember, while He is so beyond our comprehension, He also seeks to make Himself intimately known to us.

**THE MISSION OF JESUS** was fourfold: 1) Demonstrate what God is like; 2) Demonstrate the perfect human life, empowered for loving-service to God through the Holy Spirit; 3) Completely destroy the power of sin and death; and 4) Establish the New Covenant which is the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh, so we become his prophetic people who live by revelation, empowered for life.

Jesus was temporarily our Emmanuel, “Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they shall name Him Immanuel, which translated means, ‘God with us.’” (Matt 1:28, NASB. Both “E” or “I” for Emmanuel is correct). After His resurrection, and right before He ascended to heaven Jesus said, “Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt 28:20). This could have been confusing to His disciples because He no longer said that and they watched Him ascend into the clouds (Acts 1:9).

God’s intention was the permanent giving of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had explained this at the Last Supper, “I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you... [And] when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take from Me and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; this is why I said that He takes from Me and will disclose it to you” (John 16:7-13-15). Jesus opened the way for the Holy Spirit to be our permanent Emmanuel, the Holy Spirit is God with us, *now*.

The Holy Spirit, the One with us now, is the most neglected member of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is the most misunderstood, most blasphemed, and most rejected of the Three. And I am

pretty sure this is why Jesus warned, “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come” (Matt 21:31-32).

## Course Objectives:

1. To be able to answer, *Who Is the Holy Spirit?*
2. To know and live empowered by the Holy Spirit.
3. To understand and flow in the many, varied gifts He brings in to our lives.
4. To be able to communicate what the Baptism of the Holy is, what the gifts are, and activate them in others.

## Two options of engagement:

We are offering two options for involvement. Freely choose what suits you.

**Tier 1:** Required reading, videos, weekly Zoom training, eight weekly response papers (300-500 word max).

**Tier 2:** All Tier one components, plus: extra reading from J. Rodman Williams, *Renewal Theology*, midterm and final paper (max 1000 words). Ten total assignments.

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## Required Reading/tools

### 1. Smith Wigglesworth, *On The Holy Spirit*

Amazon: [https://www.amazon.com/Smith-Wigglesworth-Holy-Spirit/dp/0883685442/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=1Z60KG74NQRSX&dchild=1&keywords=smith+wigglesworth+on+the+holy+spirit&qid=1604087980&srefix=smith+wigglesworth+on+the%2Caps%2C160&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Smith-Wigglesworth-Holy-Spirit/dp/0883685442/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1Z60KG74NQRSX&dchild=1&keywords=smith+wigglesworth+on+the+holy+spirit&qid=1604087980&srefix=smith+wigglesworth+on+the%2Caps%2C160&sr=8-1)

Open source free version:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zne0TLcy48cNQteo\\_hr8hmXFNt3Ti9J3/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zne0TLcy48cNQteo_hr8hmXFNt3Ti9J3/view)

### 2. Randy Clark and Mary Healy, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*:

Amazon: [https://www.amazon.com/Spiritual-Gifts-Handbook-Using-Kingdom/dp/0800798635/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=2AA18IJXOOWX5&dchild=1&keywords=the+spiritual+gifts+handbook+by+randy+clark+and+mary+healy&qid=1604088126&srefix=Randy+Clark+gifts+%2Caps%2C148&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Spiritual-Gifts-Handbook-Using-Kingdom/dp/0800798635/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2AA18IJXOOWX5&dchild=1&keywords=the+spiritual+gifts+handbook+by+randy+clark+and+mary+healy&qid=1604088126&srefix=Randy+Clark+gifts+%2Caps%2C148&sr=8-1)

4. **Bible Hub.** An online Bible study tool: <https://biblehub.com>

5. **Download Zoom** to a computer or device: <https://zoom.us>

6. **TIER TWO** (extra purchase): **Williams, J. Rodman. *Renewal Theology: Systematic Theology from a Charismatic Perspective*, 3 vols.** Zondervan: Grand Rapids, MI, 1996.

(We will continue to use this book throughout the year. It is a valuable investment.)

## Reading and writing assignments:

Benefits/purpose behind the written assignments: the practice of writing forces us to think more carefully about the words we use and the subject we are writing about. This has a two-

fold effect of moving us toward better understanding of the subject *and* our verbal communication skills grow through the process.

Submitting assignments: Submit all assignments in a Word document. Email assignments by attaching the word file. Single space your document. Note: write your name on the top left. On the second line write the class name. On the third line write the week number and corresponding assignment name. Example:

Romey Ritter  
Pneumatology Class  
Week 2

Assignment due dates: the class week begins on Monday. All assignments for that week are due, Saturday by 11:30PM. (They can be submitted earlier.) Submit via email: romey.ritter@seashorechurch.com

## Weekly Assignments:

### WEEK 1 – The “Spirit of God”

**Tier one and two:** Search the Scriptures for the biblical emphasis of the “spirit.” The NASB translation records “spirit” 599 times but translations vary. Where “spirit” is not capitalized in the bible it will refer to the human spirit or a demon spirit. When it is capitalized, it refers to the Holy Spirit. The noun form always designates His name. Below you will find a couple links to various translations as well as Hebrew and Greek links to the original languages. Note: *ruach* for Hebrew, *Pneuma* for Greek is translated into English as “spirit.”

**Video:** Charles Spurgeon sermons: “The Indwelling and Outflowing of the Holy Spirit” (58 min) <https://youtu.be/UBIZCjRzB3E>

**\*The Spurgeon videos** are narrated sermons. Spurgeon ministered in the second half of the 1800s during the Second Great Awakening in America. There had been other smaller, sporadic and local revivals, but the First and Second Great Awakenings were widespread and phenomenal in comparison. Spurgeon stands as a champion of the Holy Spirit so much that even today he is lovingly called the Prince of Preachers.

**Assignment tier one:** pick a translation and read around some of the verses. Read beyond the initial verse to get its context. Pick five verses from the Old Testament and five from the New Testament that are specifically about the Holy Spirit and write about what you found interesting from the verses. (300 -500 max response paper)

**Assignment tier two:** poke around the various translations and see if you can find what other words are used instead of “spirit.” Can you suggest reasons why these other words may have been used? This kind of question is where deeper curiosity begins the process of deeper study into the word of God. It can be times consuming but it is worth the time spent, it is the Word of God!! 300-500 (max) response paper.

### Various Translations:

**NASB 599 occurrences:**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?quicksearch=spirit+&version=NASB>

**NIV with only 563 occurrences:**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?quicksearch=spirit+&version=NIV>

**RSV 646 occurrences:**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?quicksearch=spirit+&version=RSV>

**NKJV 612 occurrences:**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?quicksearch=spirit+&version=NKJV>

**OLD testament Hebrew records *ruach* 377 times:**

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/7307.htm>

**NEW testament Greek records *pneuma* 383 times:**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4151.htm>

## **WEEK 2 – Who is the Holy Spirit *and* the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

**Tier one and two:** Read Acts 2, note the change in Peter, pre and post baptism.

Clark, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*, chapter 1: “What are the Spiritual Gifts?” page 23-45

Clark, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*, chapter 2: “The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me” pages 47-66.

**Video:** Charles Spurgeon sermons: “The Personality of the Holy Spirit,” (55 min)

<https://youtu.be/4aSZP6kfrmc>

**Tier two extra reading:**

Williams, *Renewal Theology*, Vol 1, chapter 4, “The Holy Trinity” pages 83-94.

Williams, *Renewal Theology*, Vol 2, chapter 6, “The Holy Spirit” pages 137-154.

**Assignment: Jesus’ Mission Statement is our mission statement!** Explain what the mission statement means. *OR* how It makes you feel particularly knowing we are called to do what Jesus did. What does it do to your faith? (300-500 words)

## **WEEK 3 – The Baptism of the Holy Spirit for Life and Ministry**

**Tier one and two reading:** 1 Corinthians 12, noting the gifts; 1 Corinthians 13, noting the needed culture of love; 1 Corinthians 14, noting the Holy Spirit loves order.

Clark, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*, chapter 3: “Clothed With Power” pages 67-102.

Clark, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*, chapter 4: “Fire On Earth” pages 103-135.

**Video:** Charles Spurgeon Sermons: “The Holy Spirit’s Intercession (53 min)

<https://youtu.be/vcnLdcWEsfc>

**Tier two extra reading:** From Williams, *Renewal Theology*,

Williams, *Renewal Theology* Vol 2, chapter 8, “The Coming of the Holy Spirit,” pages 181-207.

This explains our *now* Emmanuel is the Holy Spirit.

**Assignment: The Sober Intoxication of the Spirit.** Explain your understanding of how Holy Spirit might come upon a person in a physical way. (300-500 words)

## **WEEK 4 – Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Revelation gifts and hearing the voice of God.**

**Tier one and two reading:**

Clark, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*, chapter 5: “Revelation Gifts” pages 137-152.

Wigglesworth. *On The Holy Spirit*, chapters 1-4, pages 13-54.

**Videos:** 1) Bill Johnson, How to Hear God's Voice—the "hearing ear" and "risk" (10 min video): <https://youtu.be/Mjc91eGjzZw>

2) Bill Johnson, How to Listen to the Holy Spirit (32 min video) <https://youtu.be/Ec4hVK6etro>

**Tier two extra reading:**

Williams, *Renewal Theology* Vol 2, Williams, chapter 12, "The Effects of the Coming of the Spirit," pages 307-321.

Williams, *Renewal Theology* Vol 2, portion of chapter 14, "The Ninefold Manifestation," Subtitles: word of wisdom: 347-354; word of knowledge: 354-358; distinguishing (discerning) of spirits: 388-

**Assignment:** Pick one of the revelation gifts and describe it (300-500 words).

**Tier 2 Midterm: Summarize the five effects of the coming of the Holy Spirit** from the readings in chapter 12. The five effects are subtitled in the chapter. (1000 word max)

## **WEEK 5 – Gifts of the Holy Spirit and exercising our faith**

**Tier one and two reading:**

Clark, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*, chapter 6: "Power Gifts" page 153-167.

Wigglesworth. *On The Holy Spirit*, chapters 5-8, pages 55-110.

**Video:** Dr. James Maloney, "Spirit of Faith" part 1 (59 min) <https://youtu.be/J0fyEPIzNfk>

\*Maloney has seen multiplied thousands of extraordinary miracles, including arms and legs growing out, appearing out of nowhere.

**Tier two extra reading:**

Williams, *Renewal Theology* Vol 2, portion of chapter 14, "The Ninefold Manifestation,"

Subtitles: faith: 358-367; healings: 367- 376; miracles: 375-380.

**Assignment:** Pick one of the faith gifts and describe it (300-500 words).

## **WEEK 6 – Gifts of the Holy Spirit, speech activated kingdom**

**Tier one and two reading:**

Clark, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*, chapter 7: "Gifts of Speech" page 169-196.

Wigglesworth, *On the Holy Spirit*, chapters 9-11, pages 111-152.

\*note Wigglesworth believes a person does not have the Holy Spirit unless they speak in tongues as the *only* evidence. This is incorrect. Tongues are merely *one* evidence; though no mere gift, it is to be sought after by all.

**Video:** Dr. James Maloney, "Spirit of Faith" part 2 (1hr 18)

**Tier two extra reading:**

Williams, *Renewal Theology* Vol 2, portion of chapter 14, "The Ninefold Manifestation,"

Subtitles: prophecy: 380-388; introduction kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues: 394-409.

\*\*OPTIONAL\*\* chapter 9, "The Phenomenon of Tongues," pages 209-236.

**Assignment:** Pick one of the speech gifts and describe it (300-500 words).

## **WEEK 7 – The Holy Spirit, His Presence, and His power flowing through you**

**Tier one and two reading:**

Wigglesworth, *On the Holy Spirit*, chapters 12-15, pages 153-184.

Video: Dr. James Maloney, "The Trance of God" (58 min) <https://youtu.be/v3neGV-yrYA>

**Tier two extra reading:**

Williams, *Renewal Theology* vol 2, Williams, chapter 14, "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit," pages 323-346.

Williams, *Renewal Theology* vol 2, Williams, portion of chapter 10, "The Mission of the Holy Spirit" section label: Power for Ministry, pages 243-263.

**Assignment: Explain what Wigglesworth means by "virtue" and how virtue is important to our being carriers of the glorious presence of God. (max 300-500)**

## **WEEK 8 – Culture of our hearts and churches, devotion, activation**

**Tier one and two reading:**

Clark, *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*, chapter 8, "Activating the Spiritual Gifts" page 197-215.

Wigglesworth, *On the Holy Spirit*, chapters 16-18, pages 185-211.

Video:

**Video:** A.W. Tozer, "Holy Spirit: Why Some Can't receive Him" (36 min)

<https://youtu.be/XD4NGfQx2dA> (I speed this up to X1.75)

**Tier two extra reading:**

Williams, *Renewal Theology* vol 2, Williams, chapter 13, "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit," pages 323-346.

**Assignment: Explain how you would baptize someone in the Spirit.** What steps you would use and scriptures. Or, similarly, how you would activate them in one of the gifts.

**Tier 2 Final Paper:** Chapter 13 of Williams explains the culture in a healthy church and the free expression of the Spirit in that church. **Describe a healthy charismatic culture** that honors God, as God, where the Spirit is Lord, and that honors the people in the church. Hint: it is through love, seeking to edify others, doing away with pride in the flesh, and by making much of GRACE. (1000 word max)

## Course Readings and Assignment dates:

Week begins Monday	ZOOM Wednesdays	Assignments due: Saturday, 11:30pm, end of the week
Week 1 November 9, 2020	November 11 7:30pm EST	Bible study search
Week 2 November 16, 2020	November 18 7:30pm EST	Jesus' mission statement
Week 3 November 23, 2020	November 25 7:30pm EST	The Sober Intoxication of the Spirit.
Week 4 November 30, 2020	December 2 7:30pm EST	Explain one of revelation gifts. <b>Tier Two Midterm:</b> The Five effects of the Holy Spirit
Week 5 December 7, 2020	December 9 7:30pm EST	Explain one of the faith gifts.
Week 6 December 14, 2020	December 16 7:30pm EST	Explain one of the speech gifts.
Week 7 January 4, 2021	January 6, 2021 7:30pm EST	What is virtue? Why does it matter?
Week 8 January 11, 2021	January 13, 2021 7:30pm EST	Explain either baptism, or activation <b>Tier Two Final Paper:</b> Describe a healthy charismatic church culture.