Theo 320-01 Theology II

Heath 109, 4:30-5:45 TR

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**I. Readings (In order of Assignment):**

Anthony C. Thiselton, *A Shorter Guide to the Holy Spirit: Bible, Doctrine, Experience* (Eerdmans, 2016).

Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*, Vol. 1, Part 1, pp. 448-489 (available on Prof. Macchia’s Website).

Robert Menzies on the baptism in the Holy Spirit (available on Prof. Macchia’s website).

Eddie Gibbs and Ryan Bolger, *Emerging Churches: Creating Christian Communities in Postmodern Cultures* (Baker Academic, 2005).

Ben Witherington III, “Rite and Rights for Women- Galatians 3:28,” *New Testament Studies*, 27.5 (1980) (available on Prof. Macchia’s website).

N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Hope, Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* (HarperOne, 2008).

Youtube by Barbara Rossing on ecology in relation to the book of Revelation (available on Prof. Macchia’s website) (Start it at ca. 9 minutes and stop at the end of her lecture).

**II. Course Description:**

This course covers the doctrines of pneumatology, ecclesiology, and eschatatology, their biblical foundations, historical developments, and contemporary discussions.

**III. Objectives:**

1. To explore the doctrine of the Holy Spirit in terms of its biblical foundations, historical developments, and contemporary discussions.
2. To explore the doctrine of the church in terms of its biblical foundations, historical developments, and contemporary discussions.
3. To explore the doctrine of eschatology in terms of its biblical foundations, historical developments, and contemporary discussions.

**IV. Calendar:**

A. The Holy Spirit: 1/9—2/8.

 1) Large paper on Thiselton and Barth, **Due 2/1:**

Read Thiselton’s *A Shorter Guide to the Holy Spirit* and the assigned pages from Karl Barth’s *Church Dogmatics*, Vol. 1, part 1 (on Prof. Macchia’s website). Write a 7 to 8 page paper (double spaced) summarizing and evaluating these two readings. Thiselton lays out the general doctrine of the Spirit from a biblical and historical perspectives. Take about three pages to summarize the highlights from this short book. Naturally, you’ll need to stick to the general themes, but describe them with enough specificity and detail to make your summary dense with content (avoid broad superficial statements). Then spend three additional pages summarizing the major points of Barth’s dense treatment of the doctrine of the Spirit. Again, stick to the broad points that he makes but describe it with sufficient detail to make your treatment dense with content. Then spend a page or two evaluating the readings. What did you find most helpful and why? What was vague or problematic and why? (Always state the reason; be specific!). What further questions can be asked to take the discussion further?

2) Short paper on Menzies, **Due 2/8**:

Read Menzies’ article on the baptism in the Holy Spirit (on Prof. Macchia’s wesite). Write a two page critique of the article. Spend a page summarizing his major argument. Then spend a page evaluating it. Was his argument convincing? Why or why not? Be specific. If so, what would you imagine could be said against it? If not, how would you imagine Pentecostals would answer your reasons for disagreeing with it? What further questions could be raised about this topic?

B. The Church: 2/8—3/20 (no class on 3/12-17).

1. Large paper on Gibbs and Bolger, **Due 3/6**.

Read the ecclesiology (*Emerging Churches*) by Gibbs and Bolger. Write a 7 to 8 page paper (double spaced) summarizing and evaluating it. Spend about six pages summarizing the high points of the book’s arguments. Again, you’ll need to stick to the general themes, but describe them with enough specificity and detail to make your summary dense with content (avoid broad superficial statements). Then spend about one to two pages evaluating the book. What do you think of their vision for the church? What are its strengths, its weaknesses? What further questions could be raised?

 2) Short paper on Witherington, **Due 3/20**.

Read Witherington’s article on Galatians 3:28. Write a two page critique of the article. Spend a page summarizing his major argument. Then spend a page evaluating it. Was his argument convincing? Why or why not? Be specific. If so, what would you imagine could be said against it? If not, how would you imagine advocates of his view would answer your reasons for disagreeing with it? What further questions could be raised about this topic?

C. Eschatology: 3/20—4/17.

1) Large paper on N.T. Wright, **Due on 4/10**.

Read N. T. Wright’s book *Surprised by Hope*. Write a 7 to 8 page paper (double spaced) summarizing and evaluating it. Spend about six pages summarizing the high points of the book’s arguments. Again, naturally, you’ll need to stick to the general themes, but describe them with enough specificity and detail to make your summary dense with content (avoid broad superficial statements). Then spend about one to two pages evaluating the book. What do you think of Wright’s understanding of eschatology and its relevance for the church? What are its strengths, its weaknesses? What further questions could be raised?

 2) Short paper on the youtube by Barbara Rossing on ecology and the Book of Revelation. **Due on 4/17.**

Listen carefully to the lecture by Barbara Rossing on care for the earth (and social justice) and the Book of Revelation (and other Apocalypses or literature within the Apocalyptic tradition). Write a two page critique of the lecture. Spend a page summarizing her major argument. Then spend a page evaluating it. Was her argument convincing? Why or why not? Be specific. If so, what would you imagine could be said against it? If not, how would you imagine more progressive theologians would answer your reasons for disagreeing with it? What further questions could be raised about this topic?

**D. Final Exam- May 1st, 3:30-5:30.**

A study guide will be available by April 3rd on Prof. Macchia’s website of exactly 18 essay questions drawn exclusively from the lectures, six major essay questions drawn from each of the three sections of the course. At the close of each section, Prof. Macchia will post the six questions drawn from the section. The students will have two weeks (from 4/17 to 5/1) with nothing assigned except memorizing the answers to the questions. But the questions will be posted before that.

**V. Evaluation:**

Long Paper on Thiselton and Barth Paper: 200 pts.

Short Paper on Menzies: 50 pts.

Long Paper on Gibbs and Bolger Paper: 200 pts.

Short Paper on Witherington: 50 pts.

Long Paper on N.T. Wright: 200 pts.

Short Paper on Rossing: 50 pts.

Final Exam: 200 pts.

Attendance and participation: Maximum 50 pts.

Total: 1000 pts.

A: 920-1000

B: 830-919

C: 700-829

D: 600-699

F: 599 and below