

## Module Description

Pneumatology – Doctrine of the Holy Spirit  
(ST80612)  
6 Credits

**DESCRIPTION:** "And with respect to Him it is, that the church in its present state is capable of apostasy from God: for the sin of despising His person, and rejecting His work now, is of the same nature with the idolatry of old, and the Jews rejection of the person of the Son" (Owen). For many years the person and work of the Holy Spirit was a neglected study, which is why he is sometimes called "The Forgotten God" (Chan). As a result, the study of the Holy Spirit has become associated with controversy and marred by confusion.

Nevertheless, the Christian life is a spiritual life, because the Holy Spirit should be at the heart of our daily Christian experience. There is no Christian life apart from the presence, power and resources of the Holy Spirit. This course will seek to teach clearly the biblical truths about the person and work of the Holy Spirit, while also dealing with the areas of controversy and confusion.

**OBJECTIVES:** As a result of the student's successful completion of this module, s/he will:

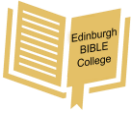
- Cognitive:** understand who the Holy Spirit is, and what is his role in redemptive history and the Christian life
- Behavioural:** Be able to explain the biblical teachings about the Holy Spirit (especially the hard passages and controversial issues) to a non-Christian or young Christian
- Affective:** Develop a greater appreciation for the daily presence, relationship, resources of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life

### READING:

**Required:** Wayne Grudem: Systematic Theology, ch.30

**Recommended:** Sinclair Ferguson *Who Is The Holy Spirit?* Ligonier Ministries, 2017  
John Stott *Baptism and Fullness* IVP, 2021  
Martyn Lloyd-Jones *God the Holy Spirit* Crossway, 1997  
J.I. Packer *Keep in Step with the Spirit* Crossway, 2021  
Francis Chan *The Forgotten God* David C Cook, 2009  
Graham Beynon *Experiencing the Spirit* IVP, 2010  
Kevin DeYoung: *The Holy Spirit*  
(free pdf available at [http://tgc-documents.s3.amazonaws.com/booklets/The\\_Holy\\_Spirit.pdf](http://tgc-documents.s3.amazonaws.com/booklets/The_Holy_Spirit.pdf))  
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### ASSIGNMENT:

Students are required to submit a **1500** word assignment on **ONE** of the following subjects

1. Write a simple commentary on the teachings of Jesus about the Holy Spirit in John 14-17, which draws out both the explanation and applications from the text.
2. The revelatory gifts of the Holy Spirit ceased at the time of the closure of the biblical canon. Defend or refute this statement.

**Submission Date: 12 April 2024**

### SCHEDULE:

January 9	The Holy Spirit: Personality and Deity
January 16	The Holy Spirit: In the Old Testament
January 23	The Holy Spirit: In the Life of Christ
January 30	The Holy Spirit: In Salvation
February 6	The Holy Spirit: In the Church
<i>February 13</i>	<i>No Class</i>
February 20	The Holy Spirit: In the Christian
February 27	The Holy Spirit: His Gifts
March 7	The Holy Spirit: His Gifts to Me
March 14	The Holy Spirit: His Gifts – Continuing or Ceased?
March 21	Review and Summary