

Syllabus

Course: The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements: The History and the Error

Credit Hours: 3

Instructor: David W. Cloud

PowerPoints for this course can be found on the Media List at <https://www.wayoflife.org/media/>

Class Description: *The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements: The History and the Error* deals with the history of Pentecostalism beginning at the turn of the 20th century, the Latter Rain Covenant, major Pentecostal healing evangelists, Sharon Schools and the New Order of the Latter Rain, Manifest Sons of God, the Charismatic movement, the Word-Faith movement, the Roman Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the new Pentecostal prophets, the Third Wave, recent Pentecostal “revivals” such as Pensacola and Lakeland, and prominent Pentecostal and charismatic scandals. The course deals extensively with the theological errors of the Pentecostal-charismatic movements (exalting experience over Scripture, emphasis on the miraculous, the continuation of Messianic and apostolic miracles and sign gifts, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, baptism of fire, tongues speaking, physical healing guaranteed in the atonement, spirit slaying, spirit drunkenness, visions of Jesus, journeys to heaven, women preachers, and the ecumenical doctrine). The final section of the book answers the question: “Why are people deluded by Pentecostal-Charismatic error?”

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements: The History and the Error by David W. Cloud, 443 pages, 6th Edition, August 2019.

Additional Reading Required:

Holiness: The False and the True by H.A. Ironside (must be the **full book**, *NOT* the partial book that is available from Way of Life)

Outcomes—At the end of the course, all students will be able to:

1. Understand the history of the Pentecostal and Charismatic movement.
2. Recognize key figures in this movement and their dangers.
3. Identify unbiblical practices of the Charismatic movement and their errors.
4. Refute these practices and errors with the Bible.
5. Explain why people are swept away into Pentecostalism.

Evaluation—the class grade will be broken up in the following manner:

Tests (4) – 60%

Quizzes (10) – 30%

Reading Project – 10%

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| 90–100% | A | 70–79% | C |
| 80–89% | B | 0–69% | D (Failing) |

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements: The History and the Error* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students read *Holiness: The False and the True* and write a paper summarizing the main points of the book.

Outcome 3. Students take diligent notes during class over the Pentecostal-Charismatic movement.

Outcome 4. Students memorize verses and explain how they are related to the Pentecostal-Charismatic movement.

Outcome 5. Students take tests and quizzes over the material covered in class and read outside of class.

There are two options for taking this class. They are the following:

- **Slower Pace-15 Week Option**

This option takes a total of 15 weeks and has regular assignments three times every week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- **Advanced-One Month Option**

This option takes a total of 4 weeks and has regular assignments six times every week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The assignments for this option combine two of the assignments from the slower pace option into one day so that the student can complete the class in a month.

-----Slower Pace-15 Week Option-----

Course Outline:**Week Topics**

- 1 Introduction/ My Experience/ History of the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements
- 2 History of the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements
- 3 History of the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements/ The Pentecostal Denominations
- 4 The Pentecostal Denominations/ **Test 1**/ Pentecostal Healing Evangelists
- 5 The Pentecostal Healing Evangelists/ The New Order of the Latter Rain
- 6 The Word-Faith Movement
- 7 The Word-Faith Movement/ **Test 2 (Midterm)**/ The Charismatic Movement
- 8 The Charismatic Movement/ The New Pentecostal Prophets
- 9 The New Pentecostal Prophets/ The Third Wave
- 10 Recent Pentecostal Scandals/ The Laughing Revival
- 11 The Laughing Revival/ **Test 3**/ The Error of the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement
- 12 The Error of the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement
- 13 The Error of the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement
- 14 The Error of the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement
- 15 The Error of the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement/ Why Are People Deluded by Charismatic Error?/ **Test 4 (Final)**

| Weeks | Assignment | | |
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| Weeks | Monday | Wednesday | Friday |
| 1 | Pages 1-9 | Pages 10-20 | Pages 20-28 |
| 2 | Pages 29-39 | Pages 40-50 | Pages 50-59 Quiz 1—Matthew 7:15-16 |
| 3 | Pages 60-70 | Pages 71-79 | Pages 80-89 Quiz 2—Matthew 7:17-18 |
| 4 | Pages 89-95 | Test 1— <i>(covers pages 1-95)</i> | Pages 96-107 |
| 5 | Pages 107-116 | Pages 117-129 | Pages 130-142 Quiz 3—John 15:26 |
| 6 | Pages 143-154 | Pages 154-164 | Pages 164-174 Quiz 4—John 16:13 |
| 7 | Pages 174-180 | Test 2— Mid-term (Cumulative) <i>(covers pages 1-180)</i> | Pages 181-192 |
| 8 | Pages 192-203 | Pages 204-215 | Pages 215-225 Quiz 5—1 John 4:6 |
| 9 | Pages 225-232 | Pages 233-243 | Pages 244-253 Quiz 6—1 Corinthians 14:22 |
| 10 | Pages 254-267 | Pages 267-277 | Pages 278-293 |
| 11 | Pages 294-307 | Test 3— <i>(Covers pages 181-307)</i> | Pages 308-319 Quiz 7—Matthew 24:24 |
| 12 | Pages 319-330 | Pages 331-342 | Pages 342-354 Quiz 8—Jude 3 |
| 13 | Pages 355-365 | Pages 365-377 | Pages 377-388 Quiz 9—Matthew 16:4 |
| 14 | Pages 389-400 | Pages 400-411 | Pages 412-423 Quiz 10—1 Thessalonians 5:20-22 |
| 15 | Pages 423-434 Reading Project | Pages 434-443 | Test 4— Final (Cumulative) |

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| 3 | Pages 204-225 Quiz 5— 1 John 4:6 | Pages 225-243 | Pages 244-267 Quiz 6— 1 Cor 14:22 | Pages 267-293 | Pages 294-307 Quiz 7— Matthew 24:24 | Test 3— <i>(Covers pages 181-307)</i> Pages 308-319 |
| 4 | Pages 319-342 Quiz 8— Jude 3 | Pages 342-365 | Pages 365-388 Quiz 9— Matthew 16:4 | Pages 389-411 | Pages 412-443 Quiz 10— 1 Thes. 5:20-22 | Test 4 Final Reading Project |

Details of Course Assignments:

- **Reading Assignments**

Students are given reading assignments for most days over the main textbook *The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements: The History and the Error* and must complete the assignments along with answering the corresponding review questions. The student is also responsible for looking over the corresponding **PowerPoint slides** in addition to the daily reading.

- **Quizzes (10)**

Quizzes will be given on ten Fridays (*for the slower-pace option*) throughout the semester. These quizzes will **only** be verse quizzes. The student must write out the verses completely and will **also** be required to explain the meaning/significance of the memory verse in regards to the Pentecostal-Charismatic movement.

- **Reading Project (Additional Reading)**

The student will also be required to read one additional book outside of class. The book is entitled *Holiness: The False and the True* by H.A. Ironside. After reading this book, the student will need to write a three-to-four-page, double-spaced paper summarizing the main points of the book. The student must also state that he has completely read *Holiness: The False and the True* for this course.

- **Tests (4)**

There will be a total of four tests taken during this semester. Including certain review questions and additional important information in the reading, the tests will include a section of short answer questions. The tests are used to measure how much the student has retained over the course. Tests 1 and 3 will not be cumulative, while the midterm (Test 2) and final (Test 4) will cover all previously learned material as well as any new material.

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