

**TH 113**  
**Spiritual Gifts: Their Use and Abuse**

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**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This class will provide an overview of the biblical teaching on spiritual gifts. The class will also explore the background and history of the Charismatic movement and will examine key biblical passages regarding tongues, gifts of healing, and other sign miracles in order to gain a biblically derived perspective and practice.

**II. COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- A. To understand the nature of signs and wonders and their purpose for the church
- B. To understand the passages which describe spiritual gifts in order to correct those who are in error
- C. To derive a biblically based theology of spiritual gifts
- D. To be motivated to godliness as a result of a proper understanding of the major issues related to the spiritual gifts
- E. To recognize similarities and differences within the charismatic movement
- F. To appreciate more fully the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer

**III. ASSOCIATED READING**

- John, Napier. *Charismatic Challenge: Four Key Questions*. Franklin Tennessee: Providence House Publishers, 2003.
- Edgar, Thomas, R. "The Cessation of the Sign Gifts." *Bibliotheca Sacra* 145:580 (October 1988): 371-86 (Instructor will hand out).
- Derickson, Gary W. "The Cessation of Healing Miracles in Paul's Ministry." *Bibliotheca Sacra* 155:619 (July 1998): 299-315 (Instructor will hand out).
- Thomas, Robert. "Tongues... Will Cease." *Journal of Evangelical Theological Society* 17:2 (Spring 1974): 81-89 (Instructor will hand out).