

A Sixth and Forgotten Sola of the Reformation:  
*Solus Spiritus-Sanctus: The Holy Spirit and His Work*  
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### Course Description 簡介：

The 16th century Reformation was a time when the gospel was wonderfully rediscovered. It is often summed up by what are called "The Five Solas of the Reformation" (from the Latin word *solus/sola* meaning "alone"): Scripture alone; Grace alone; Faith alone; Christ alone; to the glory of God alone.

But there was a sixth *sola*. Without it, none of these others could have existed: *Solus Spiritus Sanctus*—the Holy Spirit alone! So, when the Scottish reformer John Knox explained the extraordinary way in which this recovery of the gospel took place he wrote "God gave his Holy Spirit to ordinary men in great abundance."

At the *Taiwan Reformation 500 Conference* we will think together about what "Sixth Sola" means for us by studying the biblical teaching on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. The course will begin by tracing his ministry from creation onwards. Among other themes we will be looking at how the Spirit was given by the Lord Jesus to the Church, and how he applies to us all the treasures that are ours in Christ. Our studies will involve us thinking together about biblical doctrine and the way it shapes our thinking to touch our affections and our will and to transform our lives. We hope that *The Taiwan Reformation 500 Conference* will be a time to experience what Paul meant when he said that we are not to be "conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2).

十六世紀的宗教改革是「福音」被奇妙地重新展現的時刻。人們往往將宗教改革對福音的總結歸納成「宗教改革的五個唯獨」（拉丁文的 *solus/sola* 意思是「唯獨」）：唯獨聖經、唯獨恩典、唯獨信心、唯獨基督、唯獨神得榮耀。

但是，這裡有第六個「唯獨」。沒有這個，其他五個唯獨也無法存在，這就是：「唯獨聖靈」。因此，當蘇格蘭的改教家—約翰諾克斯解釋當福音被重新恢復時，乃是透過一種非比尋常的方式，他寫道：「上帝將祂的聖靈豐富地賜給尋常之人。」

在台灣的「改教五百週年紀念活動」中，我們將一同思想這「第六個唯獨」對我們的意義，學習在聖經中對聖靈的位格和工作的教導。這堂課一開始先追溯聖靈在創造時的事工，並從此開展。在其他的主題中，我們將看到聖靈如何經由耶穌基督賜給教會，祂又如何將我們在基督裡領受的寶貴福分施行在我們身上。我們的學習能幫助我們一同思想聖經的教義，這方式會塑造我們的思想，觸動我們的情感和意志，並改變我們的生命。衷心期盼這場在台灣的改教五百週年紀念活動，將成為經歷使徒保羅所說：「不要效法這個世界，只要心意更新而變化」的時刻。（羅十二 2）

### Assignments for 2 credit class; Dr. Yates probably will be the class grader.

1. Listen to all the lectures and post to the class forum for your group once for each "chapter/topic" of the lecture notes **in answer to the question in the forum**. 10%
2. There will be a 25 question **bilingual test** on the lectures posted on Moodle **on an assigned date**. (See the English lecture notes below). (True/false format) 25%
3. Read **聖靈論 / The Holy Spirit** 作者：辛克萊·傅格森 (Sinclair B. Ferguson) 譯者：孫昌昊 出版社：聖約出版社 by Sinclair Ferguson. There will be a 25 question test on the contents of this book posted on Moodle **on an assigned date** (True/false format) 25%
4. Write a **Summary Paper** 40% Write a research paper on "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit in the Westminster Larger Catechism" explaining the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Search a digital version (such as the Chinese one below or this one in English <https://opc.org/documents/LCLayout.pdf>) of the entire Westminster Larger Catechism AND its Bible proof texts for the word "Holy Spirit" 聖靈 (old English versions also use "Holy Ghost" so you need to search both "Spirit" and "Ghost" if using English).

<https://bible.world/>

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Write the ideas in your own summary words. Mostly only cite the locations in the Catechism (example: WLC 75) and the locations of the important Bible texts (example: Matt. 1:21), while only quoting short phrases of the Catechism or parts of Bible verses.

Develop one master illustration/diagram to try to show how the Westminster authors understood the detailed ideas to fit under the headings of bigger concepts. In your research summary paper, connect the Spirit to the doctrinal topic and give a brief explanation of the meaning of that topic as defined by the Catechism and Scripture.

A good paper will start with a one-page diagram and add about 3-5 pages of text. Simply copying large sections of the Catechism or the Bible will receive a lower grade. Making it too simple with little evidence of careful thought also will receive a lower grade.

This online chart should be helpful as a starting point. Do not just copy this, but show me your own thought and careful study of the Catechism: "The Holy Spirit in the Westminster Standards?"

<https://thirdmill.org/answers/answer.asp/file/46744>

<https://www.christianstudylibrary.org/article/westminster-confession-faith-chapter-2-god-holy-spirit>

Some people have suggested that the Westminster authors should have included a chapter focusing on the Spirit, but the reality is that the Spirit is part of almost every doctrine in the Westminster Standards! Chapter 34 on the Holy Spirit was added to WCF by the PCUSA in 1903 <http://www.bible-researcher.com/wescoappb.html> It does provide a useful summary of the way the Spirit is woven throughout the Confession. This chapter 34 (and another chapter 35) addition was rejected by conservatives in the OPC and PCA as merely a summary of what was already said in the confession and catechisms and also was rejected because it weakened the teaching about the sovereign election of God in salvation.

<https://christianity.stackexchange.com/questions/53233/why-have-conservative-presbyterians-objected-to-chapters-on-the-holy-spirit-and>

**Assignments all due August 6, 2021 (date may be adjusted in discussion with staff)**

## Solus Sanctus Spiritus: THE HOLY SPIRIT—OUTLINE OF LECTURES

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*The Spirit in Jesus' Battle with Satan* 9

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*The Spirit in Jesus' Atonement* 9

*The Spirit in Jesus' Consummation* 10

*Application: The Spirit in His Saints* 10

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*Jesus had been their teacher. When the Spirit comes he will also be your teacher* 12

*Jesus had been their counselor. When the Spirit comes he will also be your counselor* 13

*Jesus will leave to become their home-maker. When the Spirit comes he will make a home in them for the Father and Son* 13

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It is a comprehensive work 27

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We are born again of water and Spirit 27

Regeneration changes our relationship to sin 28

Regeneration changes our relationship to one another / church 28

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#### Recommended for further study

*Saved by Grace: The Holy Spirit's Work in Calling and Regeneration* by Herman <https://hermanbavinck.org/>  
Bavinck <https://www.monergism.com/holy-spirits-work-calling-and-regeneration-herman-bavinck>

*The Holy Spirit and Reformed Spirituality: A Tribute to Geoffrey Thomas* by Joel Beeke, see chapter 3 by Carl Trueman "The Spirit and the Word Incarnate: John Owen's Trinitarian Christology" free sample of the whole chapter at <https://www.wtsbooks.com/products/holy-spirit-and-reformed-spirituality-a-tribute-to-geoffrey-thomas-joel-r-derek-w-h-thomas-beeke-9781601782700?variant=9784354275375> and chapter 9 in Kindle edition by Sinclair Ferguson on adoption by the Spirit gives a quick review of the DVD class themes connected to being counted as God's child by the witness from the Spirit of the Son, a parallel to the sonship experienced by Christ in his humanity at [https://www.amazon.com/Holy-Spirit-Reformed-Spirituality-Geoffrey-ebook/dp/B00GCPPRU0/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=](https://www.amazon.com/Holy-Spirit-Reformed-Spirituality-Geoffrey-ebook/dp/B00GCPPRU0/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=)

*The Work of the Holy Spirit* by Abraham Kuyper <https://www.monergism.com/saved-grace-alone-work-holy-spirit-calling-and-regeneration-ebook>

*Doctrine of the Holy Spirit* by George Smeaton <https://www.monergism.com/doctrine-holy-spirit>

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Other books he has written include the following:

- *Devoted to God's Church: Core Values for Christian Fellowship* (2020)
- *Maturity: Growing Up and Going on in the Christian Life* (2019)
- *Some Pastors and Teachers: Reflecting a Biblical vision of what every minister is called to be* (2017)
- *Who is the Holy Spirit: Study Guide* (2017)
- *Devoted to God: Blueprint for Sanctification* (2016)

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- *Church History 101: The Highlights of Twenty Centuries*, with Joel Beeke (2016)
- *The Whole Christ: Legalism, Antinomianism, & Gospel Assurance--Why the Marrow Controversy Still Matters* (2016)
- *Child in the Manger: The True Meaning of Christmas* (2015)
- *ICHTHUS: Jesus Christ, God's Son, the Savior* (2015) with Derek Thomas
- *From the Mouth of God: Trusting, Reading and Applying the Bible* (2014)
- *Tritarian Devotion of John Owen* (2014) with Stephen Lawson
- *Discovering God's Will* (2013)
- *The Christian Life: A Doctrinal Introduction* (2013)
- *Name above All Names* (2013) with Alistair Begg
- *Deserted by God* (2013)
- *Big Book of Bible Truths 1* (2012)
- *The Grace of Repentance (Redesign) (Today's Issues)* (2011)
- *By Grace Alone: How the Grace of God Amazes me* (2010)
- *The Plan: How God got the World Ready for Jesus* (2009)
- *Living for God's Glory: An Introduction to Calvinism* (2008) with Joel Beeke
- *Man Overboard! : The Story of Jonah* (2008)
- *In Christ Alone: Living the Gospel Centered Life* (2007)
- *Faithful God - An exposition of the book of Ruth* (2005)
- *John Owen: The Man and His Theology* (2003) contributor about John Owen
- *The Preacher's Commentary - Vol. 21 - Daniel* (2002)
- *The Big Book of Questions & Answers about Jesus* (2000)
- *The Grace of Repentance (Today's Issues)* (2000)
- *Reformed Confessions Harmonized* (1999), editor with Joel Beeke
- *Let's Study Mark* (1999)
- *Big Book of Questions and Answers* (1997, 2011)
- *The Holy Spirit* (1997)
- *Sermon on the Mount* (1996), Study Guide (2017)
- *The Art of Prophesying with the Calling of the Ministry* (1996)
- *The Pundit's Folly* (Ecclesiastes, 1996)
- *Grow in Grace* (1989)
- *Children of the Living God* (1989)
- *New Dictionary of Theology (Master Reference Collection)* (1988), editor with David Wright and J. I. Packer
- *Daniel (Mastering the Old Testament, Vol 19)* (1988)
- *John Owen on the Christian Life* (1987)
- *Kingdom Life in a Fallen World - Living Out the Sermon on the Mount* (1986)
- *Know Your Christian Life* (1981)