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THE 121 - 3 credits

# The Law and the Spirit

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## Course Description:

The law and the flesh always war against faith and Spirit. The battle is as old as Isaac and Ishmael, and recounted for us clearly in Galatians chapters 1 - 3. Each of us battles daily between law and Spirit in our own lives. Discover how God's voice sets us free from the bondage of legalism and error. God's vision is for a triumphant, empowered, overcoming Church that lives out of intimacy with the Holy Spirit. Learn what a church which is free of religion looks like. Let the Church be the Church! Let us be children of faith!

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## Course Objectives

### Academic:

As a result of the course, you will:

- Quote John 5:39, 40.
- Quote Proverbs 3:5 - 8.
- Describe the spirit of phariseeism.
- Discuss a paradigm or system for discovering truth, including the foundation of the process, the six pillars and an overriding goal.
- Discuss at least five (5) lies which are believed in the Church, with related Scripture.
- Quote Luke 4:18 - 21.
- Describe the Church as a supernatural expression of her Lord.

### Attitudinal:

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, adjusting them to the following:

- You will be aware of any tendency in your life toward "phariseeism" and be on guard against it.
- You will allow your attitudes to be shaped by the Spirit of God illuminating each of the pillars you have established for discovering truth.
- You will be impassioned to participate in the Church which is a supernatural expression of God on the earth.

### Behavioral:

If you apply the teaching of this course to your life, you will be changed. Some of these changes will be as follows:

- Under the leading of the Holy Spirit, you will develop a methodology or paradigm for making decisions and discovering truth.
- You will seek the Lord until you receive His revelation of what it will mean for you to walk according to the Spirit rather than the Law, then you will be obedient to that revelation.
- You will seek the Lord until you receive His revelation of what role He wants you to have in the establishment of His supernatural Church, then you will be obedient to that revelation.

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## Course Texts

*49 Lies* by Mark and Patti Virkler

*Release from Religion* by Caleb Institute

*The Supernatural Church* by Mark and Patti Virkler

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## Course Requirements:

1. Attend classes faithfully, if in a classroom situation.
2. Completely read *49 Lies*, answering all the Personal Application and Think and Discuss questions.
3. Complete the *Release from Religion* study guide. This study guide will be submitted to your instructor for grading on completeness and personal reflection that is apparent. You are not required to agree with everything that is taught in this book, but any disagreement should be clearly thought out and presented.
4. Completely read *The Supernatural Church* and answer all discussion questions. Answers to these questions will be submitted to your instructor for grading on completeness and personal reflection. See instructions for #3 above.
5. Submit a paper on the Law and the Spirit based on the teaching of the book of Galatians. Consider the following questions:
  - What is the conflict between the Law and the Spirit?
  - What is the source of this conflict?
  - How can this conflict be resolved?
  - What is the relationship between the Law, grace, and the Spirit?
  - What have you learned so far in your Christian life about living in the Spirit?
  - Is your current Christian life characterized by Law or by the Spirit?
  - Are there adjustments the Lord wants you to make in your way of living?
  - How will living by grace through the power of the Spirit change the way you relate to your spouse? your children? your parents? other family members? employees? employers? friends? church associates?Freely use other Scriptures to add strength to your presentation.
6. Earn at least a “B” on all tests.

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## Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, CLU is training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
- Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
- Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
- Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
- Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.



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# Course Schedule

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### Lesson One:

#### Assignment to be completed:

Read the Introduction and Chapters 1 - 3 of *49 Lies*, pages 1 - 13, completing the related exercises in the text.

Complete pages 1 - 13 of *Release from Religion*.

Memorize John 5:39.

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### Lesson Two

#### Assignment to be completed:

Read Chapter 4, Lies 1 - 7, pages 17 - 29 of *49 Lies*, completing the related exercises in the text.

Complete pages 13 - 17 of *Release from Religion*.

Memorize John 5:40.

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### Lesson Three

#### Assignment to be completed:

Read Chapter 4, Lies 8 - 17, pages 30 - 41 of *49 Lies*, completing the related exercises in the text.

Complete pages 17 - 25 of *Release from Religion*.

Begin memorizing Proverbs 3:5 - 8.

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### Lesson Four

#### Assignment to be completed:

Read Chapter 4, Lies 18 - 29, pages 42 - 54 of *49 Lies*, completing the related exercises in the text.

Complete pages 26 - 35 of *Release from Religion*.

Continue memorizing Proverbs 3:5 - 8.

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### Lesson Five

#### Assignment to be completed:

Read Chapter 4, Lies 30 - 39, pages 55 - 67 of *49 Lies*, completing the related exercises in the text.

Complete pages 30 - 47 of *Release from Religion*.

Memorize Proverbs 3:5-8.

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### Lesson Six

#### Assignment to be completed:

Read Chapter 4, Lies 40 - 49, pages 68 - 82 of *49 Lies*, completing the related exercises in the text.

Complete pages 47 - 67 of *Release from Religion*.

Complete Test One and submit it to your instructor, along with your *Release from Religion* Study Guide.

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### Lesson Seven

#### Assignment to be completed:

Read the Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2, pages 1 - 12 of *The Supernatural Church*, completing all application exercises.

Begin memorizing Luke 4:18-21.

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### Lesson Eight

#### Assignment to be completed:

Read Chapters 3 - 5, pages 13 - 24 of *The Supernatural Church*, completing all application exercises.

Continue memorizing Luke 4:18-21.