

Christian Belief (CB)

Australian College of Theology name: *Christian Belief*

Unit Description

Gain a sound knowledge of the Christian faith, and strengthen your faith and commitment to God. Understand how important our beliefs are for shaping our lives and ministries. Be inspired to see the richness of God's love towards us. Understand God, the creation and fall, Jesus Christ, the personal Christian life, the corporate Christian life and Christian hope.

Aim

To provide an introductory study of the Christian faith, which will give sound knowledge and strengthen faith and commitment to God.

Outline

Section A: Understanding God

1. Being of God, attributes
2. Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Section B: Creation and Fall

3. Creation and providence
4. Man's place in the created order, image of God
5. Sin and fall, nature of sin both individual and corporate, evil and suffering
6. Relation of these biblical doctrines to considerations of science and technology, evolution, work, environment

Section C: Jesus Christ

7. Person of Christ including humanity and deity, titles
8. Work of Christ including public ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension and session

Section D: Personal Christian Life

9. Salvation, including forgiveness and justification, regeneration and sanctification of believers
10. Disciplines of the Christian life including prayer and nature of discipleship

Section E: Corporate Christian Life

11. Nature of the church, mission, ministry and worship

12. Sacraments
13. Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Section F: Christian Hope

14. Kingdom of God, fulfilment of all things in Christ
15. Return of Christ, judgement, Heaven and Hell