

# Hebrews (NT208) or James, 1 Peter and 1 John (NT208)

**Australian College of Theology name:** *Hebrews and Selected New Testament Letters*

## Unit Description

Develop an awareness of the background, issues and contents of selected chapters of this book(s). Learn to exegete the text of Scripture, being aware of the variety of its literary forms. Examine closely the text of this book(s) for personal understanding and for use in ministry contexts.

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## Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

### A. *Know and understand:*

1. The themes and purposes of Hebrews or James, 1 Peter and 1 John
2. The English text of the selected book(s)
3. The nature and basic methods of New Testament exegesis

### B. *Be able to:*

1. Use sources such as biblical and theological dictionaries, commentaries and on-line resources
2. Recognise literary form and structure
3. Identify matters relating to authorship, date and purpose
4. Describe the historical, religious and socio-cultural background
5. Relate the text to the literary and canonical contexts
6. Comment on the meaning of significant words and phrases
7. Outline the contents and theology
8. Exegete the English text of passages from the selected book(s)

### C. *Be in a position to:*

1. Exegete the English text of the selected book(s) for personal understanding and for use in ministry contexts

## Prescribed texts:

1. Hebrews  
**OR**
2. James 1–2, 5; 1 Peter; 1 John