

God and the Person and Work of Christ (TH210)

Australian College of Theology name: *The Doctrine of God and the Person and Work of Christ*

Unit Description

Gain an understanding of some of the major doctrines of the Christian faith. Understand how God has revealed himself, and gain an insight into our humanity and the work of Christ.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. **Know and understand:**

1. The basis of the knowledge of God
2. The doctrine of God
3. The doctrines of the creation and fall
4. The person of Christ
5. The work of Christ

B. **Be able to:**

1. Use the Bible theologically
2. Outline how God is known by humans
3. Describe the main aspects of:
 - a. The doctrine of God
 - b. The doctrines of the creation and fall
 - c. The person of Christ
 - d. The work of Christ
4. Present evidence-based perspectives on aspects of the doctrine of God and the person and work of Christ

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

1. Relate the doctrines of God and the Person and Work of Christ to your other theological studies
2. Use the doctrines of God and the Person and Work of Christ for personal understanding and in ministry contexts

Content

You need to study each topic in the light of major contemporary theological approaches, but not in precise detail, since this is a survey unit.

1. Our knowledge of God: the nature and sources of theology; general and special revelation; inspiration
2. The doctrine of God: divine being, names and attributes; the doctrine of the Trinity, its development from the New Testament period; trinitarian religion
3. The doctrines of creation and fall: alternative world-views; human nature; the image of God; theories of personal and social sin; providence; evil and suffering
4. The person of Christ: major titles; Christ's deity and true humanity; major developments to Chalcedon and beyond
5. The work of Christ: New Testament metaphors; the three-fold office; theories of atonement; resurrection and ascension