

# Holy Spirit, Grace and Hope (TH211)

**Australian College of Theology name:** *The Holy Spirit, Grace and Hope*

## Unit Description

Gain an understanding of some of the major doctrines of the Christian faith. Understand the depth of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the foundation of grace in the Christian life and the significance of hope for our daily lives.

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## Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

### A. **Know and understand:**

1. The doctrine of the Holy Spirit
2. The doctrines of Grace
3. The doctrines of the Church and ministry
4. The means of grace
5. The Christian hope

### B. **Be able to:**

1. Use the Bible theologically
2. Describe the main aspects of:
  - a. The doctrine of the Holy Spirit
  - b. The doctrines of grace
  - c. The doctrines of the church and ministry
  - d. The means of grace
  - e. The Christian hope
3. Present evidence-based perspectives on the Holy Spirit, Grace and Hope

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

1. Relate the doctrines of the Holy Spirit, Grace and Hope to their other theological studies
2. Use the doctrines of the Holy Spirit, Grace and Hope for personal understanding and in ministry contexts

## Content

1. The Holy Spirit: Old Testament perspectives; Jesus and the Spirit; "personality" and deity; ministries and gifts, individual and corporate; Holy Spirit and human spirit.

2. The doctrines of grace: justification and sanctification; election; grace; regeneration and renewal; law and works in Christian life.
3. Church and ministry: biblical images; marks; mission and the Kingdom of God; major developments and issues in the forms of ministry.
4. The means of grace: prayer; Word and sacraments; sacramental principles; baptism in the New Testament and history; the Lord's Supper in the New Testament and history.
5. The Christian hope: Jewish eschatology and the "age to come"; New Testament perspectives; eternal life; promise and fulfilment; cosmic and personal destiny.