

# Holy Spirit, Grace and Hope (TH021-508)

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

## Unit Description

In this theology unit, gain an understanding of 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, and for our lives to come.

## Exclusions

Prior to 2020, this unit content was delivered under the unit code TH211.

---

## Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

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

Demonstrate foundational knowledge and understanding of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, grace and eschatology.

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

1. Outline the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, grace and the Christian hope
2. Recognise the issues arising from the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, grace and hope
3. Present organised evidence-based perspectives on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, grace and hope

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

Relate perspectives and skills from this unit to contemporary Christian living and 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