

Theology Overview (TH040-512)

Australian College of Theology name: *Theology Overview*

Unit Description

How do we know God? What does God reveal about himself to us through his word? In this unit, you will study the central doctrines of the Christian faith including the Trinity, creation and the fall, and grace, as well as considering the ways you can apply these to your own personal life and ministry contexts.

Exclusions

Prior to 2020, this unit content was delivered under the unit code TH040.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. *Know and understand:*

Demonstrate foundational knowledge and understanding of the central doctrines of the Christian faith

B. *Be able to:*

1. Outline the doctrine of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
2. Comment on the issues arising from the doctrine of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
3. Present organised evidence-based perspectives on the doctrine of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

C. *Be in a position to:*

Relate perspectives and skills from this unit to contemporary Christian life and ministry contexts

Content

1. Our knowledge of God: general and special revelation
2. The doctrine of the Father: person and attributes, the Trinity
3. The doctrine of creation and the fall: God as Creator, nature of humanity, sin and its consequences
4. The doctrine of the Son: person and work: deity, humanity, death, resurrection and ascension

5. The doctrine of the Holy Spirit: in the Old Testament and New Testament, person and ministry
6. The doctrine of grace: salvation and discipleship
7. Eschatology: Kingdom of God, return of Christ OR
Church and Ministry: biblical images, mission, major developments in ministry OR
The Means of Grace: prayer, Word and sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper in the New Testament