

A	Area of Study: Eph 2 reference materials: IBC / NJBC / Notes in Chinese Bible ("Si Go")	
B	<p>Humans by nature are “Children of Wrath” who live in sins, God who is rich in mercy makes us alive in Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “... trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air”. The course of this world is considered “normal” to those who are lost. “... We were by nature children of wrath” ⇒ due to the inheritance of the Original Sin, humans live in sins and become the subject of God’s wrath. “But God who is rich in mercy” – God’s mercy turns sinners into zealous witnesses of the truth. God’s great love “made us alive together with Christ, raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places”. God brings us from death to life so that we may live in the inter-relatedness of the Holy Trinity. St. Paul has used “with” 3 times to bring out the grace of participation. How could humans not respond with zealous witnessing in face of such rich mercy and great love? How could humans deny God’s great love and their dignified position in all of creation; chasing after only “the minimum standard of salvation” instead of holiness? Our faith does not only aim at the forgiveness of sins or simply to “break even” as debit and credit accounting entries that cancel each other out. Our faith is for glory – to share in the glory of Jesus; the glory of God’s children! This glory is not determined by the judgement of the world, but is radiated from today’s Church, the glory of the mystical body of Christ. As our Father, God will prepare humans for divine sonship, not slavery. “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing” ⇒ justification is by faith, not because of good works. 	<p>Eph 2:1-10</p> <p>Eph 2:3, IBC, CBC</p> <p>Eph 2:4, Note A</p> <p>Eph 2:5-6, IBC, CSS #3-3</p> <p>2Cor 5:14 CSS #3-3, Ps 139:23-24</p> <p>Eph 2:6</p> <p>Eph 2:8-9, BSP Notes on Gal.</p>
C	<p>Christ is our peace who unites all of us and reconciles us with God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gentiles and Jews are separated not because the Jews are somehow more superior (as they are only the first step in the salvific plan), but because they are weak, making it necessary for God to give them special protection. Note the symbols of separation in OT. Jesus fulfills the law by eliminating the barrier of the law; He destroys the wall of division with His own body. He reconciles everything to Himself on the cross, so that we, “in the same Spirit, can come before the Father”. 	<p>Eph 2:11-18</p> <p>Eph 2:11-12, IBC, CSS #4-3 2Cor 3:12-13</p> <p>Eph 2:13-18, Mt 27:50, 2Cor 3:14-18, Col 1:19-22</p>
D	<p>Paul’s Ecclesiology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Catholic Apostolic 	<p>Eph 2:16</p> <p>Eph 2:19, 3:6</p> <p>Eph 2:20</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is her corner stone • Jesus' mystical body "grows"; life flows from the head to the body; Daniel's statue and the mystical body of Jesus • The Temple ⇒ Church is holy 	Eph 2:20, Ps 118:22, Is 28:16, Mt 16:18 Eph 2:21, 1Cor 12:27, Note B Dan 2:38, IBC p40 Eph 2:21, 5:26
E	<p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>From this chapter, you have learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's mercy brings us from death into life so that we may live in the inter-relatedness of the Holy Trinity. This mercy touches us so much that we may become zealous witnesses. • In God's rich love, He bestows on us immeasurable honour. We must become holy and seek for the glory of God's children. We should not be satisfied with the minimum standard of salvation. • Jesus is peace who brings salvation through His body. He eliminates the division of the law to reconcile relationship among us and with God. • Paul's church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. • Understanding the mystery of the Mystical Body of Christ: life flows from Jesus (Head) to the Church (body); nourishes the body. This fulfills Daniel's prophecy. 	