

A	<b>Area of Study:</b> Eph 1; reference materials: IBC / NJBC / Notes in Chinese Bible ("Si Go")	
B	<b>Introduction</b>	Research Presentation
C	<p><b><u>The theme of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians is the key to understanding this book</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mystery of Christ: Christology</li> <li>• Christology reveals the Mystical Body of Christ, i.e., the importance of the Church:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Church and Jesus</li> <li>✚ Church and Creation</li> <li>✚ Church and God's plan for the end of time</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church</li> <li>• Ephesians encompasses Ecclesiology, Christology, Cosmology, Eschatology</li> </ul>	<p>IBC p 33-34</p> <p>Eph 1:22-23          Eph 3:9-11          Eph 1:9-10          CBC p85, Eph 2:13-15, 5:26, 3:6, 2:20          CSS Intro. p 1</p>
D	<p><b><u>The Salutation that is deeply rooted in the Holy Trinity</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Praises to the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• Paul clearly reveals the mystery of the Holy Trinity as the purpose of this letter is to help believers understand that one can only enter into the inter-relatedness, the inner-most Trinitarian life of the Godhead through the Church. This is the hope and destiny of life.</li> <li>• This long phrase in the Greek Scripture has precisely summarized the grace of Baptism, such as "selection", "adopted children", "grace", "redemption", "forgiven", "belongs to Christ", "seal", "inheritance", etc. This could be a liturgical line used in the prayers during baptism in ancient time.</li> </ul>	<p>Eph 1:3-6, 7-12, 13          CSS #1, p4, IBC 1:3-14          Notes A &amp; B          2Pet 1:4; Theme of Marriage in Rev.</p>
E	<p><b><u>"Just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world ... He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ"</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This does not imply anyone whom God has destined will be saved.</li> <li>• Before the creation of the world, God has decided to save humanity, therefore, we are "chosen", and that our status as adopted children is "destined".</li> <li>• The theory of destination reveals God's initiative. He has chosen humanity not because of our good works, but because of God's love and compassion.</li> <li>• God's destination leaves us room for freedom of choice.</li> </ul>	<p>Eph 1:4-5, IBC 1:5</p>
F	<p><b><u>"In Him we have redemption through his blood"</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The redemption by Jesus is hidden in the OT</li> <li>• "For just as by one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous".</li> <li>• Jesus' divinity allows Him to sacrifice for all so as to save all.</li> <li>• Jesus' redemption has not only pardoned our sins, more</li> </ul>	<p>Eph 1:7</p> <p>Ex 12, 24: 1-9          Rm 5:19, CCC 615</p> <p>CCC 616          IBC 1:7</p>

	<p>importantly, it allows humanity to become adopted children of God; sharing the Body of Christ, and live in the unity of the Holy Trinity.</p>	
<p><b>G</b></p>	<p><b><u>The Mystery of God</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth”</li> <li>• So that all things will reconcile with God through the Church (the Mystical Body of Christ); Jesus (New Adam) is the head, as Adam is the head of the human family.</li> <li>• This mystery includes the catholicity of the Church</li> <li>• It also includes the marriage of Jesus and His Church</li> <li>• “And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all”: Marriage, the relationship between the head and the body is more than about control, it implies unity as the groom and bride uniting with each other. This unity nourishes, enriches, and procreates, making the two, one.</li> <li>• Paul’s salutation that rooted in the Holy Trinity reveals the mystery as well as the foundation of all teachings in this book. From the marriage of Jesus and the Church to the reconciliation of all things to God, the foundation and purpose of everything is the Trinitarian Life of the Godhead.</li> </ul>	<p>Eph 1:9, CSS #1, p 4-5          Eph 1:10          CCC 772, Col 1:20,          2Cor 5:18-19          IBC 1:10 Word Study          Eph 3:5-6          Eph 5:30-32          Eph 1:22-23</p> <p>CSS 2, p 4</p> <p>CSS 1 p 5</p>
<p><b>H</b></p>	<p><b><u>Conclusion</u></b></p> <p>From this chapter, you have learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction and background of Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians</li> <li>• The theme of this book is the mystery of Christ and its relationship with the Church.</li> <li>• Paul wants us to see the Church as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.</li> <li>• The salutation is based on the Holy Trinity so that we may understand that the destiny of life is the inter-relatedness and inner-most Trinitarian life of the Holy Trinity.</li> <li>• How Christ’s redemption can forgive the sins of all humanity.</li> <li>• Salvation does not only redeem us from sins, but also brings about the status of adopted children of God and participation in God’s divinity.</li> <li>• The mystery of God is that all may be reconciled to God through the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ.</li> </ul>	