

A	<b>Area of Study:</b> Eph 3 reference materials: IBC / NJBC / Notes in Chinese Bible ("Si Go")	
B	<p><b><u>The once hidden Mystery has now been revealed</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "In the former generations, this mystery is not made known to humankind, ... it has now been revealed to his holy apostles ... by the Spirit." Paul's writing echoes St. Augustine's rule of thumb in reading scripture, "the old is hidden in the new; the new is revealed in the old".</li> <li>• Jesus also taught the Jews to read scripture with the same attitude, in that the OT is pointing at Jesus. The events, symbolism and imagery used in the OT all point toward Jesus, which await him to fulfill. For instance, Jacob's ladder, manna, and water from the rock.</li> <li>• Commonalities between Eph 3:1-11 and Dn 2: "prisoner" &amp; "mystery", both carry the same message – God allows Gentiles to rule over the Jews so that through the sufferings of the Jews, the Gentiles may receive salvation.</li> <li>• The message of the statue in Dn 2: Messiah will build His kingdom; a kingdom that will exceed all earthly kingdoms before Christ's time. The kingdom of the Messiah = Heavenly Kingdom = Church = Mystical Body of Christ; The head of the Statue (OT version) is Nebuchadnezzar, the head of the Mystical Body of Christ (NT version) is Jesus Christ.</li> <li>• Humanity becomes part of the body through the grace of Baptism and receives Jesus' (the head) nourishment. With Mary, all the Angels and Saints, humanity lives in unity in Christ's body and enjoys a genuine life that is rich.</li> <li>• "So that through the Church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places ..." The once hidden mystery (universal church and Jesus' Mystical Body) has now been revealed. This is to let all the Angels know and praise the glory of God's plan. This is also to warn the evil powers as their evil endeavours will be shattered by Jesus' Kingdom.</li> </ul>	<p>Eph 3:1-13</p> <p>Eph 3:4-6</p> <p>Jn 5:39, Lk 24:25-27</p> <p>Jn 1:51, 6:32, 7:37 ff        Dn 2:18-19, 27-28, 47        CSS 5 p 1,3</p> <p>Dn 2 NAB notes, IBC p40, CSSS p4, Vat II IG n.5, 1Cor 12:27        Dn 2:38, Rev 17:4</p> <p>Eph 3:13        Jn 15:5, 10:10</p> <p>Eph 3:10, IBC</p>
C	<p><b><u>The intertwined relationships among the Kingdom of God, the Mystical Body of Jesus, the Church, the family, and the Heavenly Father</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the Temple Imagery: "access", "bow my knees", "riches of his glory", "Holy Spirit", "dwell", "rooted &amp; grounded", "the breadth and length and height and depth", "be filled with all the fullness of God"</li> <li>• Message: Paul first explains the Mystery of the Holy Trinity that is the hope and destination of humankind (1:3-14), then he introduces the Church which is the medium for reaching this destination; and the relationship between the Church /the Mystical Body /Jesus (1:15:3-11). He then reveals the mystery of the universal church, and reaffirms that this Church, which is prefigured by the Temple in the OT, is in itself the fulfilment of the Holy of Holies : The whole Church is the Holy of Holies (the breadth and length and height and depth) in which there is no division between the inside and the outside; between men and</li> </ul>	<p>Eph 3:14-21, CSS #6, IBC</p> <p>1Kings 8:54, 8:10-11, Rev. 21:16</p> <p>CSS 6 p 3</p> <p>Rev 21:22</p>

	<p>women; Jews or Gentiles, because Jesus' body is the Temple!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In a family, children share in the father's life and authority. Children's maturity (life) and moral values (power of decision-making) are the father's glory. This fatherhood is only a reflection of the heavenly Father's glory. The word for Fatherhood, "PATRIA" is rooted in God "PATER". Strictly speaking, other than the Father in heaven, no one is worthy to play this role as God is the true Father.</li> <li>• In the same way, the earthly family is only a reflection of the Trinitarian family. The marriage between the husband and wife in a family is a reflection and witness to the marriage between Jesus and the Church.</li> </ul>	<p>CSS 6 p 2, 7 p 3</p> <p>Mt 23:9</p> <p>Mt 5: 22 ff</p>
<p><b>D</b></p>	<p><b><u>Conclusion</u></b></p> <p>In this chapter, you have learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both Paul and Jesus read Scripture from the perspective of "the old is hidden in the new; the new is revealed in the old".</li> <li>• How the OT foreshadows the rise of Jesus' Mystical Body through Daniel 2.</li> <li>• The importance of the Mystical Body of Christ: humankind receives the nourishment from Jesus (the head) and lives a life of riches in communion with the Saints.</li> <li>• Eph 1-2 and 3 use the Temple Imagery in OT to bring out a new message that the Church is the fulfillment of the Holy of Holies, where God is present. Unlike the OT Temple, in the universal church, there is no division between men or women; Jews or Gentiles, as the Mystical Body of Christ is the Church.</li> <li>• The Church's teachings on marriage, family, Church and the Trinitarian family; their relationships and commonalities, i.e.unity and procreation.</li> </ul>	