### FCBC Cantonese CTP Class, Fall 2022

新約精覽New Testament Survey

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## Lesson 10 The book of Ephesians

Paul to Rome

http://biblegeography.holylight.org.tw/index/condensedbible\_map\_detail?m\_id=119

The Roman Empire

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The first study: "The Grand Canyon of the Scriptures" "以弗所書: 聖經中的大峽谷" Theme verses: Eph 1:22-23 (also 2:19, 3:10)

## Part One: "I am in Christ""我在基督裡面"

- 1:3-14 God's grandiose design for His people revealed (The heavenly blessings)
- 1:15-23 A believer's innermost prayer (Pray for our "spiritual perception")
- 2:1-10 A believer's heavenly position "Sit" (The amazing grace of our salvation)
- 2:11-22 A believer's privilege on earth (Become a member of God's household)
- 3:1-21 God's mystery of Unity revealed (Church: God's way to reach the whole world)

## Part Two: "Christ is in me" "基督在我裡面"

4:1-16 "Walk": "Don't just sit there, walk your talk!

4:17-28 "Walk": Moving on – A believer's self-examination

5:1-21 "Walk": Living a God-centered life (Instead of a self-centered life)

5:22-33 The purpose of the institution of marriage revealed

6:1-9 "Walk": Every day is for training!!

6:10-20 "Stand": Be steadfast in our walk

#### **Second study of Ephesians**

A simplified study from the perspective of believer's role

"Christian's Three Basic Postures" (Taken from Watchman Nee's Sit, Walk Stand)

- I. Sit 2:6 (also ch 1)
  - 1. It is a position
  - 2. It is a pre-requisite
- II. Walk

1. For good works 2:10

2. In love 4:1-2, 5:1-2

III. Stand 6:11-19

1. It is inevitable

2. It demands responsibility v18

#### Third study of Ephesians:

From the perspective of the Palace of Christ (Henrietta Mears' *What the Bible is All About*)

- I. The reception room ch 1
  - 1. Our blessings in Christ
  - 2. Our spiritual understanding

II.	The worship room ch 2	2
	1. We are alive in Christ	
	2. We are His work	
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- III. The throne room ch 3
  - 1. The mystery revealed
  - 2. Bow down before Him
- IV. The treasure room ch 4
  - 1. Spiritual gifts
  - 2. New man
- V. The oratory room ch 5
  - 1. Learning
  - 2. Submit to one another
- VI. The armor room ch 6
  - 1. Put on the full armor
  - 2. Prayers

# Fourth Study of Ephesians Taken from Ray Stedman's Body Life

(The Church is God's mystery revealed Eph 3:10)

- I. Church is the most powerful force on earth
  - 1. The true and false churches and Christians
  - 2. The wheat and tare of the last days
- II. The church's highest priority 4:1-3
  - 1. Believers will have a worthy walk
  - 2. To manifest the praise of God's glory 1:5,12
- III. Unity, not union!! 4:3
  - 1. The Three-in-One unity 4:4-6
  - 2. One Spirit the power of the church
- IV. All God's children have gifts
  - 1. The indwelling Spirit
  - 2. And "charis" (grace)
- V. Power and grace must go together
  - 1. Gift is different from talent
  - 2. This power is the resurrection power
- VI. Shaping up the saints 4:12
  - 1. Special gifts are to develop the believers (church)
  - 2. Specific evangelist gift is to help non-believers
- VII. The ministries of the church
  - 1. To evangelize
  - 2. To proclaim/teach
  - 3. To pray
- VIII. The goal is maturity 4:13-16
  - 1. Believers will be Christ-like
  - 2. The fullness of Christ 4:13
- IX. Impact
  - 1. Church is to do what other groups cannot do
  - 2. This is discipleship!!