

BEHOLDING THE TRINITARIAN GOD OF OUR SALVATION (Eph 1:1-14)

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I. Introduction: Have you learned to read your Bibles through Trinitarian Lenses?

II. Contours of the Trinity — Eph 1:1-2

Two themes that form the pillars of the Trinitarian formulation of the early church:

Eph 1:1 – the _____ theme

Eph 1:2 – the _____ theme

Cf. John 1:1

III. Salvation by Members of the Trinity — Eph 1:3-14

A. The *Grand Architect* of Salvation is the *Father*

B. The *Glorious Accomplishment* of Salvation is through the *Son*

C. The *Gracious Application* of Salvation is through the *Spirit*

IV. Life Application

A. Marvel at the beauty of the triune God and of the salvation He has accomplished

B. Consider the work of the Trinitarian Persons as one of rich harmony, not simple unison, one in which there is a unity of work w/o sameness, and a diversity of roles w/o discord

C. Understand the intrinsic authority-submission structure w/in the relations of the very Trinitarian Persons themselves, and embrace the relevance to human life made in God's image—authority and submission in relationships of husbands and wives, church leadership and church members