

# Ephesians: The Eternal Plan of God

*Ephesians 1:1–2*

Sojourners Fellowship



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# **Theme**

The Eternal Plan of God

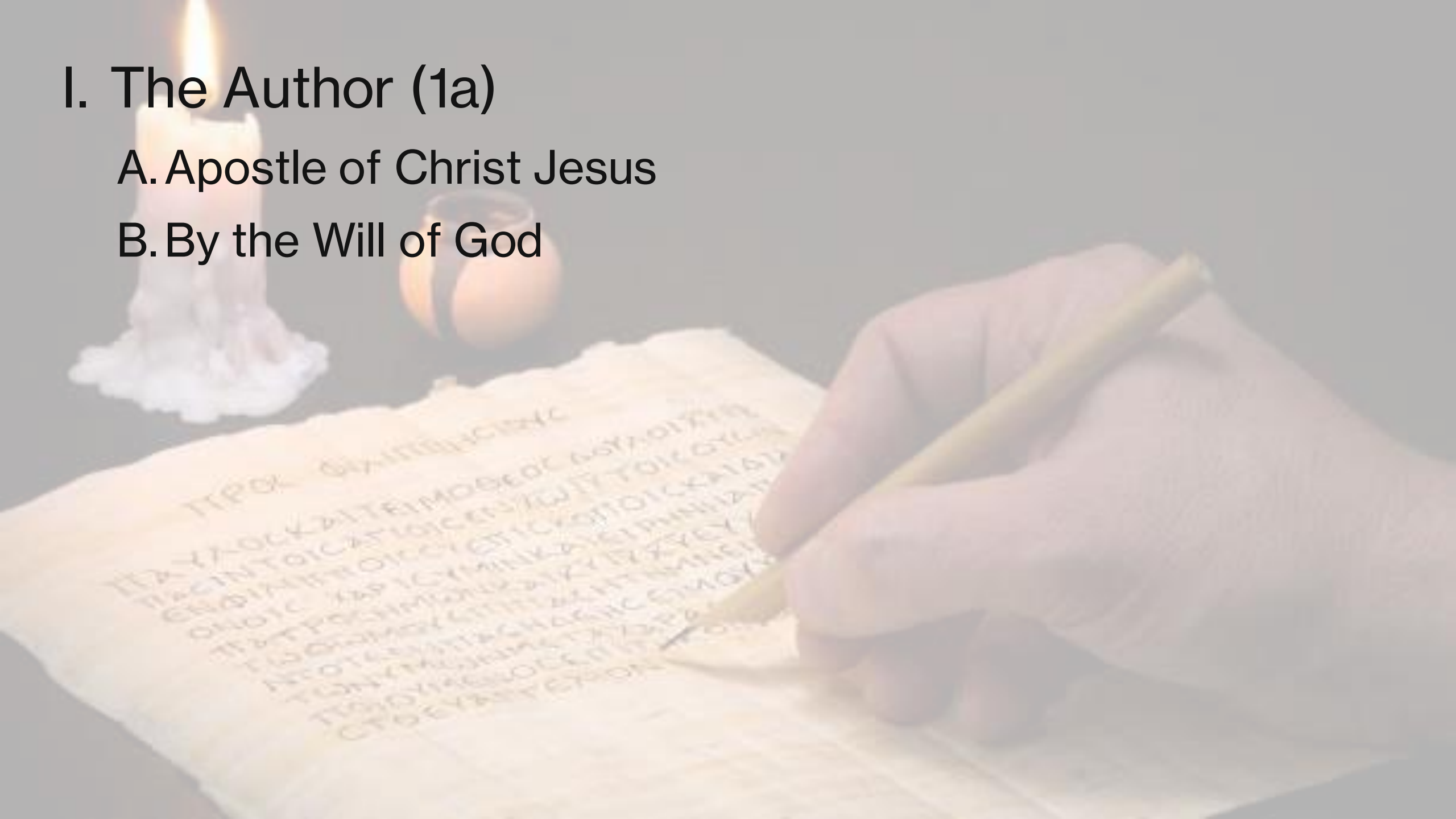
## **Longer Theme**

Christians must walk worthy of their position in Christ which is accomplished through God's eternal plan of redemption.

# I. The Author (1a)

A. Apostle of Christ Jesus

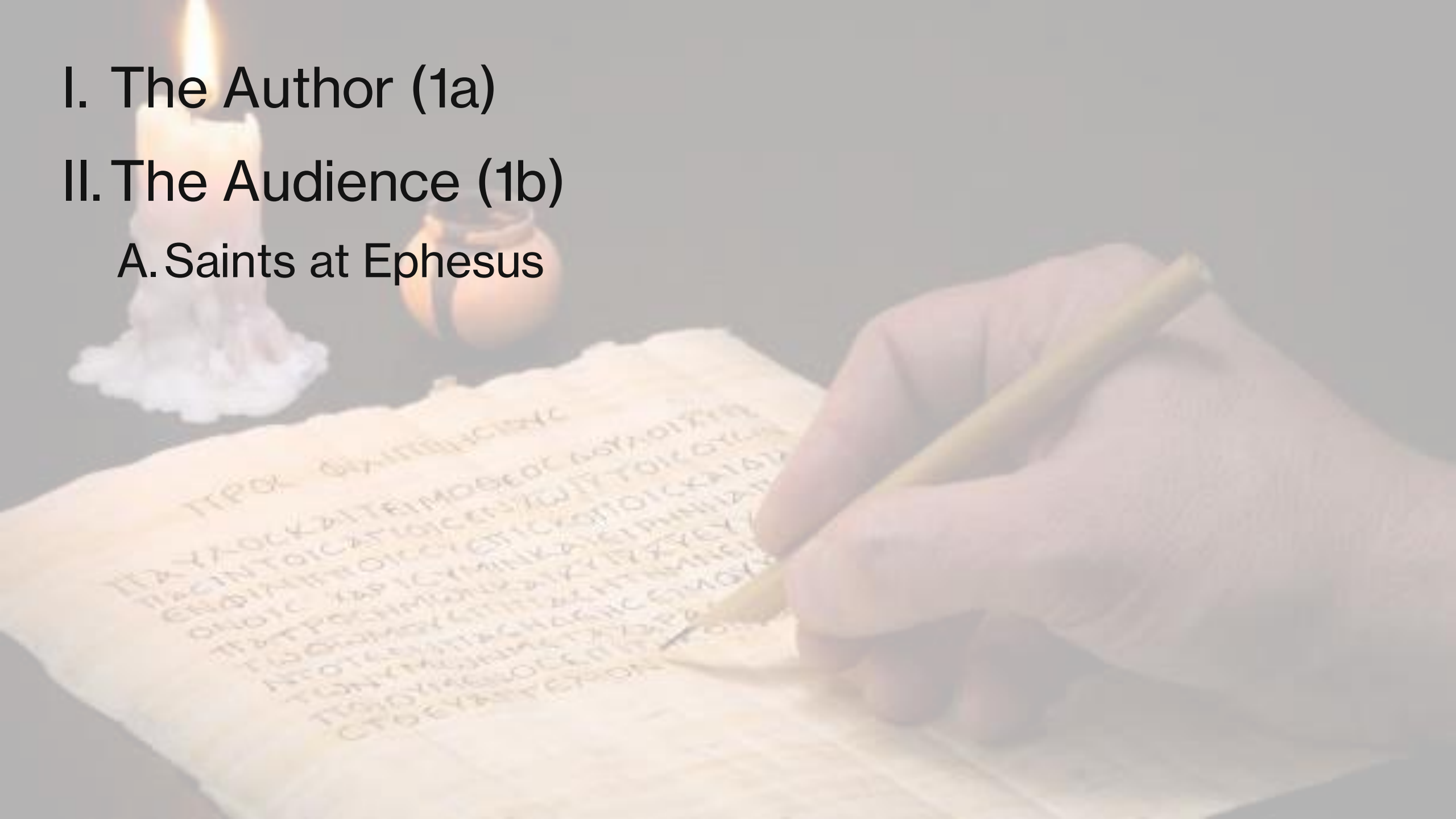
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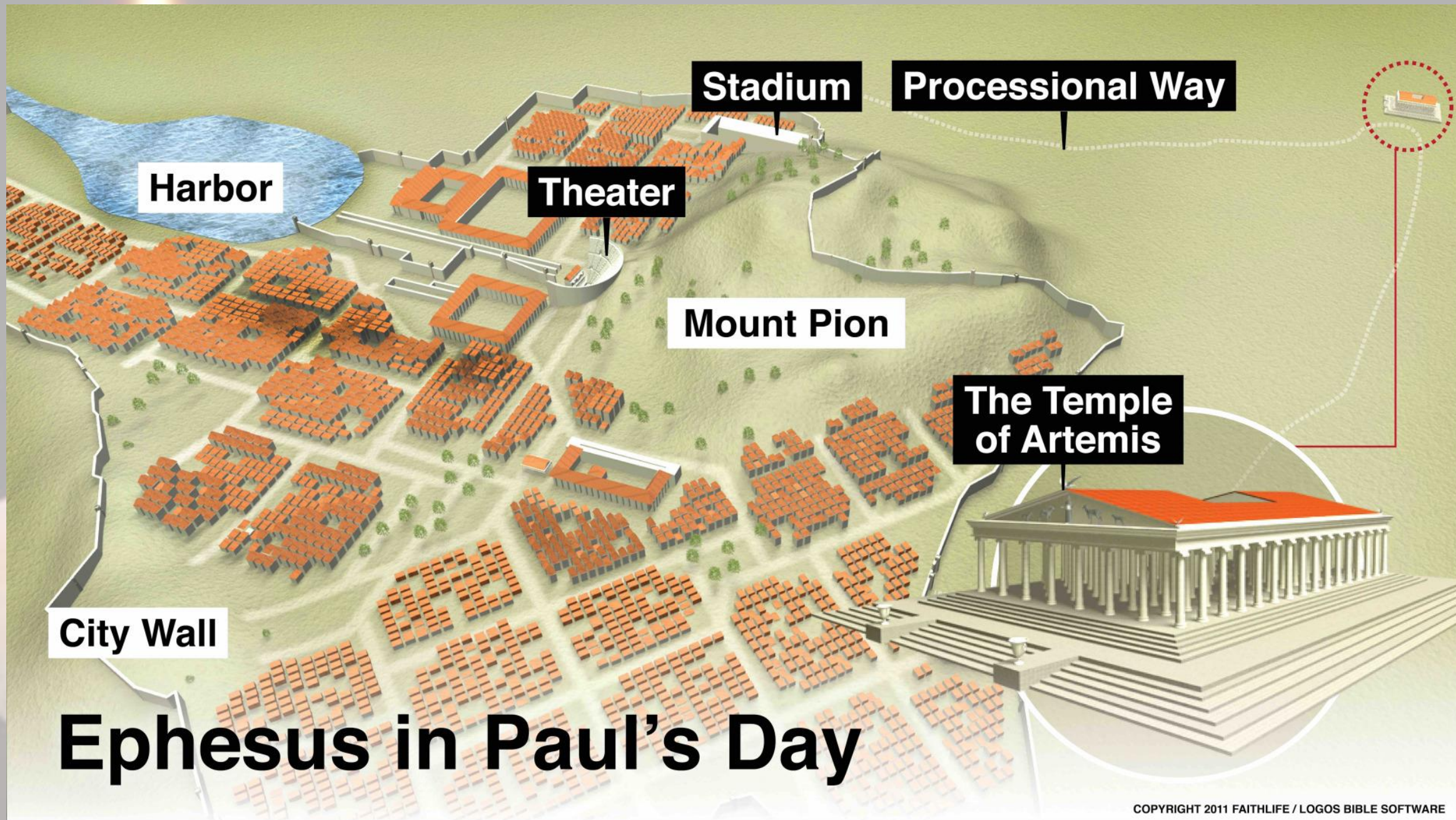
II. The Audience (1b)

A. Saints at Ephesus













# Acts 13–14

## Paul's First Missionary Journey



# Acts 15:36– 18:22

## Paul's Second Missionary Journey





# Acts 18:23– 21:26

## Paul's Third Missionary Journey







“The city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater...” Acts 19:29a



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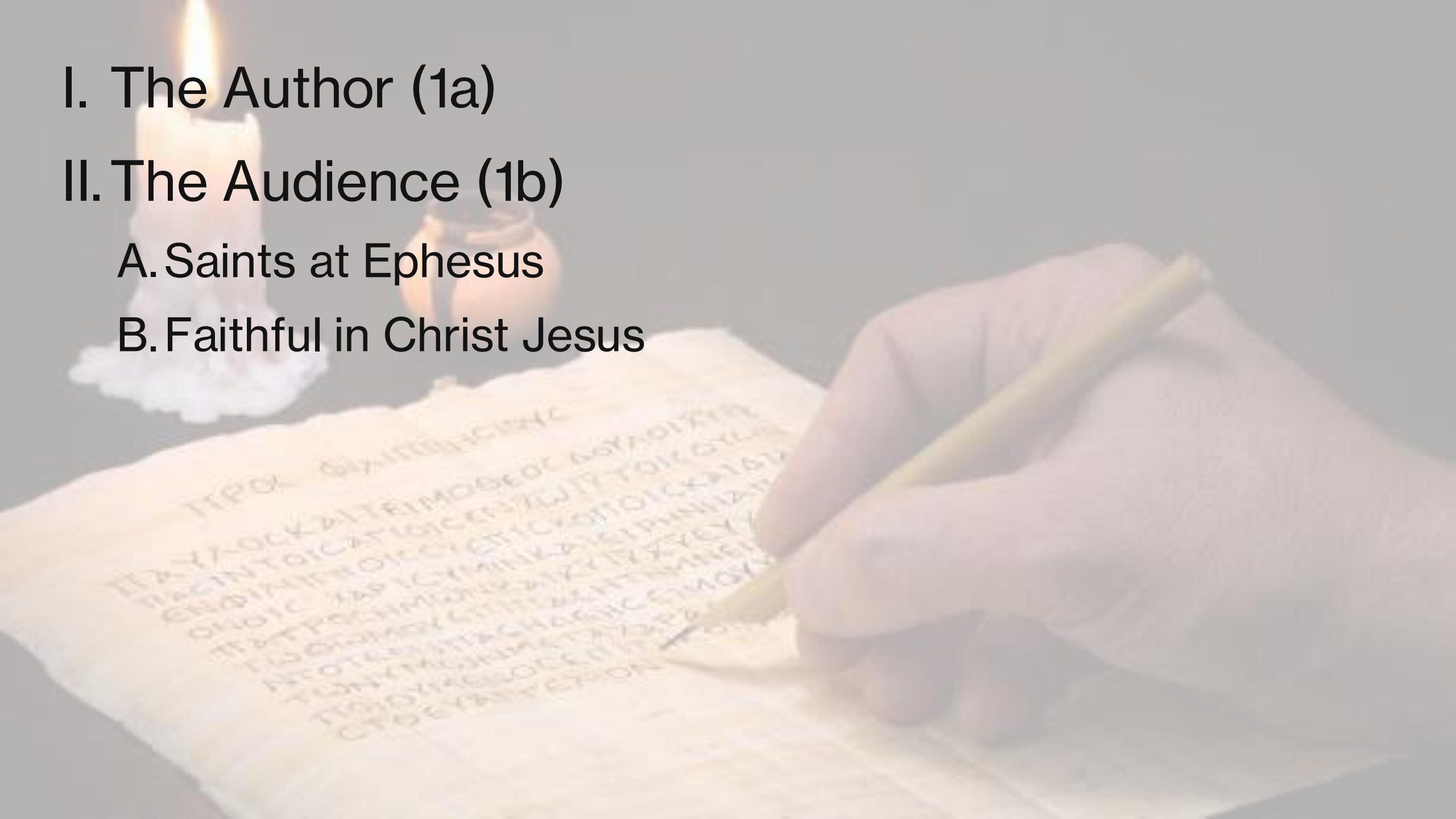


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II. The Audience (1b)

A. Saints at Ephesus

B. Faithful in Christ Jesus







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II. The Audience (1b)

III. The Blessing (2)

A. Grace to You and Peace

B. From God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

IV. The Letter

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## Outline

- I. The Christian's Position (1–3)
- II. The Christian's Practice (4–6)





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# I. God's Eternal Plan Explained (1–3)

- A. Before the Foundation: The Past, Present, and Future Reality of Our Salvation Accomplished by the Triune God (1:3–14)
- B. That Your Heart May Be Enlightened: Our Need to Understand and Appreciate Our Position in Christ (1:15–23)
- C. But God: The Amazing Details of Our Salvation in Christ (2:1–10)
- D. Brought Near: How Both Jew and Gentile Sinners Can Be Reconciled to God and Each Other (2:11–22)
- E. The Mystery: God's Plan to Proclaim the Gospel Through the Church (3:1–13)
- F. Doxology: Prayer and Praise in Light of the Love of Christ (3:14–21)



A lit candle with a warm flame is positioned on the left side of the frame. In the background, an open Bible lies flat, its pages showing some text. The overall scene is softly lit, with the candle providing a primary light source, creating a contemplative and spiritual atmosphere.

## I. God's Eternal Plan Explained (1–3)

## II. God's Eternal Plan Applied (4–6)

- A. Walk in Unity: Living as a Unified Body of Believers (4:1–16)
- B. Walk in Sanctification and Love: Loving Each Other by Growing in Holiness (4:17–5:2)
- C. Walk in Purity: Living as Light, and Rejecting Our Old Darkness (5:3–14)
- D. Walk in Wisdom: Living Wisely in Every Area of Life (5:15–6:9)
  - 1. In the Spirit: How We Live Wisely (5:15–21)
  - 2. In Marriage: Husbands/Wives "as unto Christ" (5:22–33)
  - 3. In Family/Work: Parents/Children and Masters/Servants "as unto Christ" (6:1–9)
- E. Be Strong in the Lord: The Full Armor of God, Praying in the Spirit (6:10–24)

# Applications from Ephesians

## 1. Repent and Believe

Ephesians is about God's eternal plan to save sinners and reconcile them to Himself. Have you been saved by His grace, by placing your faith in Christ Jesus?

## 2. Come and See

Worship God and *marvel* at His rich mercy, His great love, and the riches of His grace in kindness shown to us in Christ Jesus.

## 3. Go and Do

“Therefore, *walk worthy*...” The only right response to understanding our position in Christ is to live out our calling in real life! Work hard to walk in unity, in sanctification, in love, in purity, in wisdom, and in strength.