

Letters of Paul

Christian Unity and Growth in the Church

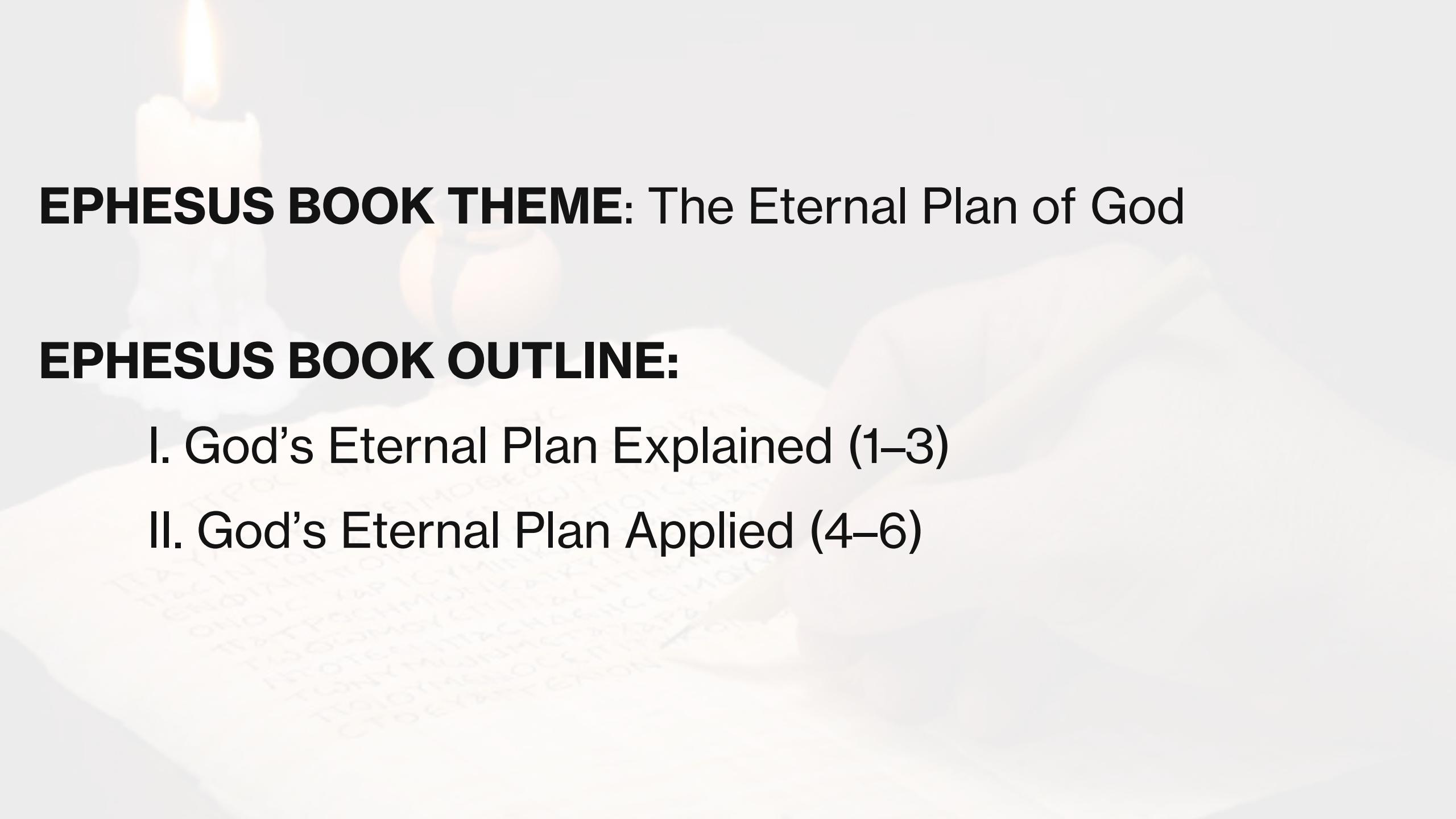
Sojourners Fellowship

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LESSON THEME:

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using their individual gifts to help one another all grow
more like Jesus.



EPHESUS BOOK THEME: The Eternal Plan of God

EPHESUS BOOK OUTLINE:

- I. God's Eternal Plan Explained (1–3)**
- II. God's Eternal Plan Applied (4–6)**

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I. Live in Faithful Unity (1-6)

A. The Character of Faithful Unity (1-3)

- 1) Part of Our Calling (1)
- 2) Marked by Humble Love (2)
- 3) Preserved by Diligence (3)

B. The Basis of Faithful Unity (4-6)

- 1) The One Way of Salvation
- 2) The One Triune God

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- I. Live in Faithful Unity (1-6)
- II. Grow in Christlike Maturity (7-16)
 - A. Gifts for Growth (7-11)
 - 1) Who Gets the Gifts? (7)
 - 2) Who Gives the Gifts? (8-10)
 - 3) What Are the Gifts? (7, 11)
 - i. Gifts to Individuals (7)
 - ii. Gifts of Individuals (11)

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 - 1) Equipping (12-13)
 - i. For Service (12)
 - ii. Until Glory (13)

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 - 2) Edification (14-16)
 - i. Opposite of Edification (14)
 - ii. Objective of Edification (15-16)

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Applications and Implications

- Walk in a manner worthy of your calling generally
- Live together in unity
- Grow together in maturity
 - Praise Jesus for the gift of His Word and faithful shepherds and teachers
 - Praise Jesus for the gifting He has given you
 - We are each important parts of the Body - we need you and you need us
 - Use your gifts to guard each other from error
 - Use your gifts to help other grow in Christlikeness