

# BOOK SYNTHESIS FORM

**BOOK** Ephesians

**CHAPTERS** 6

**1. NUMBER OF TIMES READ** 5

## **2. DETAILED, FINAL OUTLINE**

Introduction (1:1–2)

1. The author (1:1)
2. The recipients (1:1)
3. The salutation (1:2)

### I. God's Plan for the Church (1:3–3:21)

(Who we are in the sight of God)

#### A. The Selection of the Church (1:3–23)

1. The revelation of the purpose of God (1:3–14)
  - a. The summary statement (1:3)
  - b. The basis of our salvation—the work of God the Father (1:4–6)
  - c. The benefits of our salvation—the work of God the Son (1:7–12)
  - d. The bestowment of our salvation—the work of God the Holy Spirit (1:13–14)
2. The response of prayer to God (1:15–23)

#### B. The Salvation of the Church (2:1–22)

1. The work of Christ in regeneration (2:1–10)
  - a. What we were (2:1–3)
  - b. What he did (2:4–9)
  - c. What he made of us (2:10)
2. The work of Christ in reconciliation (2:11–22)
  - a. What we were (2:11–12)
  - b. What he did (2:13–18)
  - c. What he made of us (2:19–22)

#### C. The Secret of the Church (3:1–21)

1. The revelation of the “mystery” (3:1–13)
  - a. All saved people are heirs together (3:1–6)
  - b. This needs to be preached to everyone (3:7–13)
2. The response of prayer to God (3:14–21)
  - a. Praying for others to know this (3:14–19)
  - b. The doxology (3:20–21)

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## OUTLINE (Continued)

- II. The Conduct of the Church (4:1–6:20)  
(What our responsibilities are before God)
  - A. The Responsibilities of the Church (4:1–5:21)
    - 1. To have a united walk (4:1–16)
    - 2. To have an understanding walk (4:17–32)
    - 3. To have an unselfish walk (5:1–4)
    - 4. To have an unsullied walk (5:5–21)
  - B. The Relationships within the Church (5:21–6:9)
    - 1. Marital relationships (5:21–33)
    - 2. Family relationships (6:1–4)
    - 3. Employment relationships (6:5–9)
  - C. The Resources of the Church (6:10–20)
    - 1. The admonition (6:10)
    - 2. The adversaries (6:11–12)
    - 3. The armor (6:13–17)
    - 4. The access (6:18)
    - 5. The ambassador (6:19–20)
- Conclusion (6:21–24)
  - 1. The messenger (6:21–22)
  - 2. The greeting (6:23–24)

## 3. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

“Christian, You Are Somebody! Now Live It!”

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### 4. SUMMARY OF INSIGHTS

- a. God is the Author of salvation—he planned it from the very beginning. And because it is his plan, it works!
- b. Jesus Christ is the one who redeems us from our sins and reconciles us to God and to one another. There is no way that people of varying backgrounds, races, religions, cultures, etc., can be reconciled to one another except through Christ.
- c. The Holy Spirit is the one who lives in us and enables us to understand what we are in Christ. He is the Guarantee of our salvation and the Enabler for us to live our lives God's way.
- d. Because of who we are in God's sight, we have the responsibility to live holy lives—we have the responsibility to become like him. What God has done is described in chapters 1–3; what we are to do is described in chapters 4–6. We must take these responsibilities seriously.
- e. The plan of God is for ALL his people to be involved in the work of the ministry. Because all of us have been given spiritual blessings, all of us have the responsibility of ministry to others—sharing the gospel, leading them to the Lord, and then discipling them.
- f. God expects a certain type of behavior from all Christians in our most intimate relationships. This includes marriage, raising a family, and where we work. Thus the responsibilities for all of these relationships are carefully spelled out. Our faith is to be expressed through the basic relationships of life.
- g. It is impossible for us in our own strength to live the way God wants. That's why he gave us the Holy Spirit and his armor. The resources of God are ours as well as the blessings. We must put on the whole armor in order to live victoriously.
- h. This book is tremendously heartening to us whenever we begin feeling sorry for ourselves. Here God tells us what he thinks of us. There can be no higher or greater recommendation than God's in terms of what he thinks of us.

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### 5. PERSONAL APPLICATION

This book spells out what my responsibilities as a Christian are in all areas of life. I now know that God expects me to be a good and diligent worker. I am to obey him and submit to him in the name of Christ.

I have not always been the best worker. This passage (Ephesians 6:5–9) has convicted me of my responsibility to be a better employee. I will determine, by the help of the Lord, to be the best employee possible for my boss. Also, when the opportunity arises, I will share with him the gospel of Jesus and why this Good News has changed my life. But he's going to have to see it in me first before he will listen to what I have to say.

So that I will carry out this application, I will ask Charlie, a Christian with whom I work, to help me be the kind of worker God wants me to be. I will ask him to meet with me each week to pray that both of us might have that kind of testimony. This may be an opportunity for me to begin working with Charlie on a one-on-one basis.

### 6. PEOPLE WITH WHOM TO SHARE THIS STUDY

Charlie Johnson

Bud Fredricks

The people in my Bible study group

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