

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

1. Jews / Gentiles, both Jews and Gentiles were dead in their sins following after Satan fulfilling every wicked thought and desire of their rebellious nature, 2:1-3. But God, because of His great love for them, saved them both by uniting them with His Son Jesus Christ so that they would be no longer dead in sin but alive and following after the good works that God prepared for them, 2:4-10. Gentiles used to be completely separated from the people of Israel and God's promises to them, but God brought them near to Him by the blood of His Son, 2:11-13. Jesus Christ became the peacemaker between Jews and Gentiles; through His death, He reconciled them both to God, united them into one Body so that they now both have access to God the Father through Christ's Spirit, 2:14-18. Thus, Gentiles are no longer foreigners but fellow citizens and members of the household of God, i.e., all Jews and Gentiles who've been united with Christ have been and are being built into the holy temple where God dwells, 2:19-22 (other places this appears: 1:3-14).
2. Dead / Alive, Jews and Gentiles were both dead in sin, led by Satan's spirit and following after every wicked desire of their rebellious nature, thus deserving God's wrath, 2:1-3. But when Jews and Gentiles were dead in their sin, God made them alive together, resurrected them together, and seated them together-with Jesus Christ in the heavenly places, i.e., God saved them by grace, 2:4-6 (other places this appears: 1:20).
3. Sin, Gentile believers used to be dead in their trespasses and sins, 2:1. Gentile believers used to walk in sin according to Satan's desires, the very one who works in every son of disobedience, 2:2. Jewish believers used to also walk in sin following after every wicked thought and desire according to their rebellious nature which deserved God's wrath, 2:3. When Jewish and Gentile believers were dead in sin, God made them alive together-with Christ, i.e., He saved them by grace, 2:5 (other places this appears: 1:7).
4. Satan, Satan is the one behind the sinful way in which this world operates. He's the spirit that works in every sinful and disobedient individual, 2:2.
5. Flesh, Jewish believers used to conduct themselves according to the lusts of their flesh, 2:3. Gentile believers used to be in the flesh, i.e., they were only driven by their sinful flesh. They were so separated from God that Jews, who were circumcised in their flesh, used to call them Uncircumcision, 2:11. Jesus Christ abolished in His flesh—through His physical death—the hostility that existed between Jews and Gentiles which was mandated by the Mosaic Law, 2:15.
6. God, God who is rich in mercy and because of His great love for us, when we were dead in sin, made us alive together-with, raised us up together-with, and seated us together-with Christ in the heavenly places (i.e., He saved us by grace) so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus, 2:4-7. We have been saved by grace through faith; it's not something we work for; it is the gift of God, 2:8. Christ's Body, made up of Jewish and Gentile believers, was created by God to produce good works, which He prepared beforehand for us to do in order that we would walk in them [instead of the sins we used to walk in], 2:10. Gentile believers used to be without Christ; they were aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from its promissory covenants; they had no hope and were without God in the world, 2:12. Through His death, Jesus reconciled Jewish and Gentile believers to God in one body, thereby putting to death the hostility that existed between them, 2:16. Jewish and Gentile believers have access by one Spirit to God the Father through Jesus Christ, 2:18. Gentile believers who used to be foreigners are thus no longer; instead, they are fellow citizens with Jewish believers and members of God's family, 2:19. Gentile believers are being built together in Christ as a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, 2:22 (other places this appears: 1:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-8, 9, 10, 11, 11-12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20-21, 22-23).

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7. Works / Deeds, Gentile believers used to be dead in sin; they followed after Satan, the world's dictator, the one who now works in the sons of disobedience, performing his dead works, 2:1-2. Jewish believers used to perform dead works also, led by the lusts of their flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others, 2:3. Our eternal salvation is received by grace through our faith; it does not come from us. It is the gift of God not a product of our works, lest anyone should boast, 2:8-9. We (the Church) were created by God in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them, 2:10.
8. God's grace, God, because of His tremendous mercy and love, when we were dead in sin, saved us by grace, i.e., He made us alive, resurrected us, and seated us together-with Christ in the heavenly places, 2:4-6. The reason God saved us by grace is so that He could show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus, 2:7. We were saved by God's grace through faith; it's not something we worked for; it is the gift of God, 2:8-9 (other places this appears: 1:2, 3-6, 6, 7).
9. Love, God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love for us, when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together-with Christ, i.e., He saved us by grace, 2:4-5 (other places this appears: 1:4, 15).
10. God blessed us repeatedly in His Son, when we were dead in sin, God saved us by grace, i.e., He made us alive, resurrected us, and seated us together-with Christ Jesus in the heavenly places, 2:4-6. Because of Christ's death we are saved by grace through faith; it's not something that comes from us; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast, 2:8-9. God prepared good works for us to do so that we would walk in them instead of the dead and sinful works we used to walk in, 2:1-2, 10 (other places this appears: 1:4, 5, 7, 8-11, 17-18, 19).
11. Saved / Salvation, when we were dead in sin, God saved us by grace, i.e., He made us alive, raised us up, and seated us together-with Christ, 2:5-6. We have been saved by grace through faith; it is not something that comes from us; it is the gift of God, 2:8 (other places this appears: 1:13).
12. In Christ / in Him, we used to be dead *in* sin, but God placed us *in* Christ, i.e., He made us alive together-with Him, 2:5. God placed us in Christ Jesus, i.e., He resurrected us and seated us together-with Him in the heavenly places, 2:6. God placing us in Christ Jesus will show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness towards, 2:7. God created us (the Church) in Christ Jesus, 2:10. Since Gentile believers are now in Christ, they, who used to be totally separated from God, have now been brought near by the blood of Christ, 2:13. Since Jesus has made in Himself one new man from Jewish and Gentile believers through His death, He ended the hostility that existed between them due to the Law, 2:15. Through His death, Jesus has reconciled Jewish and Gentile believers to God in one body, His, thereby putting to death the hostility that existed between them, 2:16. In Christ, Jewish and Gentile believers are being fitted together into a holy temple in the Lord, 2:21. In Christ, Gentile believers are being built together as a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, 2:22 (other places this appears: 1:1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13).

13. Jesus Christ, when we were dead in sin, God saved us by grace, i.e., He made us alive together-with Christ, 2:5. God raised us up together-with, and made us sit together-with in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 2:6. God saved us by grace so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus, 2:7. Jewish and Gentile believers are God's created work in Christ Jesus so that they would walk in the good works which He prepared beforehand, 2:10. Gentile believers used to be without Christ, 2:12. In Christ Gentile believers—who were once far off—have been brought near by His blood, 2:13. Christ brought peace between Jewish and Gentile believers. He's made both one; He's removed the wall that separated them, 2:14. Through His death, Jesus removed the hostility that existed between Jewish and Gentile believers due to the Mosaic Law so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 2:15. Jesus reconciled Jewish and Gentile believers to God in one Body through the cross, thereby putting to death the hostility between them, 2:16. Jesus came to preach peace to those who were afar off (Gentiles) and to those who were near (Jews) 2:17. Through Jesus both Jewish and Gentile believers have access by one Spirit to the Father, 2:18. Gentile believers have also been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 2:19-20. In Jesus the whole building (the Church), being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 2:21. In Jesus Gentile believers are also being built together as a dwelling place for God by means of the Spirit, 2:22 (other places this appears: 1:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11-12, 13, 15, 17, 20-21, 22-23).
14. Because we are united forever with Jesus, everything He is, we are; everything He has we have, Jesus is alive; we are alive (2:5-6). Jesus has work that the Father prepared for Him; we have work that the Father prepared for us (2:10). Jesus has access to God the Father by means of the Spirit; we have access to God the Father by means of the Spirit (2:18). Jesus is part of God's family; we are part of God's family (2:19). Jesus is God's dwelling place; we are God's dwelling place (2:21-22) (other places this appears: 1:5, 7, 10, 21-22, 11, 19-22).
15. Faith / Believe, we are saved by grace through faith; it's not something that comes from us; it's the gift of God, 2:8 (other places this appears: 1:12, 13, 15, 19).
16. To determine something beforehand, God prepared good works for us (the Church) beforehand in order that we should walk in them, 2:10 (other places this appears: 1:4, 5, 11).
17. Foreigners / Citizens, Gentile believers used to be without Christ, aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, they who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ, 2:12-13. Jesus has reconciled Jewish and Gentile believers to God in one body, through His death, thus creating in Himself one new man from the two. This removed the hostility that existed between them due to the Mosaic Law and between them and God. So through Jesus they now both have access by one Spirit to the Father, 2:14-18. Gentile believers are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household, 2:19.

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18. Blood of Christ, Gentile believers—who used to be completely separated from God and Christ because they were not part of Israel or its promissory covenants—have now been brought near by the blood of Christ; they are now part of Christ, i.e., they're in Christ Jesus, 2:12-13. Through His blood Jesus eliminated the hostility that existed between Jews and Gentiles due to the Mosaic Law in order to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 2:15. Through His blood Jesus reconciled Jewish and Gentile believers to God in one Body thereby forever removing the hostility that existed between them, 2:16 (other places this appears: 1:7).
19. Peace, Jesus Christ brought peace between Jewish and Gentile believers; He's united them into one entity forever removing what separated them, 2:14. Jesus made peace between Jewish and Gentile believers by removing the hostility that existed between them due to the Mosaic Law in order to create in Himself one new man from the two, 2:15. Jesus came and preached peace to Gentiles and Jews, thus, through Jesus they both have access to God the Father by the same Spirit, 2:17-18 (other places this appears: 1:2).
20. Holy Spirit, Through Jesus Jewish and Gentile believers have access to God the Father by the same Spirit 2:18. In Jesus Gentile believers are being built together as a dwelling place for God by means of the Spirit, 2:22 (other places this appears: 1:13, 17).
21. Saints, Gentile believers are no longer outside God's family; they are now fellow citizens with the Jewish saints and members of God's household, 2:19 (other places this appears: 1:1, 15-16, 18).