

What's God's Main Point in Ephesians?

The following are the top Words, Themes, and Ideas found in Ephesians (the red number is the number of times the item appears in Ephesians):

1. Jesus Christ, 1:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11-12, 13, 15, 17, 20-21, 22-23; 2:5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19-20, 21, 22; 3:1, 3-4, 6, 8, 9, 9-11, 12, 14, 17, 17-19, 21; 4:1, 5, 7, 8-10, 11, 12, 12-16, 17, 17-20, 21, 32; 5:2, 5, 8, 10, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25-27, 29, 30, 32; 6:1, 5-8, 9, 10, 11, 13-18, 23, 24. **71**
2. God, 1:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-8, 9, 10, 11, 11-12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20-21, 22-23; 2:4-7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 19, 22; 3:2, 6-7, 9, 9-10, 11, 14, 19, 20-21; 4:6, 8; 5:1, 2, 5, 6, 20, 21; 6:6, 11, 13, 17, 23. **46**
3. In Christ / in Him, 1:1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13; 2:5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 15, 16, 21, 22; 3:6, 9-11, 12, 16-19; 4:1-32, 32; 6:1, 4, 10, 11-18, 21. **29**
4. Because we are united forever with Jesus, everything He is, we are; everything He has we have, 1:5, 7, 10, 21-22, 11, 19-22; 2:5-6, 10, 18, 19, 21-22; 3:6, 12, 14, 16, 17-19; 6:4, 10, 11, 13-18. **20**
5. Church / Body / New Man, 1:22, 23; 2:4-10, 15, 16, 14-22; 3:6, 10, 14-15, 21; 4:4, 11-12, 15-16, 24; 5:23, 24, 25-27, 29, 30, 32. **20**
6. Walking in our new life in Christ or our old life, 1:4, 15; 2:1-3, 10; 3:14-21; 4:1-6, 13-14, 14-16, 17-19, 20-24, 25-32; 5:1, 2, 3-14, 15-33; 6:1-3, 4, 5-8, 9, 10-18. **20**
7. Love, 1:4, 15; 2:4-5; 3:17, 18-19; 4:2, 15, 16; 5:1, 2, 25, 28, 33; 6:23, 24. **15**
8. Holy Spirit, 1:13, 17; 2:18, 22; 3:5, 16; 4:3, 4, 30; 5:9, 18; 6:17, 18. **13**
9. Helping the Body of Christ grow, 1:15; 3:7-8, 13, 14; 4:1-6, 11-16, 17-24, 25-32; 6:1-3, 4, 5-7, 9, 18-20. **13**
10. God blessed us repeatedly in His Son: 1:4, 5, 7, 8-11, 17-18, 19; 2:4-6, 8-9, 1-2, 10; 3:6, 16-19. **12**

So what's the main point in Ephesians? We used to be dead in sin, following after Satan, deceived by his wicked ways. But that's not true of us anymore. We're now children of God who've been united to Jesus Christ, the Lord of the universe, and one day we'll reign with Him. We're clothed with His Spirit and strength. Therefore, we should live like it; we shouldn't be fooled by Satan's crafty ways. Instead we should die for others the way Jesus died for us. Jesus' power will stop all of Satan's arrows.

Ephesians Summarized:

Chapter 1, the Ephesians should praise God the Father for placing them in Christ before the foundation of the world, adopting them into His family, forgiving all their sins, giving them part of His Son's future reign, and giving them His Holy Spirit who (1) sealed them in Jesus, (2) guarantees their future reign with Jesus, and (3) will enlighten them further on (a) the hope of God's call [out of a dark world], (b) their future reign, (c) God's infinite power which works on their behalf, and (d) Jesus, their leader, guide, and daily bread, whom God seated as Lord over the entire universe.

Chapter 2, when Jewish and Gentile believers were dead in sin, following after Satan—the spirit who worked in them—God saved them by grace, requiring nothing of them except simple faith. He made them alive, resurrected, and seated them **together-with** Jesus so that they would walk in the good works He prepared for them. Thus, Gentile believers are no longer alienated from God, Christ, and His people. Instead, through His death, Jesus brought Jewish and Gentile believers together in Himself creating one new man. This gave them both access to God the Father through His Spirit. Therefore, they're now a holy temple where God dwells.

Chapter 3, [Since God resurrected believers from their dead existence in Satan and seated them together-with Christ, since they now have a new life in Christ and are to walk in God's good works, since they're no longer alienated from God and Christ because Jesus' death has joined them to Himself creating one new man, since they now have access to God the Father through His Spirit and are the holy temple where He dwells] Paul (whom God appointed to unveil the never-before-revealed Gospel that Gentiles would also have complete, bold, and confident access to God the Father, Christ, and His reign) prays for the Ephesians. He asks God the Father to let His Spirit strengthen their inner man with His might so that Christ would dwell in their hearts, so that they would fully know His love, so that they would be filled with all of God's fullness. And since God is able to do beyond anything they could ask or imagine through His power that works in them, all their praise should go to Him forever.

Chapter 4, [Since the Ephesians should thank God the Father for uniting them to His Son and giving them (1) the right to be His children, (2) part of His Son's future reign, and (3) His Holy Spirit who will grant them further understanding of the hope of God's call, His power which works on their behalf, and Jesus—their leader, guide, and daily bread whom God seated as Lord over ALL and since God resurrected believers from their dead existence in Satan and seated them together-with Christ, since they now have a new life in Christ and are to walk in God's good works, since they are no longer alienated from God and Christ because Jesus' death has united them to Himself as the new man, since they now have access to God the Father through His Spirit and are the holy temple where He dwells, Paul prays for them. He asks God to let His Spirit strengthen their inner man so that they would fully know Christ's love and be filled with His fullness] the Ephesians must walk worthy of God's call; they must stay united in Christ's Body no matter the cost because God resides in them all and He is undivided. Christ gave each one a role to play in His Body, a responsibility to help each other mature into their Head, Christ so that they would no longer be fooled by Satan's crafty and deceitful teachings. They must no longer walk in those blind and utterly wicked ways because Jesus has taught them the truth: they have taken off the corrupt old man and put on the righteous, holy new man. Thus, they cannot give Satan a foothold in any way, in their speech, anger, possessions, response to God's Spirit, or their care and forgiveness of one another.

Chapter 5, [Since the Ephesians must walk worthy of God's calling by remaining united no matter the cost as they help each other mature in Christ so that they won't be fooled by or return to Satan's wicked and deceitful ways because Jesus has taught them the truth, i.e., they're no longer wearing the corrupt old man but the holy new man which will keep them from giving Satan a foothold in any way] they must imitate their Heavenly Father and walk in the loving way Jesus did who died for them. This means that sin must not be part of their lives in word or deed; they're no longer in the dark as Satan's walking dead; they're now light in the Lord. So they must walk in the Spirit's goodness, righteousness, and truth. Instead of practicing the sins of darkness, they should expose them. Instead of being under the influence of alcohol, they must allow the Spirit to control and guide them, which will lead them to bless each other with God's Word, always thank God, and put others before themselves: wives will always respect their husbands and husbands will think of their wives before themselves.

Chapter 6, children will obey their parents and parents will refuse to provoke their kids to anger but instead raise them in the Lord's wisdom. Slaves will obey their masters wholeheartedly as if they were serving the Lord Himself. Masters will care for their slaves wholeheartedly knowing that their Master is also in heaven. In closing, since their enemy is not made of flesh and blood but is Satan and his minions, the Ephesians must let their position in the Lord and the power of His might strengthen them: they must put on truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer. They must maintain constant communication with God concerning their worries and needs and those of others. They should pray for Paul too so that he can continue to walk in the Lord's strength. Paul will send Tychicus, who also walks in the Lord's strength, to update and comfort them as he wishes them the Father's and Son's peace, love and grace.