

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

7. Peace, the Ephesians must keep the unity that the Holy Spirit has given them, now that He's brought peace between Jews and Gentiles, 4:3 (other places this appears: 1:2; 2:14, 15, 17-18).
8. God, there is only one God and Father of all who is through all and in us all, 4:6. God prophesied concerning His Son that He would defeat Satan, take his captives, and give them spiritual gifts, 4:8 (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; 2:4-7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 19, 22; 3:2, 6-7, 9, 9-10, 11, 14, 19, 20-21).
9. Gift / grace / giving, we all got a spiritual gift according to how many gifts Christ deemed necessary, 4:7. After Jesus defeated Satan, He took his captives away and gave them spiritual gifts, 4:8. Jesus gave gifted individuals to the Church: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, 4:11.
10. Helping the Body of Christ grow, Paul urges the Ephesians to live out their new calling, their new identity in Christ which has as its hallmark unity and peace because that's how God is: one in every way, 4:1-6. The ultimate reason Jesus gave spiritually gifted individuals to the Church is so that we would no longer be fooled by Satan's lies but instead help each other grow up to be just like Him, 4:11-16. Paul urges the Ephesians not to live the way they used to because this growth is corrupt and sinful. They must remember what Christ taught them: they've taken off the old, corrupt man and have put on the new man, the one created in accordance with God's righteousness and holiness, 4:17-24. Since we have put off Satan's lie and we are now members of one another, we must do everything we can to help each other grow: we must speak Christ's truth, be angry but without sin, we must not hold on to our anger nor give Satan opportunity, instead of stealing we must earn money to help those in need, we must not speak wicked things but things that edify, we must not grieve the Holy Spirit, we must put away every bitter, angry, and malicious word, and we must be kind to one another, forgiving each other as God in Christ forgave us, 4:25-32 (other places this appears: 1:15; 3:7-8, 13, 14).
11. Fullness / Filled, the ultimate reason Jesus gave spiritually gifted individuals to the Church is so that we would be filled with His fullness, so that we would be exactly like Him in every way, 4:11-13 (other places this appears: 1:10, 23; 3:16-19).
12. Wisdom / Knowledge / Understanding, the ultimate reason Jesus gave spiritually gifted individuals to the Church is so that we would think, speak, and act exactly like Him, so that we would come to fully know Him, 4:11-13. The reason Jesus wants us to be exactly like Him is so that we will no longer be fooled by Satan's deceitful knowledge, 4:14. The knowledge and wisdom Christ taught the Ephesians is the complete opposite of the lies Satan taught them, 4:17-21 (other places this appears: 1:7-8, 17, 18; 3:3-4, 17-19).