

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

13. Satan / Principalities, The reason Jesus wants the Ephesians to be just like Him is so that they will no longer be fooled by Satan's deceitful plotting, 4:13-14. The Ephesians should no longer walk the way they used to according to Satan's lies which led them to be alienated from God's life and to give themselves completely over to every manner of sin, 4:17-19. The Ephesians must not give Satan a foothold, 4:27 (other places this appears: 1:21; 2:2; 3:10).
14. Truth, the Ephesians must speak Christ's truth to each other so that they will grow up to be just like Him, 4:15. The Ephesians have heard and been taught by Jesus in accordance with the truth that is in Him, 4:21. Since the Ephesians have put away Satan's lie, they must speak Christ's truth to each other because they're members of one another, 4:25 (other places this appears: 1:13).
15. Jews / Gentiles, the Ephesians must not walk the way the rest of the Gentiles walk who are completely blinded and deceived by Satan, which leads them to be alienated from the life of God and thoroughly consumed with sin, 4:17-19 (other places this appears: 1:3-14; 2:1-3, 4-10, 11-13, 14-18, 19-22; 3:1, 4-6, 8).
16. Sin, Paul urges the Ephesians to no longer live the way they used to: before, they were so blinded by Satan that they became ignorant and alienated from the life of God. Therefore they lived by a futile and darkened mind. They were so far removed from the life of God that they no longer sensed their wickedness. So they eagerly gave themselves over to all manner of sin, 4:17-19. The Ephesians must not sin against each other: they can get mad but not in a sinful way, they must not hold onto their anger overnight and give Satan opportunity, those who were thieves must steal no longer, they must not speak to each other in corrupt ways, they must not grieve the Holy Spirit, and they must not speak to each other in bitter, angry, or malicious ways, 4:26-31 (other places this appears: 1:7; 2:2, 2, 3, 5).
17. Gospel, the Ephesians must live according to their new calling, their new identity and its hallmark is unity: since they are now one with God and God is one in every way, they must be one. So now that Jesus has defeated Satan, freed them from being his captives, and given them each a specific function within His Body so that they will be like Jesus in every way, they must not live the way they used to—blinded by Satan and doing his wicked bidding. Instead, they must live the way Jesus taught them, according to the One they're now wearing: the New Man not the Old, corrupt Man. This means: they don't deal with anger the way they used to or go around stealing, they speak in ways that edify instead of corrupt, they don't grieve God's Holy Spirit, they don't use bitter, angry, or malicious words, and they forgive each other as God forgave them because they're now part of His Son, 4:1-32 (other places this appears: 1:1-23; 2:1-22; 3:6, 12-19).
18. Holy Spirit, 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. There is only one Holy Spirit, 4:4. The Ephesians must not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who sealed them for the day of redemption, 4:30 (other places this appears: 1:13, 17; 2:18, 22; 3:5, 16).
19. In Christ / in Him, the Ephesians must forgive each other as God has forgiven them in Christ, 4:32. Since the Ephesians are now in Christ, they must walk as He walked: seeking unity and peace with those around them, using the spiritual gifts that God gave them, striving to be more and more like Jesus instead of falling prey to Satan's lies. They must now live by the New Man they are now wearing not the Old corrupt Man. Therefore, they should behave as someone who is in Christ: who deals with anger appropriately not sinfully, who doesn't steal but works to provide for those in need, who refuses to speak words that corrupt but instead speaks words that edify, who refuses to grieve the Holy Spirit or use bitter, angry and malicious words, and who is always kind and forgiving, 4:1-32 (other places this appears: 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).