

## Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

1. Walking in our new life in Christ or our old life, the Ephesians must imitate God as His beloved children, 5:1. The Ephesians must walk in the loving and sacrificial way that Jesus did when He died for them, 5:2. The Ephesians' walk must be fitting of saints, which means no fornication, unclean or filthy behavior, covetousness, foolish talking or coarse jesting. Instead of this unfitting way of speaking, their speech should have thanksgiving. For they know that the fornicator, unclean, or covetous, i.e., an idolater, will not get any inheritance in God's Kingdom. They shouldn't be deceived by the empty words of those who speak otherwise; in fact, these are the reasons why God's wrath comes upon the sons of disobedience. Thus, they shouldn't join them for they are no longer darkness but children of light in the Lord who are supposed to look for the things that are acceptable to the Lord. For the Spirit's fruit are goodness, righteousness and truth. Therefore, since it's shameful even to speak of the things done by them in secret, instead of fellowshipping with the unfruitful works of darkness, they should do what light does and expose them. That's why it says, "Awake, you who sleep, arise from among the dead [ones] and Christ will give you light," 5:3-14. The Ephesians must walk as wise individuals not as fools, seeking to redeem the time and understand the Lord's will. They shouldn't get drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit which will result in speaking God's Word to each other in various forms, singing and making melody in their hearts to the Lord, thanking God the Father for all things in Jesus' name, and submitting to one another in the fear of God. In particular wives must submit to their own husband's authority in everything as they submit to the Lord. And husbands must love their wives the way Jesus loved His wife, the Church, and died for her in order to see her perfect and blameless. It would be foolish for husbands to mistreat their wives because the husband and wife are one flesh, as Scripture says. So instead of hating your own flesh, husbands should nourishes and cherish their wives as the Lord does the Church. Thus, the husband must love his own wife as himself and the wife must respect her husband, 5:15-33 (other places this appears: 1:4, 15; 2:1-3, 10; 3:14-21; 4:1-6, 13-14, 14-16, 17-19, 20-24, 25-32).
2. God, the Ephesians must imitate God as beloved children, 5:1. Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma, 5:2. The Ephesians know that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, i.e., an idolater, will get any inheritance in God's Kingdom, 5:5. The Ephesians must not be deceived by empty words: God's wrath comes upon the sons of disobedience for their sinful behavior, 5:6. One result of being filled with the Spirit is always thanking God for all things in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, 5:20. Another result of being filled with the Spirit is that the Ephesians will submit to one another in their reverence for God, 5:21 (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; 4:6, 8).