

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

3. Love, the Ephesians are God's beloved children, 5:1. The Ephesians must walk in the loving and sacrificial way Jesus did when He died for them, 5:2. Husbands must love their wives the way Jesus loved His wife, the Church, and died for her, 5:25. Husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself, 5:28. Each husband should love his wife as he loves himself, 5:33 (other places this appears: 1:4, 15; 2:4-5; 3:17, 18-19; 4:2, 15, 16).
4. Jesus Christ, Christ loved us with a sacrificial love, i.e., He died for us, 5:2. The fornicator, unclean person, or covetous, i.e., an idolater, has no inheritance in Christ's Kingdom, 5:5. The Ephesians were once darkness, but they are now light in the Lord, so they must walk as children of light; they must look for the things that are acceptable to the Lord, 5:8, 10. One result of being filled with the Spirit is that the Ephesians will sing and make melody to one another and in their own hearts to the Lord, 5:19. Another result of being filled with the Spirit is that the Ephesians will thank God for all things in the name of their Lord Jesus Christ, 5:20. Wives must submit to their own husbands as they do to the Lord, 5:22. The husband is head of the wife, as Christ is head of the Church and He is the Savior of the Body, 5:23. As the Church is subject to Christ, so must the wives be to their own husbands in everything, 5:24. Husbands must love their wives as Christ loved the Church and died for her that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word so that he might present her to Himself a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish, 5:25-27. The Lord nourishes and cherishes the Church, 5:29. We are all members of the Lord's Body, of His flesh and of His bones, 5:30. The one-fleshness of marriage is a great mystery, but Paul is talking about the oneness of Christ and the Church, 5:32 (other places this appears: 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. Sin, the Ephesians must not let fornication, or any uncleanness or covetousness be named among them, 5:3 (other places this appears: 1:7; 2:2, 2, 3, 5; 4:17-19, 26-31).
6. Saints, the Ephesians must not let fornication, or any uncleanness or covetousness be named among them, as is fitting for saints, 5:3 (other places this appears: 1:1, 15-16, 18; 2:19; 3:8, 18-19).
7. Inheritance, the Ephesians know that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, i.e., an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God, 5:5 (other places this appears: 1:11, 13-14, 18; 3:6).
8. Darkness vs. Light, the Ephesians used to be darkness, but now they are light in the Lord, so they should walk as children of light, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord because the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. They should have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them since they are light and light exposes and since it's shameful even to speak of the things they do in secret. Therefore it says, "Awake, you who sleep, arise from among the dead [ones], and Christ will give you light," 5:8-14. The Ephesians should not get drunk with wine but be filled with the Spirit resulting in: speaking the Word to one another in various ways, singing and making melody to each other and in their own hearts to the Lord, giving thanks to God the Father for all things in the name of their Lord Jesus Christ, and submitting to one another in their reverence for God, 5:18-21 (other places this appears: 2:1-10, 11-22; 4:1-16, 17-32).

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9. Holy Spirit, the Ephesians should walk as children of light and not darkness because the fruit produced by the Spirit [who now dwells in them: 3:16] is in all goodness, righteousness and truth, 5:9. Instead of being drunk with wine, the Ephesians should be controlled/guided by the Spirit, 5:18 (other places this appears: 1:13, 17; 2:18, 22; 3:5, 16; 4:3, 4, 30).
10. Works / Deeds, since the Ephesians used to be darkness but are now light in the Lord and since the fruit produced by the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, they should live as children of light, i.e., they should look for the things that are acceptable to the Lord, 5:8-10. The Ephesians should have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them, 5:11 (other places this appears: 2:1-2, 3, 8-9, 10).