

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

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).
11. Wisdom / Knowledge / Understanding, the Ephesians must be very careful how they walk, not as fools but as wise, 5:15. Rather than walking as unwise individuals, the Ephesians must understand what the will of the Lord is, 5:17 (other places this appears: 1:7-8, 17, 18; 3:3-4, 10, 17-19; 4:11-13, 14, 17-21).
12. Will of God, the Ephesians must not be foolish individuals, instead they should understand the Lord's will, 5:17 (other places this appears: 1:1, 5, 9-11, 11).
13. Wives/Husbands, wives must submit to their own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as Christ is head of the Church and He is the Savior of the Body. Thus, just as the Church is subject to Christ, so the wives must be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands must love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her in order to sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word, in order to present her to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the Church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." The oneness of marriage is a great mystery, but Paul is speaking of Christ and the Church. Nevertheless let each husband in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband, 5:21-33.
14. Church / Body / New Man, 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 the wives must be to their own husbands in everything, 5:24. Husbands must love their wives just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for her so 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, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish, 5:25-27. No one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the Church, 5:29. We are members of His Body, of His flesh and of His bones, 5:30. The oneness of human marriage is a great mystery, but Paul is talking about Christ and the Church, 5:32 (other places this appears: 1:22, 23; 2:4-10, 15, 16, 14-22; 3:6, 10, 14-15, 21; 4:4, 11-12, 15-16, 24).