

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

1. Jesus Christ, Paul is an apostle of Jesus Christ, 1:1. Paul wishes Jesus Christ's grace and peace upon the Ephesians, 1:2. Paul urges the Ephesians to praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ because He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ, 1:3. God chose Jewish Christians in Christ before the foundation of the world so that they would be holy and without blame before Christ in love, 1:4. God predestined us to be His sons and daughters by means of Jesus Christ, 1:5. God made us accepted in His Beloved Son, 1:6. In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, 1:7. God will one day gather together ALL THINGS—in heaven and on earth—in Christ, 1:10. Jewish Christians who were the first to believe in Christ should praise God the Father for what He's done for them through Christ, 1:11-12. In Jesus, Gentile Christians also believed and were sealed by the Holy Spirit, 1:13. Paul heard of the Ephesians' faith in the Lord Jesus, 1:15. God the Father is God of our Lord Jesus Christ, 1:17. God resurrected Jesus and seated Him at His right hand far above all principality, power, might, dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also that which is to come, 1:20-21. God put ALL THINGS under Jesus' feet and gave Him, the Head of all things, to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all, 1:22-23.
2. Will of God, It was God's will for Paul to be an apostle, 1:1. God determined beforehand to adopt us as His children according to the good pleasure of His will, 1:5. God revealed the mystery of His will—that Jesus would rule the universe and we'd participate in His reign—according to His good pleasure, 1:9-11. God works all things according to the counsel of His will, 1:11.
3. God, God wanted Paul to be an apostle, 1:1. Paul sends God the Father's grace and peace to the Ephesians, 1:2. Paul urges the Ephesians to praise God the Father for blessing them with every spiritual blessing in Christ, 1:3. God chose Jewish Christians in Christ before the foundation of the world so that they would be holy and without blame before Christ in love, 1:4. God predestined Jewish Christians to be His sons and daughters by means of Jesus Christ, 1:5. God made Jewish Christians accepted in His Beloved Son, 1:6. God made His grace abound toward Jewish Christians in all wisdom and prudence, 1:7-8. God revealed the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, 1:9. God will one day gather together ALL THINGS—in heaven and on earth—in Christ, 1:10. God works all things according to the counsel of His will, 1:11. Jewish Christians who were the first to believe in Christ should praise God the Father for what He's done for them through Christ, 1:11-12. Gentile Christians should praise God for the Holy Spirit's guarantee of our inheritance, 1:14. God the Father is God of our Lord Jesus Christ, 1:17. Paul wants God the Father to give the Ephesians the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (God), 1:17. Paul wants the Ephesians to know the hope of God's calling and the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, 1:18. Paul wants the Ephesians to know how powerfully God works on behalf of all who believe, 1:19. God resurrected Jesus and seated Him at His right hand far above all principality, power, might, dominion, and every name that will ever be named, 1:20-21. God put ALL THINGS under Jesus' feet and gave Him, the Head of all things, to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all, 1:22-23.
4. Saints, Paul is writing this letter to the saints who are in Ephesus, 1:1. After Paul heard of the Ephesians' faith in the Lord Jesus and their love for all the saints, he did not cease praying for them, 1:15-16. Paul wants the Ephesians to know the riches of God's glorious inheritance in the saints, 1:18.
5. In Christ / in Him, Paul is writing to the Ephesians who are faithful in Christ Jesus, 1:1. Paul urges the Ephesians to praise God for blessing them with every spiritual blessing in Christ, 1:3. God chose Jewish Christians in Christ before the foundation of the world, 1:4. God made Jewish Christians accepted in His Beloved Son, 1:6. In Jesus, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, 1:7. God will one day gather ALL THINGS—in heaven and on earth—in Christ, 1:10. In Christ, we have also obtained and inheritance, 1:11.

Jewish Christians who first trusted in Christ should praise God the Father [for what He's done for them in Christ], 1:12. Gentile Christians also trusted in Christ, 1:13. Gentile Christians were sealed in Christ with the Holy Spirit of promise, 1:13.

6. God's grace, Paul sends God's grace to the Ephesians, 1:2. Everything God did for us in Christ is to the praise of the glory of His grace, 1:3-6. God made us accepted in His beloved Son by His grace, 1:6. Through His Son's death God forgave all our sins according to the riches of His grace, 1:7.
7. Praising God, Paul urges the Ephesians to praise God for everything He's done for them in Christ, 1:3. Everything God did for us in Christ is cause to praise the glory of His grace, 1:3-6. Everything God did for Jewish Christians is cause for them to praise His glory, 1:12. The fact that the Holy Spirit guarantees Jewish & Gentile Christians' inheritance is cause for them to praise God's glory, 1:14.
8. To determine something beforehand, God chose Jewish Christians in Christ before the foundation of the world, 1:4. God predestined Jewish Christians to adoption as His sons through Jesus Christ, 1:5. God predestined that we will have an inheritance in Christ, 1:11.
9. Glory, Everything God did for Jewish Christians is cause for them to praise the glory of His grace, 1:3-6. Everything God did for Jewish Christians is cause for them to praise His glory, 1:12. The Holy Spirit's guarantee of Jewish & Gentile Christians' inheritance is cause for them to praise God's glory, 1:13-14. God is the Father to whom all glory belongs, 1:17. Paul wants the Ephesians to know the riches of God's glorious inheritance in the saints, 1:18.
10. Wisdom / Knowledge / Understanding, God made the riches of His grace abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 1:7-8. Paul wants God to give the Ephesians the Spirit of wisdom and revelation as they get to know God more personally, 1:17. The Ephesians' understanding has already been enlightened, 1:18.
11. Inheritance, In Jesus Jewish Christians have obtained an inheritance, 1:11. The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of Jewish & Gentile Christians' inheritance, 1:13-14. The Ephesians have already been enlightened, 1:18.
12. Faith / Believe, Jewish Christians were the first ones to believe in Christ, 1:12. Gentile Christians also believed in Christ when they heard the word of truth, the Gospel of their salvation, 1:13. After Paul heard of the Ephesians' faith in the Lord Jesus did not stop thanking God for them and mentioning them in his prayers, 1:15. God's mighty power works on behalf of all who believe in Jesus, 1:19.
13. Holy Spirit, Gentile Christians were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 1:13. Paul prays that God will give the Ephesians the Spirit of wisdom and revelation as they get to know God more personally, 1:17.
14. Because we are united forever with Jesus, everything He is, we are; everything He has we have. That is, He's a Son of God, so are we (1:5). He took care of sin, so we should take care of sin, (1:7), i.e., sin should no longer have dominion over us. He will Rule the universe, we will rule the universe (1:10, 21-22). He has an inheritance, we have an inheritance (1:11). God's awesome power worked on His behalf; it works on our behalf (1:19-22).
15. God blessed us repeatedly in His Son: chose us in Jesus before the foundation of the world so that we would be holy and without blame (1:4), adopted us as His children (1:5), forgave all our sins (1:7), revealed to us hidden knowledge about our participation in His Son's eternal reign (1:8-11, 17-18), and He gives us access to His amazing power whenever we need it (1:19).