

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

1. Jesus Christ, Paul commands children who are united to Christ—“in the Lord”—to obey their parents because that’s how children who are in Christ are supposed to behave, 6:1. Paul commands slaves to obey their human masters with the same respect and sincerity they would Christ, not like those who make an impression only when the master’s around, but like slaves of Christ instead of slaves of men, who willingly and from their heart do what God wants, knowing that the Lord will reward them accordingly whether they’re slaves or not, 6:5-8. Paul commands masters to do likewise, i.e., they’re to give up threatening and treat their slaves properly, knowing that their Master’s in heaven and He doesn’t show favoritism, 6:9. Paul commands the Ephesians to allow themselves to be strengthened by their position in Christ, from the power of His might, 6:10. Paul commands the Ephesians to clothe themselves with the whole armor of God (Christ) so that they can stand against the Devil’s scheming, 6:11. The Ephesians need to take up the whole armor of God (Christ) so they will be able to withstand and stand in the evil day; they therefore need to put on truth, righteousness, Gospel, faith which will quench all of Satan’s fiery arrows, salvation, the Word of God, as they pray constantly and diligently by means of Christ’s Spirit for their needs and the needs of others, 6:13-18. Paul sends peace and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to the Ephesians, 6:23. Paul wishes grace upon all who sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, 6:24 (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; 5:2, 5, 8, 10, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25-27, 29, 30, 32).