

Major Themes in Ephesians 1:3-14

UNION WITH CHRIST (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)

RICHES/INHERITANCE (3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 14)

GLORY (3, 6, 12, 14)

ELECTION (4)

LOVE (4, 6)

DIVINE WILL/PLAN (4, 5, 9, 10, 11)

ADOPTION (5)

PREDESTINATION (5, 11)

GRACE (6, 7)

REDEMPTION (7, 14)

RECONCILIATION (7, 10)

WISDOM (8)

UNDERSTANDING (8)

MYSTERY (9)

SALVATION (13)

FAITH/BELIEF (13)

HOLY SPIRIT (13, 14)

Ephesians 5:1–5 CSB

¹ Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children, ² and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God. ³ But sexual immorality and any impurity or greed should not even be heard of among you, as is proper for saints. ⁴ Obscene and foolish talking or crude joking are not suitable, but rather giving thanks. ⁵ For know and recognize this: Every sexually immoral or impure or greedy person, who is an idolater, does not have an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

› What does it mean to imitate someone or something?

1 Corinthians 4:16 CSB

¹⁶ Therefore I urge you to imitate me.

1 Corinthians 11:1 CSB

¹ Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ.

Philippians 3:17 CSB

¹⁷ Join in imitating me, brothers and sisters, and pay careful attention to those who live according to the example you have in us.

1 Thessalonians 1:6 CSB

⁶ and you yourselves became imitators of us and of the Lord when, in spite of severe persecution, you welcomed the message with joy from the Holy Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 3:7 CSB

⁷ For you yourselves know how you should imitate us: We were not idle among you;

› Why would we choose to not walk in love?

2 Corinthians 5:14–15 CSB

¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, since we have reached this conclusion, that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised.

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