



Ephesians 2:14-15 Pt. 1

True Peace for Jew and Gentile

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Key Concepts to Be Addressed

- Jesus is true peace for all believers
- The dividing wall between Jews and Gentiles defined
- How the dividing wall is destroyed
- The nature of removed hostility
- The role of Jesus' flesh in bringing peace
- In what sense was the Law nullified?
- How creating "one new man" is the purpose of destroying the wall

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True Peace Is in Christ Alone

Ephesians 2:14a (NET)

For he is our peace

- "Peace" is from OT "shalom" which denotes "well-being"
- True peace only comes through Messianic salvation (Isaiah 9:6-7)
- This refers back to our change of status described in Eph. 2:11-13

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Jewish and Gentile Believers Have Peace

Ephesians 2:14b (NET)

the one who made both groups into one

- This was predicted in the OT in Isaiah 57:19 which Paul will cite (Eph. 2:17)
- Those who do not come to Christ have no true peace despite what they may feel (Isaiah 48:22)

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The Dividing Wall Destroyed

Ephesians 2:14c (NET)

and who destroyed the middle wall of partition

- A temple wall warned Gentiles not to enter under threat of death
- The balustrade was a literal wall that illustrated the “fence” that was the Law
- The partition is to guard or protect, as a railing of a bridge or hedge around a vineyard

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Hostility Removed

Ephesians 2:14d (ESV)

and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

- The Greek has “hostility” after “the wall” and before “his flesh”
- This hostility is between Jews and Gentiles
- The church consists of all believers whether they are Jew or Gentile

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Implications and Applications

- All who trust Christ alone by faith alone have true peace
- Peace through Messiah means reconciliation for all believers and subjugation of God’s enemies
- Peace is not a political or psychological state, but the result of a relationship with Jesus Christ

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Peace as Reconciled Enemies

Romans 5:1 (NASB)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

- Christ’s blood averts God’s wrath against sin (Romans 5:9)
- Romans 5:10 says that we were previously “enemies”
- This peace is due to Messianic salvation

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Reconciled Through the Blood

Colossians 1:19, 20a (NASB)

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross;

- Peace is found in Christ, not philosophy or man-made religion
- Christ's blood appeases God's wrath against sin

True Peace Is Not a Feeling

John 14:27 (NASB)

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."

John 16:33 (NASB)

"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."