

# The Middle Wall

## *Ephesians 2:14-15*

**Introduction:** There are many great teachings in the Ephesian letter. There may be one that does not receive the recognition it so richly deserves. It is about how God made one law for one people. Stop and consider for a moment—where would any of us be without God doing so?

### **I. Two People.**

- A.** Jews.
  - 1. Chosen people of God (**Deut. 7:6**).
  - 2. Law given to them exclusively (**Deut. 5:1-5**).
- B.** Gentiles.
  - 1. Promises, but for a time **“not my people”** (**Hosea 1:10; 2:23**).
  - 2. Had a **“law to themselves”** (**Rom. 2:14-15**).

### **II. The “Middle Wall Of Separation.”**

- A.** A wall was used in the Old Testament to surround and protect a city.
  - 1. It kept out the undesirables.
  - 2. It allowed control of all within the wall.
- B.** The “wall of separation” was the law.
  - 1. **“Law of Moses” = “Law of the Lord”** (**Lk. 2:21-24**).
  - 2. Added because of transgressions {for control} (**Gal. 3:19**).
  - 3. Remain until the Seed should come (**Gal. 3:19**).
  - 4. The Seed was (is) Christ (**Gal. 3:16**).
- C.** If indeed Christ has come, then the wall must fall.

### **III. God Set Up Salvation For All.**

- A.** Gospel was (is) for all (***Mk. 16:15; Matt. 28:19***).
  - 1.** Jews on Pentecost (***Acts 2:5, 21, 36-38***).
  - 2.** Gentiles at Cornelius' house (***Acts 10:34-35***).
  - 3.** Thus, the gospel has a universal application (***Rom. 1:16***).
- B.** Law taken out of the way.
  - 1.** Nailed to the cross (***Col. 2:14; re. Eph. 2:15***).
  - 2.** This created "***one new man out of two***" (***Eph. 2:15***).
  - 3.** "***and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity***" (***Eph. 2:16***).
- C.** Significance.
  - 1.** Cannot be two laws co-existing (***Rom. 7:1-4***).
  - 2.** Cannot, any longer, leave Gentiles out.
  - 3.** God has not changed (***Mal. 3:6***).
    - a.** Still has a people.
    - b.** Still has a law for them.
    - c.** Still expects them to obey that law.
- D.** "***Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also***" (***Rom. 3:29***).

**Conclusion:** Salvation is for all. Why not obey the gospel today/tonight?