

Jesus Is Our Peace

**Ephesians 2:14-15**  
**Message**

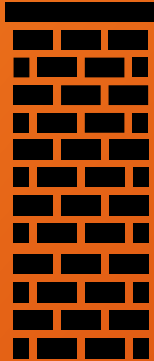
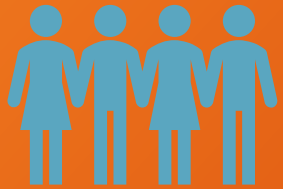
**Jesus created a new people of God when He removed the barrier that had separated them and so came to embody their peace.**

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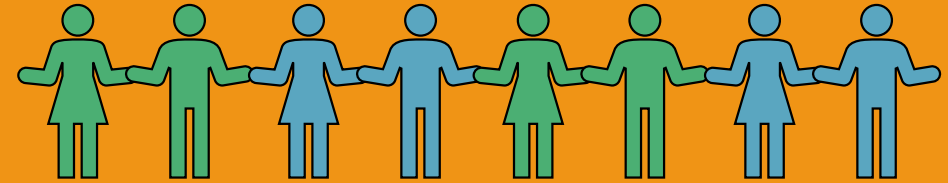
- I. Jesus embodies peace between believers (14a)
- II. Jesus accomplished this by rendering the Law inoperative for believers (14b-15a)
- III. One result is that Jesus created a new people of God (15b)

# Old Covenant

Jews



Gentiles



# New Covenant

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# “Peace”



Idea comes from the Hebrew “Shalom”, a wish for someone’s total well-being

Lack of hostility and mutual acceptance between formerly hostile groups (Hoehner, *Ephesians*, p. 367)

A genuine friendship expressed in a loving bond

Peace with one another is one of our precious possessions

“Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes” (Rom 10:4)

“But now that the faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor [the Law]” (Gal 3:25)

“But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter” (Rom 7:1-6)

“For when the priesthood changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also” (Heb 7:12)

# “New”



New in time

New in kind  
(quality, character)

In the New  
Covenant, Jesus has  
created something  
that hasn't  
happened before

Gentiles are joined  
on equal footing  
with Jews

**Old  
Covenant**



**People of  
God**

**New  
Covenant**



**People of  
God**

**Joining the people of God**





To pursue peace conveys:

“an attitude of intensity, what I call a sincere desire and an earnest effort to bring about peace where there is conflict with another person”

(Jerry Bridges, *The Blessing of Humility*, p. 70)