

# Five Views of Ephesians 2:14-16

“For he is our peace, the one who made both groups into one and who destroyed the middle wall of partition, the hostility, when he nullified in his flesh the law of commandments in decrees. He did this to create in himself one new man out of two, thus making peace, and to reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by which the hostility has been killed. (Ephesians 2:14-16 NET)

SYSTEM	CHRIST DID WHAT?	IN ORDER TO WHAT?	REFERENCES
ROMAN CATHOLIC	He nullified the old covenant law	...to unite Jew and Gentile into a new People of God.	<a href="http://bible.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/2">bible.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/2</a>
COVENANT THEOLOGY	He nullified <i>the ceremonial part of</i> the old covenant law	...to add Gentiles into <i>the transformed but already present</i> People of God.	<a href="http://ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/one-new-man">ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/one-new-man</a>
PROGRESSIVE COVENANTAL	He nullified the old covenant law <i>for us, by Christ's continuous fulfillment of its requirements</i>	(Same as Roman Catholic view)	?
DISPENSATIONAL	He <i>temporarily set aside</i> the old covenant law	...to create a <i>separate, second</i> People of God.	?
NEW COVENANT THEOLOGY	(Same as Roman Catholic view)	(Same as Roman Catholic view)	?