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20 years ago, the Berlin Wall was broken and brought down
2000 years ago, the **Middle Wall of Partition** was brought down

By God's appointment, The **Middle Wall of Partition** kept Jew & Gentile separated from one another.

As a peculiar people, the Jews observed circumcision, ceremonial observances of days, special times and foods. These practices acted like walls, enclosing God's inheritance and, at the same time, preventing the inheritance from being open to all.

Thus, Gentiles were excluded from the kingdom of God. But now, in Christ Jesus, Paul explains that the middle wall of separation is removed, "**having abolished in His flesh the enmity**" (V 15).

The middle wall of partition had be broken down in order for all men were to receive peace and freedom.

By Christ assuming man's nature and overcame it, He "abolishing the enmity," (warfare) and formed a "new man." making His own body a perfect unity for all men; first, to God and then, to every other man. In Christ, Jew & Gentile are one.

PAUL EXPLAINED:

(Eph. 2:13) "**But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**" **MEANING** - Once afar off from God, Gentiles are now made nigh by the blood of Jesus.

(V 14) "**For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;**" **MEANING** - Jesus made both, Gentile & Jew, into one new man. The New Creation occurred when He arose.

(V 15) "**having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the Law of Commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace;**" **MEANING** - To create a New Creation, Jesus had to take away the Law; which, He did by first fulfilling it. Now, no distinction exists between Jew & Gentile. Both are equal by faith in Jesus Christ.

"**that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby (V16): Ephesians 2.**" **MEANING** - Both Jew & Gentile enter the New Creation by believing in His work on the cross. It was there where warfare (between God & man) became slain, allowing peace to arrived. In Jesus, man has overcome the Law, died and rose into the New Creation.

WHEN THE BERLIN WALL CAME DOWN, NATIONS THOUGHT PEACE WOULD PREVAIL, WORLDWIDE.

Ron Whitemore, Deacon of Redondo MBC, reports - Nov. 10, 2009

"Yesterday marked the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall...one of the most significant events of the 20th century for many reasons—one because of the freedom that Eastern Europeans would enjoy (especially

those of East Berlin and East Germany) ... I was stationed in West Berlin for 18 months during my United States Army tour in 1969 to 1971. My wife was able to come over and we lived with a German family on the 2nd floor of their beautiful villa in the Zehlendorf district of West Berlin. I was assigned to the 287th Military Police Company. Our unit worked at Checkpoint Charlie, Checkpoint Bravo, and Checkpoint Alpha and we patrolled the wall.

YET, WITH THE RISE OF ARAB EXTREMISTS, FREEDOM DID NOT COME TO THE WORLD.

MOISÉS NAÍM | NOVEMBER 10, 2009, reports

Europe After the Berlin Wall: 4 Surprises

1. China displaced the Soviet Union (USSR) as the main threat for Europeans. When the Berlin Wall fell no one imagined that China would more directly affect the lives of Western Europeans than was ever the case for the USSR. Not because of China's military might but as a result of its

economic prowess.

2. The Euro. No one predicted that the fall of the Berlin Wall would stimulate the creation of a single European currency. That the Germans would be willing to leave the deutschemark or that the French would accept having a currency controlled from Frankfurt -- the headquarters of the European Central Bank were unimaginable possibilities.

3. Europe's geopolitical weakness. The influence of an international alliance should be proportional to the number of nations that join it: the larger the number of nations, the more powerful the alliance. In 1960, the European alliance had six member countries, in 2003 15, and today it has 27.

4. Islam in old Europe, and America in new Europe. At the height of the cold war it would have been hard to imagine that the European public would feel more threatened by the flow of immigrants from Arab countries than from the expansion of communism in their continent -- or by an armed conflict with Russia. At the time, it would have also been surprising to learn that Poland, Hungary, or the Czech Republic would become bastions of pro-Americanism. But these are some of the surprising realities of the post-Berlin Wall Europe. Anxiety over immigration, especially from Muslim

countries, has become a topic of daily discussions from parliaments to dinner tables. The possibility that Europe could turn into "Eurabia" is a corollary of these anxieties. Today, immigrants make up about 10 percent of the population of most Western European countries, and in some large cities they reach 30 percent. Inevitably, surveys show that 57 percent of Europeans consider that in their country "there are too many foreigners." Meanwhile, in some countries of the former Soviet Union economic, political, cultural and even military pro-Americanism is flourishing. That this should happen in a continent where anti-American sentiments are common is another astonishing legacy of the fall of the Berlin Wall - [Foreign Policy Magazine, Internet](#).

While, the world is ever changing, unpredictable and mysterious to the masses, God's plan and His grace produces peace in the heart because of Jesus Christ and His work. He brought men together by "abolishing the enmity," producing life for all who trust in His eternal resurrection.

THE SPIRITUAL DISHARMONY WITH GOD IS ETERNAL

Yet, His plan remains sure. Therefore, the world is without freedom and peace. And, the problem will never be solved without Christ Jesus. Listen, as Daniel presents a stark reality to all of us; for, without trust in God's Son, man will forever be separated from God's and His blessings of life. "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame everlasting contempt," [Daniel 12:2](#).