

“WORD OF LIFE”

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IN HIS DEATH

22 - As **Our Peace Abolishing** the Law of the Commandments in **Ordinances— Breaking Down** the Middle **Wall of Partition**, the Enmity

✚ GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):

- Eph. 2:14 - For He Himself is **our peace**, He who has made both one and has **broken down** the middle **wall partition**, the enmity,
- Eph. 2:15 - **Abolishing** in His flesh the law of **the commandments in ordinances**, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,
- Col. 2:14 - **Wiping out** the handwriting in **ordinances**, which was against us, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it out of the way, **nauling it to the cross**.

✚ THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Phil. 3:8):

- **Because of the fall of mankind and the call of the chosen race –**
 - there was a separation, middle wall of partition, between Israel and the Gentiles
 - among mankind there are many ordinances, many customs, habits, ways to live, and ways to worship
 - differences among peoples have divided, scattered, and confused mankind
 - there were also partitions between every nationality, race, and social rank
 - **the law of the commandments in ordinances**, was given because of man’s flesh
- **On the cross Christ died as our peace** (Eph. 2:14-15)
 - Abolishing, annulling the law of commandments in ordinances,
 - Breaking down, take away the middle wall of partition, the enmity between Jews and the Gentiles
 - All the ordinances were abolished, annulled by Christ on the cross.
 - the different **ordinances of human life** and **religion**
 - the differences among the **races**
 - the differences of **social rank**
- **“In His flesh”**
 - Christ abolished the law of the commandment in ordinances, the **ritual commandment**:
 - commandment regarding circumcision
 - commandments regarding eating regulation
 - commandment concerning the keeping of Sabbath
 - Through Christ abolished the distinction, the enmity between the Jews and the Gentiles
 - The **moral commandment**, however, will never be abolished
 - commandment concerning stealing
 - commandment concerning honoring of parents
- **Through the blood of Christ**
 - we have been brought **near** both to God and to God’s people
 - has accomplished **full redemption** for both Jewish and Gentile believers,
 - He Himself is our **peace**, our **harmony**, in that **He made both one**.
- **“Wiping out the handwriting in ordinances ... nauling it to the cross.”** (Col. 2:14)
 - **“wiping out”** = blotting out, obliterating, erasing, or annulling (a decree of law).
 - **“handwriting”** denotes a legal document, a bond, here it refers to **the written law**.

✚ SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE (Act 5:20):

- ❖ All the ordinances God has **taken out of the way** by nailing them to the cross of Christ. This is to abolish the law of the commandments in ordinances.
 - ✚ The removal of wall of partitions, paved the way for us to be **one in the Lord Jesus as His Body**.