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II. Read [Ephesians 2:13-18](#). What did God do to bring both Jews and Gentiles together? According to verse 15, what did Jesus accomplish with his bodily death? Explain the law and its commands and regulations. Note ([Romans 7:4-6](#), [Galatians 3:6-14](#)). Explain how the New Testament cross of Christ replaces the Old Testament law of Moses. Through Christ all believers are one before God. But what about denominations? Don’t they divide Christians into groups and create hostility? Explain your answer.

III. Finally, read [Ephesians 2:19-22](#). What’s the good news for the “pagan Gentiles” in Ephesians 2? In what sense is the church (Christians) like a building? How does the Spirit live in us as a body of believers? How could disunity, division and strife stifle the Holy Spirit’s work in a church? Any examples?

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