

A New Creation, A Divine Mission

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

A. We Are A New Creation In Christ

- 1. In Christ we are a new person, not just an improved version of the old.**

2 Corinthians 5:17a| ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

- 2. In order to be made new, our old selves had to die with Jesus on the cross.**

2 Corinthians 5:17b| The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Galatians 2:20| ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

- 3. We have been made a new creation by God's will to reconcile us to Him, not our own efforts.**

2 Corinthians 5:18| ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

- 4. Our sins are no longer counted against us.**

2 Corinthians 5:19a| ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them,

B. The Love of Christ compels us to act in him because...

2 Corinthians 5:14a| ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this:

- 1. He has died for those he's called and we have died with him.**

2 Corinthians 5:14b| that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

2. **Because He died and was raised again for us; we no longer live for ourselves, but for him.**

2 Corinthians 5:15 | ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

C. The Divine Mission (Call To Action)

1. **We are compelled in Christ to share the ministry of reconciliation.**

2 Corinthians 5:19b-20a | and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

Romans 10:13-15 | ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

2. **The message of reconciliation:**

2 Corinthians 5:20b-21 | We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.