

A New Creation in Christ

Scripture Reading — 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17

Yelena, a godly grandmother from the Ukraine, had joyful news to share. Her grandson became a Christian! He used to be the village drunk, and his family thought he would end up in jail. But the gospel has dramatically changed him. Yelena calls it a miracle. His neighbors still can't believe that he now welcomes people to his house not for a drink but for a Bible study!

In today's verses the apostle Paul says that when God's power and grace touch a human heart, a spectacular change happens. It's not some kind of masquerade or plastic surgery. In Christ a former sinner becomes a brand-new person on the inside.

As we reflect on this, let us remember that in the very beginning all things were made through Christ. But the original creation became polluted with sin. And now--again through Christ--we can become restored or created anew. Can you see why Christ plays such a crucial role in our walk of faith?

In Christ we become reconciled to God by making a faith commitment. Our relationship with God cannot be reestablished without his Son. And once we are reunited to God, we become Christ's ambassadors. God is making an appeal to others through us. Are you a new creation in Christ? If so, have you joined his diplomatic service, inviting others to be reconciled to God?

Prayer

Our heavenly Father, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ! In him we become a new creation. Bless our ministry for your sake as Christ's faithful ambassadors. Amen.

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