

MYSTERY

DISCOVERING WHO GOD HAS CALLED US TO BE

Am I a New Creation?

SUMMARY:

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 begins with the stunning declaration that we are a new creation. This is more thorough than a makeover or renovation. We are something brand new. We are reconciled to God through Christ.

The Greek word for reconcile is *katallassó*. Originally it had the meaning of exchanging coins, as in paying a bill or settling a debt. It normalizes the relationship making friends from enemies. Only the one who has the power to pay or forgive a debt can reconcile.

Most often today, our debts are owed to large anonymous companies. How might you think about reconciliation differently if it was a close acquaintance instead?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Upward

Read James 1:17-18. What does this passage tell us about the one who has the power to reconcile?

Inward

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Colossians 1:18-20. We often describe ourselves by how we look at what we do. What kind of new creation are we?

Outward

2 Corinthians 5:20 describes us as ambassadors for Christ. What do ambassadors do and how are we supposed to do that for Christ?

Kings send ambassadors all over the world. To which groups of people have you been sent as an ambassador?