

DAY 14 | RECONCILIATION

Word Study: New Creature & Ambassador

Make Room for God's Heart • Prayer & Fasting

1. NEW CREATURE — 2 Corinthians 5:17

Greek: ktisis (κτίσις) — creation, creature, or what has been created. The expression “new creation” describes a decisive change rooted in being “in Christ,” not merely a revised set of habits.

Chaim Bentorah's study, “Creature” (2015), explores the Aramaic wording and the imagery of a new image or engraving. His devotional emphasis is that our past does not have the final word over our identity in Christ. This is his interpretive illustration, not a claim that every lexicon defines the term as “engraving.”

Connection to reconciliation: Verse 18 immediately says, “All this is from God.” Our new identity is a gift flowing from God's reconciling work. We do not manufacture a new self to qualify for His welcome.

Reflection: Where am I still relating to God as though my former identity has the final say?

2. AMBASSADOR — 2 Corinthians 5:20

Greek: presbeuō (πρεσβεύω) — to serve as an ambassador or representative. Paul's image is of someone entrusted to speak on another's behalf.

Chaim Bentorah's Aramaic word study, “Ambassador — Izagada” (2025), emphasizes the role of a messenger carrying the authority and message of a king. The messenger represents the sender; the message is not simply the messenger's personal opinion.

Connection to reconciliation: God first reconciles us to Himself through Christ, then entrusts us with the message of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-20). Being an ambassador is a responsibility arising from grace, not a position of superiority.

Reflection: Do my words and actions communicate the heart of the One I represent?

3. THE WORDS TOGETHER

New creation speaks to who we are becoming in Christ. Ambassador speaks to how we live and speak because of Him. Reconciliation restores relationship with God and gives that restored relationship a public witness.

Romans 5:6-11 reminds us that Christ acted while we were still powerless and sinful. Colossians 1:19-23 locates peace in Christ's work on the cross. Luke 15:17-24 shows a father welcoming his returning son with compassion. Together, these passages invite humility, gratitude, and faithful representation of God's mercy.

An important distinction: representing God's reconciling love does not mean forcing reconciliation between people or pretending harm never happened. It means speaking truthfully, showing mercy, and leaving room for genuine repentance and wise boundaries.

4. PERSONAL STUDY PROMPTS

- What old label do I need to stop carrying as though Christ has not made me new?
- How does the father's welcome in Luke 15 reshape my picture of reconciliation?
- What would it look like to represent God's mercy without minimizing truth or accountability?
- Where might God be inviting me to live as someone restored rather than someone still trying to earn a place?

Sources for further reading

Chaim Bentorah, "Word Study — Creature" (2015):

<https://www.chaimbentorah.com/2015/01/word-study-creature-אתר-ב-אתר-ב-אתר-ב/>

Chaim Bentorah, "Aramaic Word Study — Ambassador — Izagada" (2025):

<https://www.chaimbentorah.com/2025/05/aramaic-word-study-ambassador-izagada/>

Scripture references: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 5:6-11; Colossians 1:19-23; Luke 15:17-24 (NIV). This is an original study synthesis, not a reproduction of the linked articles.