

THE OTHER VERSION

2 COR. 5:12-21

For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have *an answer* for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, *it is* for God; or if we are of sound mind, *it is* for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. ¹⁷ **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.** ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

GAL. 6:14-15

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

2937 κτίσις [*ktisis /ktis-is/*] n f. From 2936; TDNT 3:1000; TDNTA 481; GK 3232; 19 occurrences; AV translates as "creature" 11 times, "creation" six times, "building" once, and "ordinance" once. **1** the act of founding, establishing, building etc. **1A** the act of creating, creation. **1B** creation i.e. thing created. **1B1** of individual things, beings, a creature, a creation. **1B1A** anything created. **1B1B** after a rabbinical usage (by which a man converted from idolatry to Judaism was called). **1B1C** the sum or aggregate of things created. **1c** institution, ordinance.

GEN. 1:27

²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

GEN. 5:1-2

God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. ² He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.

1254 בָּרָא, בָּרָא, בָּרָא [*bara' /baw·raw/*] v. A primitive root; TWOT 278; GK 1343 and 1344 and 1345; 54 occurrences; AV translates as "create" 42 times, "creator" three times, "choose" twice, "make" twice, "cut down" twice, "dispatch" once, "done" once, and "make fat"

once. 1 to create, shape, form. 1A (Qal) to shape, fashion, create (always with God as subject). 1A1 of heaven and earth. 1A2 of individual man. 1A3 of new conditions and circumstances. 1A4 of transformations. 1B (Niphal) to be created. 1B1 of heaven and earth. 1B2 of birth. 1B3 of something new. 1B4 of miracles. 1C (Piel). 1c1 to cut down. 1c2 to cut out. 2 to be fat. 2A (Hiphil) to make yourselves

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a particular form of something differing in certain respects from an earlier form or other forms of the same type of thing.

Sometimes when we seek the gaze of another, it's not our partner we are turning away from, but the person we have become. **We are not looking for another lover so much as another version of ourselves.**

The Mexican essayist Octavio Paz described eroticism as a "thirst for otherness." So often, the most intoxicating "other" that people discover in an affair is not a new partner, it's a new self.

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THE OLD MAN

ROM. 6:6

EPH. 4:22

COL. 3:9

WE ARE NOT ANOTHER VERSION

WE ARE A NEW CREATION!

As long as we have self-rejection, we are not seeing who we really are.

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