Study Guide
Sunday October 25, 2020
"The New Creation"

1. **➔ 2 Corinthians 5:14-20**

   *14 For Christ's love **compels** us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the **new creation** has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who **reconciled us** to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was **reconciling the world** to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's **ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

2. **Points to Remember**
   A. Many things can change our lives, but only God can recreate us.
   B. It is never too late to go back to the beginning and be born again.
   C. The New Creation is when people who were separated are reconciled.
   D. "In Christ" the world's standards are replaced by God's standards.
   E. It is the mission of the church is to reconcile the world to God.
   F. Christ reconciled us so we could reconcile the world to God.

3. **Bible Verses**

Genesis 1:27	God created mankind in his own image
Colossians 3:8-11	Renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator
Isaiah 65:17-18	I will create Jerusalem
Galatians 6:15-16	What counts is the new creation
Isaiah 66:22-23	All mankind will come and bow down before me
Romans 8:19-21	For the creation waits in eager expectation

4. **Discussion Questions**
   A. How important is it to be "recreated" in God's image?
   B. What areas of reconciliation need to happen in the church at whole?
   C. Where have you seen the power of reconciliation in your own life?