

## New Morning Magical – for 7-12-20

### What does the word conciliation mean?

There is a line we must follow if we are to set ourselves free from the traps, of the adversary – the “sa-tan” – or stratagems, as Paul calls them in Ephesians 6, and the “systematizing of the deception” – in this eon.

The line we must follow runs from the beginning of Yeshua’s life to the end of Paul’s. Yeshua literally ambushed Paul on a mission to Damascus with the intention of imprisoning anyone – man, woman, or child – who professed his or her belief in Yeshua as the long-awaited Messiah, the savior, the deliverer of Israel.

The sovereign choosing of Paul by Yeshua Who revealed Himself to Paul in all His glory, the majesty of which blinded Paul for days; Yeshua’s choosing of Paul to be His Apostle and his radical conversion from assassin to evangelist, was so preposterous, objectionable and unbelievable to everyone whom Paul came in contact with over the following months that even Yeshua’s original apostles were compelled to send Paul home to keep the Jews from killing him and to chill out until he gained some desperately needed spiritual maturity and wisdom.

You and I can barely relate to Paul, much less Yeshua; they both seem like such lofty characters; yet Paul is purely flesh and bones, and so was Yeshua, except that His father was not a man, but YaHoVeH, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And because of Yeshua, YaHoVeH is your Father too.

So, again, our purpose here is for you to set yourself free from the ravages of this wicked eon and the bondage of religious structures that only confine and never really liberate us.

The Father has already set you free, but you must walk out of the prison of misunderstanding or religious tradition.

Let’s start in 2 Corinthians 5:

14 For the love of Christ is constraining us, judging this, that, if One died for the sake of all, consequently all died. **All is everyone, including you and me – now watch:**

15 And He died for the sake of all **SO** that those who are living (**that’s us again!**) should by no means still be living to themselves, but to the One dying and being roused for their sakes.

If we are living to ourselves – that is for our own ambitions, pleasures, desires, or goals – we’re missing the point of Christ’s death, never mind His resurrection.

16 So that we, from now on, are acquainted with no one according to flesh. Yet even if we have known Christ according to flesh, nevertheless now we know Him so no longer.

17 So that, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the primitive passed by. Lo! there has come new!

Well HERE’s a critically important new idea: Inside Christ, we are new creations. Everything about us that is old has been overtaken and we’ve been made completely new! We’ve driven into a car dealership in our old cars and driven out in brand new ones!

This was unheard of before then when Paul wrote it. I think we barely give lip service to the magnitude of what this radical idea actually means; but Paul goes on as if to explain further:

18 Yet all is out of God, Who conciliates us to Himself through Christ, and is giving us the dispensation of the conciliation,

19 how that God was in Christ, conciliating the world to Himself, not reckoning their offenses to them, and placing in us the word of the conciliation.

20 For Christ, then, are we ambassadors, as of God entreating through us. We are beseeching for Christ's sake, "Be conciliated to God!"

Here again, as in so many places in Paul’s writings, he presents the brand new idea of conciliation – not reconciliation – this is conciliation. We all understand reconciliation, when two estranged parties come together to work out their differences so they can live in peace with one another.

In conciliation only one party is estranged, while the other party has never been estranged, and has engineered the conditions by which the estranged party may give up their estrangement and accept the other’s hand of friendship. Here, the Father is the One who has made it possible, through the death and resurrection of Christ, for all of us, to humankind, from Adam on --

21 For the One not knowing sin, He makes to be a sin offering for our sakes that we may be becoming God's righteousness in Him.

Chapter 6

1 Now, working together, we are also entreating you not to receive the grace of God for naught.

2 For He is saying, "In a season acceptable I reply to you, and in a day of salvation I help you." Lo! Now is a most acceptable era! Lo! Now is a day of salvation!