

A WEEKLY WORD

Readings for the week of July 21, 2019:

Judges 4: 4-10

Psalm 42:1-7

2 Corinthians 5:14-20a

John 20:11-18

2 Corinthians 5:17-19, says, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us."

Mary Magdalene is an example of someone who became a new creation through Jesus Christ. Luke 8:2 tells us that seven demons had gone out of her. Jesus didn't count her trespasses against her, so she was able to move forward into her new life of freedom in Jesus Christ, without guilt or shame.

Through receiving Jesus Christ, we, too, can be reconciled with God the Father. From that point on, we can become new, in the same way that Mary Magdalene did.

She was faithful to Jesus, and she was present through many of the accounts that we read about in the Gospels of Jesus' Death and Resurrection.

Mary Magdalene was loved by Jesus unconditionally. So are you and I.