

CALLED NEAR
AND
RESTORED

**Selections of New Testament verses
with the Greek words
Parakaleo and Kainos
and their derivatives**

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Introduction

Do you believe that:

God, the Father, Lord Jesus, and Holy Spirit, made us for a loving relationship with Themselves?

Jesus died to restore that relationship?

Holy Spirit is making that Reality real in us?

I believe God is calling us near, growing us in our awareness and engagement with His Presence, in the depths of our being.

As Christians, we are new creatures in Christ and our minds are being aligned with God's Reality. What does that mean? How does it happen?

Romans 12:2 refers to the 'renewing' of our minds, which could mean 'restoring.'

This collection of New Testament verses and Greek words is a resource for inviting questions and conversations with others and God, starting with 'call near' and 'restore.'

The Strong's Concordance references Greek words with numbers in the format <G1234>. All the verses are from the 1995 New American Standard Bible.

I am pleased to give you the time and energy I spent exploring and organizing these verses. God bless you as you explore them for yourself!

NOTE: Remember, this is a resource to save you time and effort. Only a few comments are included, and no "answers," or even questions. The best questions are the ones that arise as we read and start noticing patterns and connections.

Called Near

*But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. . . John 16:13
for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

Philippians 2:13

These are the verses referring to our “Helper” or “Comforter” first got my attention:

*I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.
John 14:16 NASB*

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. John 14:26

But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of me. John 15:26

But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I go now away, the Helper shall not come unto you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. John 16: 7

The Greek word for Helper or Comforter is *paraklatos*. It is used these four times to describe the Holy Spirit. It is also translated “Advocate” in this verse referring to Jesus:

My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 1 John 2:1

I was taught that *paraklatos* means “the One who is called near (to help us)”
It most likely also means “the One who calls us near (to God).”

Curiously, the Strong’s Concordance doesn’t give a root word for *paraklatos*. But *parakaleo*, the verb meaning “call near,” and *paraklesis*, the noun derived from *parakaleo*, are worth considering.

Strong’s Concordance usage notes are in the last section.

Those words *parakaleo* and *paraklesis* occur often in 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. When we consider that “comfort” is “calling near,” we see that our Father also calls us near and that we are empowered to call others near in the same way He does.

Here are verses 3 and 4:

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort;

4 Who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

‘Affliction’ refers to tight places, or pressure, on many levels, so verse 4 applies to everyday life as well as extreme situations. It is the same Greek word as ‘tribulation’ in John 16:33:

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage (be of good cheer); I [Jesus] have overcome the world.

There are 144 verses containing *parakaleo* and its derivatives. Their references are listed on the last pages. The verses listed here focus on us being called near in our relationships with God and each other.

The English translations for ‘parakaleo’ can be grouped into comforting, encouraging, and urging. Substituting the appropriate form of any of these words or ‘call near’ for the underlined words can provide additional perspectives.

Comfort, console

Matthew 5:4

Blessed those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Romans 1:12

That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

Romans 15:4,5

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any
4 trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

6 Now if we are afflicted, [it is] for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, [it is] for your consolation and salvation.

7 And our hope for you [is] steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also [you will partake] of the consolation.

2 Corinthians 2:7,8

7 so that, on the contrary, you [ought] rather to forgive and comfort [him], lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow.

8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love to him.

2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Philippians 2:1

If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort [not 'call near'] of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

Colossians 2:2

That their hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father, and of Christ;

1 Thessalonians 4:18

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Wherefore comfort each other and edify one another, even as also you also are doing.

2 Thessalonians 2: 16,17

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us, and given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

17 comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work.

Urge, plead, beseech

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Romans 15:30

Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me;

Romans 16:17

Now I urge you, brethren, note them who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you learned; and avoid them.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 4:13

being defamed, we entreat: we have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

1 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

2 Corinthians 2:8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love to him.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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.

2 Corinthians 6:1.

We then, *as* workers together *with Him*, also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 Corinthians 10:1

Now I Paul myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ — who in presence *am* lowly among you, but being absent *am* bold toward you.

2 Corinthians 12:8

Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

Ephesians 4:1

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you are called,

Philippians 4:2

I implore Euodias, and implore Syntyche, to be of the same mind in the Lord.

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.

Encourage, exhort

Acts 14:22.

strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”

Romans 1:12

that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

Romans 12:8 Or he that exhorts, in exhortation . . .

1 Corinthians 14:3

But he who prophesies speaks edification, and exhortation, and comfort [not ‘call near’] to men.

1 Corinthians 14:31

For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

1 Thessalonians 2:11

As you know how we exhorted and comforted [not ‘call near’] and *charged* every one of you, as a father *does* his own children,

1 Thessalonians 4:1

Finally then, brethren, we urge [not ‘call near’] and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God.

Titus 2:6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded.

1 Timothy 5:1

Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brothers,

Hebrews 3:13

but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 10:25

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some; but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 12:5

And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

“My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked of Him.

Strong's Concordance

Usage Notes for *Parakaleo*

and words derived from it

James Strong, "[Παρακαλέω.](#)" Strong's Talking Greek and Hebrew Dictionary (WORDsearch, 2020).

Parakaleo - #3870

This is the root word, a verb

English Words used in KJV: [Total Count: 109]

beseech - 43, comfort - 23, exhort - 21, desire - 8, pray - 6, intreat - 3,
besought - 1, miscellaneous translations - 4

from <G3844> (para) and <G2564> (kaleo); to *call near*, i.e. *invite, invoke*

Paraklesis - #3874

This is the noun derived from parakaleo

English Words used in KJV: [Total Count: 29]

consolation - 14, exhortation - 8, comfort - 6, intreaty - 1

Paraklatos - #3875

Comforter / Helper / Advocate

English Words used in KJV: [Total Count: 5]

comforter - 4, advocate - 1

an *intercessor, consoler*.

The Strong's Concordance doesn't say this is derived from parakaleo, but it looks like it is.

Symparakaleo. #4837

English Words used in KJV: comfort together - 1 (Romans 1:12)

from <G4862> (sun) and <G3870> (parakaleo); to *console jointly*:- comfort together.

Restored

The Greek words for *renew* or *restore* are combinations of *ana* (up) and *kainos* (new).

Kainos is described by the Strong's Concordance as *freshness*, not *youth*.

According to the Strong's Concordance Usage Notes:

<G2537> (*kainos*) is used 44 times and is always translated *new* in the KJV
It means *new* (especially in *freshness*); while
<G3501> (*neos*) is properly so with respect to *age*

(*anakainizo*) <G340> and (*anakainoo*) <G341>
are both from <G303> (*ana*) and a derivative of <G2537> (*kainos*)
and mean to *renovate* or *restore*

(*anakainosis*) <G342> is from <G341> and means *renovation*.

(*kainotes*) <G2538> is from <G2537> (*kainos*) and means *renewal* (figurative)

Here are the translations and references for those words. The verses are written below.

(<i>anakainizo</i>)	Renew	Hebrews 6:6
(<i>anakainoo</i>)	Renew	2 Corinthians 4:16, Colossians 3:10
(<i>anakainosis</i>)	Renewing	Romans 12:2, Titus 3:5
(<i>kainotes</i>)	Newness	Romans 6:4, 7:6

Since there are 44 verses containing *kainos*, only the ones pertaining to our new life are listed here. The references for the rest are listed at the end of this section.

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Titus 3:5

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

Romans 6:4

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 7:6

But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

2 Corinthians 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

New

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Galatians 6:15

For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

Ephesians 2:15

by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace,

Ephesians 4:22-24

22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

23. and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Colossians 3:9, 10

9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices

10 and have put on the new (neos) self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.

2 Peter 3:13

But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Mark 16:17

“These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;

Hebrews 6: 4-6

4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,

5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

6 and *then* have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

Revelation 21:5

And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”

Remaining *Kainos* (New) Verses

New covenant - Luke 22:20, 1 Corinthians 11:25, 2 Corinthians 3:6, Hebrews 8:8, 13, 9:15

New commandment - John 13:34, 1 John 2:7,8

Jesus will drink wine new in the Kingdom - Matthew 26:29, Mark 14:25

New name - Revelation 2:17

New heaven, new earth - Revelation 21:1

New Jerusalem - Revelation 3:12, 21:2

New song - Revelation 5:9, 14:3

Wineskins: new (neos) wine in new/fresh wineskins - Matthew 9:17, Mark 2:22, Luke 5:3

New garment - Mark 2:22

‘Call Near’ References Complete List

These are all of the verses that contain *parakaleo* and *paraklesis*.

Matt 2:18	Acts 8:31	Romans 15:30
Matt 5:4	Acts 9:31	Romans 16:17
Matt 8:5	Acts 9:38	1 Cor 1:10
Matt 8:31	Acts 11:23	1 Cor 14:3
Matt 8:34	Acts 13:15	1 Cor 4:13
Matt 14:36	Acts 13:42	1 Cor 4:16
Matt 18:29	Acts 14:22	1 Cor 14:31
Matt 18:32	Acts 15:31	1 Cor 16:12
Matt 26:53	Acts 15:32	1 Cor 16:15
Mark 1:40	Acts 16:9	2 Cor 1:3-7
Mark 5:10	Acts 16:15	2 Cor 2:7
Mark 5:12	Acts 16:39	2 Cor 2:8
Mark 5:17	Acts 16:40	2 Cor 5:20
Mark 5:18	Acts 19:31	2 Cor 6:1
Mark 5:23	Acts 20:2	2 Cor 7:4
Mark 6:56	Acts 20:12	2 Cor 7:6, 7
Mark 7:32	Acts 21:12	2 Cor 7:13
Mark 8:22	Acts 24:4	2 Cor 8:4
Luke 2:25	Acts 25:2	2 Cor 8:6
Luke 3:18	Acts 27:33	2 Cor 8:17
Luke 6:24	Acts 27:34	2 Cor 9:5
Luke 7:4	Acts 28:14	2 Cor 10:1
Luke 8:31, 32	Acts 28:20	2 Cor 12:8
Luke 8:41	Romans 12:1	2 Cor 12:18
Luke 15:28	Romans 12:8	2 Cor 13:11
Luke 16:25	Romans 15:4	Eph 4:1
Acts 2:40	Romans 15:5	Eph 6:22

Phil 2:1	Titus 1:9
Phil 4:2	Titus 2:6
Col 2:2	Titus 2:15
Col 4:8	Philemon 7
1 Thess 2:3	Philemon 9
1 Thess 2:11	Philemon 10
2 Thess 2:16	Heb 3:13
1 Thess 3:2	Heb 6:18
1 Thess 3:7	Heb 10:25
1 Thess 4:1	Heb 12:5
1 Thess 4:10	Heb 13:19
1 Thess 4:18	Heb13:22
1 Thess 5:11	1 Peter 2:11
1 Thess 5:14	1 Peter 5:1
2 Thess 2:17	1 Peter 5:12
2 Thess 3:12	Jude 3
1 Timothy 1:3	
1 Timothy 2:1	
1 Timothy 4:13	
1 Timothy 5:1	
1 Timothy 6:2	
2 Timothy 4:2	