

Sun Morning

The Compelling Love of Jesus

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Text: 2 Corinthians 5:14-18

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. 16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;" (2 Corinthians 5:14-18)

- Ancient Corinth was "sin city"

INTRODUCTION

- constraineth means compels or urges person to live for God
- Christian is a new creation
- God Himself has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ - Jesus paid the price

1. A Constraining LOVE (v. 14) - compelling love

A. A real Motivation

B. A personal Motivation - me & us

"We love him, because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." (1 John 4:16)

Quote: "It is Paul's recognition of Christ's love shown in his death for all which acts as the motivation for the apostle's ministry."

C. A logical Motivation

Quote: "It was not some vague idea of Christ's goodwill that moved him, but rather the fact that one has died for all."

HIS LOVE PROVIDED FOR OUR NEED

Sinners all *"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" (Romans 3:10)*

But Jesus died for the ungodly *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)*

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." (Romans 5:6)

Jesus was made a curse *"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:" (Galatians 3:13)*

HIS LOVE SACRIFICED FOR OUR NEED

a) Justified by Jesus blood b) Reconciled to God by Jesus death

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." (Romans 5:8-10)

Quote: "An understanding of God's love and grace had not caused him to live carelessly, it had in fact increased his devotion. He had a greater motivation to live with purpose...that is God's purpose for him."

2. A Compelling CALL (v. 15)

A. Compelled to Live unselfishly - not selfish

HE DIED FOR US

Jesus did the work "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." (Romans 5:6)

"And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:24)

WE SHOULD LIVE FOR HIM

Christian response "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Corinthians 6:1-9:20)

Not like Demas "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia." (2 Timothy 4:10)

B. Compelled to Live unreservedly - no reservations

WE OWE HIM EVERYTHING

WE OWE MEN NOTHING

Quote: "He can no longer pride himself 'on a man's position', only his standing before God, which is a gift of grace."

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: But fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7)

Christian growth "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;" (2 Corinthians 3:18-4:1)

3. A Comprehensive CHANGE (v. 17-18)

Quote: "God wants everything about us to be according to His new nature in us!"

A. We Are New in Christ (v. 17)

A NEW CREATION

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."
(Ephesians 1:13-14) *earnest means down payment*

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." (Romans 8:15)

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." (Romans 8:17)

THE OLD IS PASSED AWAY - "old man"

THE NEW HAS COME - "new man"

Quote: "That there is an exertion of divine power in the conversion of the sinner as really as in the act of creating the world out of nothing, and that this is as indispensable in the one case as in the other."

B. We Are New in purpose (v. 18)

IT IS GOD'S PURPOSE

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IT IS SHARED WITH US

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (John 20:21)

*Adopted
children
of God*

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of life: that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." (Philippians 2:15-16)

CONCLUSION

"Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." (Jude 1:21)



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