

Compelled By Christ's Love to Live for God's Pleasure
II Corinthians 5:1-15

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died." --II Corinthians 5:14

- I. How we want to be remembered: By our love.

- II. All eyes on Heaven - 5:1-5
 - A. We have a permanent address in heaven - John 14:1-3
 - B. The contrast between what is seen and unseen:
 - C. Life on earth is like camping - 5:2-4a
 - D. God's view of death: "What is mortal...swallowed up by life."
 - E. The heavenly outfit
 - F. Made for a purpose: To be eternally with Him
 - G. The Spirit is our down payment on our new home - 5:5

- III. Confidence comes through faith - 5:6-8
 - A. Paul repeats himself: 4:1, 8, 13,16; 5:6, 8
 - B. Paul has checkmate on life - Philippians 1:20-24
 - C. We put down roots in God, not this planet - Psalm 121:1-2
 - D. Why we must live by faith and not by sight--Hebrews 11:6

- IV. We live for God's pleasure - 5:9-10
 - A. The real purpose of "tent time"
 - B. The choice: To please myself or God.

- C. Our motives will be revealed - 5:10
 - D. The reward of pleasing God - Psalm 73:28; Genesis 15:1
- V. We persuade others to know God's purpose in Christ - 5:11
- A. The fear of the Lord gives wisdom - Proverbs 1:7;11:30
 - B. "What we are is plain to God" - 5:11-12; Matthew 23:27-28
 - C. The heart of the matter: Not keeping up appearances- 5:12
 - D. If my message is clear, call me a fool for Christ - 5:13
- V. We are moved by Christ's love - 5:14-15
- A. Paul's previous words lead to this summit statement.
 - B. What honestly motivates me?
 - C. Two strong words go together: "Compelled" and "Convinced"
 - D. Our understanding of God's love and the cross enables us to sincerely love - I John 4:18, 19
 - E. We live for God because we love Him - I Corinthians 13:1-2; John 14:15
 - F. Do I know and respond to the love of God every day?
--Revelations 2:2-5