

Compelled by Christ's Love

The selfless love of Christ obliges us to live beyond ourselves

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

His love for ALL people changes how we see others

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come!

We are to love others as Christ loves us

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

We are called to come alongside to reconcile others to God

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1} As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.

2 Corinthians 5:14-6:1



Through Christ... God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5:19



We can't give others what we don't have

Are we fully, daily reconciled with God?
Are we religious or personal with Jesus?
Do we see others as objects of God's love?

We are ambassadors in this world for God

We represent Him for new life, now and for eternity
We serve Him best when we are fully His
We love others even as we are loved by Christ



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In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 15:16

The Commands of Jesus

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Portions of Matthew 22:37-38



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Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Luke 15:18

God's kindness leads us toward repentance...

Romans 2:4c