

CCR Sermon Series – Called to Serve, Sent to Share
Jesus Our Motivation
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2 Corinthians 5:14-21

14 For the **love of Christ controls us**, because we have concluded this: that **one has died** for all, therefore all have died;

15 and **he died for all**, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who **for their sake died and was raised**.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

17 Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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

19 that is, **in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself**, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

20 Therefore, we are **ambassadors for Christ**, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God**.

21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might **become the righteousness of God**.

Mark 10:42-45

42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

SUMMARY:

1. Controlling Love of Christ (Motive for Serving)

[2 Cor 5:14-15, Mark 10:45]

Because of Jesus' sacrificial love, the love of Christ motivates us to serve.

2. Change of New Life in Christ (Evidence of Change)

[2 Cor 5:16-17]

In Christ, we are a new creation, let our lives speak about Christ.

3. Connected Back to God through Christ (Connected for Sharing)

[2 Cor 5:18-21]

Through reconciliation, we are connected back to God and are to share the love of Christ.

DISCUSS

1. Compelling Love of Christ (Motive for Serving)

In Mark 10:42-45, Jesus challenged us through His life of what it means "to serve rather than being served, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

When you find yourself reluctant to serve or share your faith, does it usually stem from a lack of time, or have you lost sight of how Compelling the Love of Christ is for you personally? How can we "re-fuel" that motivation this week?

2. Change of New Life in Christ (Evidence of Change)

Being a "new creation" (2 Cor 5:17) means our priorities shift from self-interest to Christ-interest.

In what specific area of your New Life—perhaps your workplace, home, or social circle—is God calling you to demonstrate a "servant's heart" as a way to show others that Jesus has truly changed you?

3. Connected back to God (Connected for Missions)

The apostle Paul says we have been Connected back to God so that we can be "Ambassadors of Reconciliation" (2 Cor 5:20).

If you are God's official representative in your neighbourhood or family, what is one practical way you can "share Christ" with someone who is currently disconnected from Him?

Love Of God

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Verse 1

It's so good I almost can't believe it
Far beyond what hearts could ever dream
The God who set the galaxies in motion
Would descend to give His life for me
For what could make perfection bleed for sinners
What leads a King to pay so great a cost
All my life, my heart will sing the answer
Only the love of God

Chorus

Singing oh, how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days, we will sing our Saviour's praise
How great is the love of God

Verse 2

It's so kind, it leads us to repentance
And it's so bright, the darkness has to flee
Hallelujah, it cleared my guilty sentence
For I was bound but now I stand redeemed
For what could break the chains of any prison?
What force could rob the power from the grave?
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches?
Only the love of God

Verse 3

Though I try, my mind can't comprehend it
It's so high, too marvellous for words
I could sing a million songs about it
And barely scratch the surface of Your worth
This all my life, the banner I'll be waving
My anthem cry no matter what may come
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven
I'll still be singing this song (oh, my song)
For everything that You've done
How great the love of God (hey)