

“The Love of Christ”

Text: II Corinthians 5:14

Scripture reading: Psalm 97

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Introduction:

-Paul, the reformed sinner: “Of all the features of St. Paul’s character, _____
_____ is the most striking.”

-Paul’s explanation of the mystery, “The love of Christ _____ us.”

“The Spirit is given to them that believe; and that Agent hath one argument that move us continually –the _____ of _____.”

“My present object, brethren, is to show how this argument, in the hand of the Spirit, moves the believer to live unto God,” writes McCheyne.

I. The love of Christ to man constraineth the believer to live a holy life, because that truth takes away all his dread and hatred of God.

II. The love of Christ to man constraineth the believer to live a holy life; because that truth not only takes away our fear and hatred, but stirs up our love.

“Love is the commander of the soul, and therefore God knows that if He has our hearts, He has all, for all the rest are at His command... Love sets the mind on thinking, the tongue on speaking, the hands on working, the feet on going, and every faculty obeys its command.”

-Richard Baxter; 1615-1691