

Compelling Love

2 Corinthians 5:12-16

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

We Have a Future Hope

We have this ministry ... (2Co 4:1)

We have this treasure ... (2Co 4:7)

We [have] the same spirit of faith ... (2Co 4:13)

We have a building of God (resurrection) (2Co 5:1)

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

6 So [we are] always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight [appearance of things].

2 Corinthians 5:8-9

8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

2 Corinthians 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things [done] in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:11

11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

2 Corinthians 5:12

12 For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have [an answer] for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.

2 Corinthians 5:13-14

13 For if we are beside ourselves, [it is] for God; or if we are of sound mind, [it is] for you. 14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

2 Corinthians 5:15-16

15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. 16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know [Him thus] no longer.

1 Samuel 16:7

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For [the LORD does] not [see] as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

2 Corinthians 5:9

9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

Acts 2:16-47

3 Parts to the whole Gospel

Revelation - Who He is/What He did.

Response - What we do.

Result - What we get.

2 Corinthians 5:13

13 For if we are beside ourselves, [it is] for God; or if we are of sound mind, [it is] for you.

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"Look, if I...if I appear to be a man insane, do you understand that I am dealing with a stewardship from God? And if you see me as a cool and calm and patient and gentle man, it's because I'm trying to deal with you. But in the end the matter that is at stake here is the truth. So, I'll defend myself because I want to be able to continue to propagate the truth."

2 Corinthians 5:14

14 For the love of Christ compels us,

[John 15:13 NKJV] 13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

[1John 3:16 NKJV] 16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down [our] lives for the brethren.

2 Corinthians 5:14

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

Romans 6:3-4

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 3:5-6

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

2 Corinthians 5:15

15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Matthew 22:36-40

36 "Teacher, which [is] the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 "This is [the] first and great commandment. 39 "And [the] second [is] like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 9:36

36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

2 Corinthians 5:16

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know [Him thus] no longer.

Regard no one according to the flesh

- Because we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen (2 Cor 4:18).
- Because our earthly tent will be destroyed, but we will have a new body, eternal in the heavens (2 Cor 5:1).
- Because we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor 5:7).
- Because we do not glory in appearance, but we glory in heart (2 Cor 5:12).
- Because the love of Christ compels us (2 Cor 5:15)

2 Corinthians 5:16

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know [Him thus] no longer.

John 16:7

7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

