

## Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:14–21

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 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. 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. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 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. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Notes:

What do you love?

- “The Gospel is the announcement that Jesus is the divine King of the world who lived, died, and was raised to be the ruler we so desperately need.” - The Bible Project

The Heart

- “One thing to get straight right from the start is that when the Bible speaks of the heart, whether Old Testament or New, it is not speaking of our emotional life only but of the central animating center of all we do. It is what gets us out of bed in the morning and what we daydream about as we drift off to sleep. It is our motivation headquarters. The heart, in biblical terms, is not part of who we are but the center of who we are. Our heart is what defines and directs us.”  
- Dane C. Ortlund in “Gentle and Lowly”

In salvation, our hearts are regenerated.

- **Regeneration** - the work of the Holy Spirit to unite the sinner to Christ by breathing new life into that sinner to raise him from spiritual death to spiritual life, removing his heart of stone and giving him a heart of flesh, so that he is washed, born from above and now able to repent and trust in Christ as a new creation.

New Hearts Result In:

- New affections
- New attitudes
- New actions
- New agenda

This Week:

- Evaluate what your heart desires. Do you love Jesus?
- Pursue the affections, attitudes, and actions of a regenerated heart.
- Talk about Jesus and the Gospel message to everyone often.