

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 27, 2010

“Paul’s Driving Motivations”
2 Corinthians 5:14-15

What drove Paul to live a revolutionary lifestyle?

Paul’s first driving motivation that contributed to his revolutionary lifestyle was the fear of the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:11-13).

Paul’s second driving motivation that contributed to his revolutionary lifestyle was the love of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

When Paul spoke of “the love of Christ” in 2 Corinthians 5:14, he was thinking specifically of how Christ expressed His love for us through His death on the cross of Calvary.

The word “controls” (SUNECHO) describes pressure that produces action.

Having been joined to Christ, through the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit, means that every true believer has died with Christ since they are, in fact, in Christ (Romans 6:1-3).

When Paul said that Christ “died for all,” he introduced the essential and irreplaceable truth of substitutionary atonement. In other words, Christ, our substitute, died our death.

Christ, having died our death, became the propitiation for our sins thus satisfying God’s righteous demands against us and making it possible for us to live through Him (1 John 4:9-10).

Christ died our death, not only that we through faith might live through Him, but also that we might live for Him (2 Corinthians 5:15).

May God give us the grace, in light of the love of Christ, to not live our lives for ourselves but for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.