

The Greatness of the Calling

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

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Introduction: The Supremacy of Christ in His sufferings and death.
- 2 Corinthians 4:5-15, 6:4-10, 1:3-11

1. The **Love** of Christ compels us (**1 Corinthians 2:1-5**)
 - a. We all **died** in Christ (substitutionary - legal, Romans 5:8, representative - judicial, Romans 5:12, and participatory - Galatians 2:20, Matthew 16:24)
2. The **Love** of God sent Christ (In the midst of hostility, conflict, and hate, Malachi 4:5-6, Rom. 5:10)
 - a. The **gift** of our eternal relationship with our Abba Father (groaning - Romans 8:15-25)
 - b. The **gift** of the ministry of reconciliation - entrusted to us (Colossians 1:28-29)
3. The Love of Christ **emboldens** us (Colossians 1:24) (Theology of the Cross)
 - a. God always **crucifies** before He resurrects in His **power**. (A proper theology of the cross leads to a proper theology of the resurrection.)
 - b. The greater the **burden**, the greater the **groaning**, the greater **joy** and divine **power** are found in Christ. (Proverbs 14:10, Matthew 10:25, 1 Peter 4:1-2, 2 Timothy 3:12)

Conclusion:

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