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2 Corinthians 5:14,15

I. Christ's Love Controls Us

The great compelling motive force in Paul's life since conversion is that of love; not, however, love originating in himself, but the love which originates and ends with God in Christ.

Controls – means to hold together, press together.

“The example of Christ's love controls our actions and leaves us no choice but to serve God and you...Ever since his conversion, Paul had felt “hemmed in” or without an option; he must expend himself in the service of others for Christ's sake”. Murray Harris

II. Christ's Death Brings Life

We have concluded - Krino pictures one sifting out and analyzing of evidence and then passing judgment after examining the evidence.

One has died for all - Christ died on the cross for those who believe in Him. He is not speaking of Christ's death for all humanity in this context.

Therefore all have died - The phrase one died for all, if it stood alone, could imply that Christ died for every person who ever lived. But Paul clarified his meaning by adding the phrase therefore all died.

“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.”

Romans 6:4 – “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Because we have died with Christ, we can overcome sin; and because we live with Christ, we can bear fruit for God's glory!

Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Titus 2:14 – “who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”

1 Peter 2:24 – “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.”

Live – present tense.

Christ died our death for us that we might live His life for Him!

"Christ died that we might live through Him and for Him, and that we might live with Him."

Warren Wiersbe

III. Conclusion