

**Series:** The Pattern of the Gospel

**Message:** Gospel Mission

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (NIV)

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The First Week's Theme:

The **vision** the gospel gives.

(Becoming more **captivated** with the immeasurable worth of Jesus.)

The **death** the gospel brings.

(Becoming more **convinced** that dying to self is the only appropriate response to the worth of Jesus.)

Last Week's Theme:

The **hope** the gospel promises.

(Becoming more **concerned** about eternity and the glory that is to come.)

This Week's Theme:

The **mission** the gospel propels.

(Becoming more **compelled** by the love of Christ and more **committed** to His mission.)

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>11</sup>Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others.

What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.

<sup>12</sup>We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart.

<sup>13</sup>If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

<sup>14</sup>For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

<sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

<sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

<sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

<sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### 1. The love of Christ compels us. (v. 14-17)

Compelled to live with a new selflessness. (v. 15)

Compelled to live with a new worldview. (v. 16)

Compelled to live as a new creation. (v. 17)

### 2. The love of Christ propels us. (v. 18-21)

Propelled to be messengers of reconciliation. (v. 18-19)

Propelled to be ambassadors for Christ. (v. 20)

2 Corinthians 5:21

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