

Common Wrong Motives

1. **A Bribe:** to get something from God
2. **Your own glory:** to gain reputation and respect
3. **Pride:** to feel good about yourself
4. **Repayment:** to pay God back for His goodness & grace
5. **Duty:** *solely* to fulfill your obligation to God
6. **Obedience:** *solely* to obey God's commands
7. **Love:** *solely* to show your love for God and others.
8. **God's Glory:** *solely* to bring glory to God.

The Love of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

- I. It's Defined as Christ's Love for Us (14a)
 - A. The Subject: "The Love of Christ"
 - It means "Christ's love for us" because of...
 1. Context: the following statements are clearly about Christ's love for us demonstrated in His death.
 2. Paul's practice: when he uses "love of" followed by a genitive of person, the person is showing love never receiving it.
 3. The other two occurrences: "the love of Christ" occurs in Rom. 8:35 & Eph. 3:19 and means "Christ's love."

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 - B. The Verb: "Controls"
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 - a. He loved you in eternity past (Ps. 103:17)
 - b. He loved you in the incarnation (Mt. 1:21; Jn. 13:1; 1 Tim. 1:15)
 - c. He still loves you (Rev. 1:5)
 - d. He will love you forever (Ps. 103:17)
 - e. He loved you in His death (Jn. 15:13; Eph. 5:2, 25; 1 Jn. 3:16)

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 2. Then, it will grip our affections—His love will compel us to love Him.
 3. Then, it will govern our wills—His love causes us to love Him and therefore to desire to please Him and live for Him.

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**Our Desire to Please
Him & Live for Him**

Our Love for Him & His People

Christ's Love for Us

The Truths about Christ's Death for Us

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 - A. Jesus Died for Us (14b).
 - B. We Died with Jesus (14c).
 - C. We Now Live for Jesus (15).