

The Love of Jesus



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God's Word extends to us the challenge of letting the Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit, prepare us for this exalted place in His plan and purpose. "For the love of Christ constraineth us, because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead. And that he died for all, that they which live **SHOULD NOT HENCEFORTH LIVE UNTO THEMSELVES, BUT UNTO HIM** which died for them and rose again." *2 Corinthians 5:14,15.*

Even though we are born again, the nature of the flesh would like to motivate our lives. However, as the love of Christ grips our hearts, it constrains us to yield our lives wholly to Him. The word constrains means, 'a violent force by which the soul is over-powered.'

Like the little rhyme: "I heard Him say, 'Come follow.' That was all. My gold grew dim, my soul went after Him." The gospel begins to possess us, command us, rule us, draw us not to live to ourselves, but unto Christ Jesus. It produces in us results contrary to nature. We desire to give Him back the life we owe. "That in 'His' ocean depth its flow, may richer, fuller be."

When we see the love of Christ in the Scripture, made real to us by the Holy Spirit, strength is given to surrender to the Lord without reservations.

"For the love of Jesus constrains us."

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