**COMPELLED**

**2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

**Introduction:**

1. What compels you to do some of the things you do?
2. As a Christian, what compels you to live and act in a certain manner?

**The Love of Christ is Compelling**

1. The love of Jesus is important because it compelled Him to go above and beyond what most people would be willing to do (Jn. 15:13).
2. Jesus died for “ALL” mankind (Jn. 3:16; Heb. 2:9).
3. Jesus died so we might live (Rom. 6:23; I Pet. 2:24).

**Christ’s Love Should Compel Us to Live for Him**

1. Giving one’s life to Jesus means no longer living for oneself, but living for Him (Gal. 2:20).
2. When we are compelled to live for Jesus, we make it our aim to please Him (2 Cor. 5:9).

**Christ’s Love Should Compel Us to See People Differently**

1. The mission of Jesus was to seek and save the lost (Lk. 19:10).
2. Those who are outside of Christ are “dead” in their sins (Eph. 2:1).

**Christ’s Love Should Compel Us to See Ourselves Differently**

1. Christians today are ambassadors for Christ (Matt. 28:19-20).
2. Knowing what we know, we should beg and persuade all men to be saved (Acts 26:24-29).

**When the Love of Christ Fails to Compel Us**

1. People remain lost (Matt. 9:36-38).
2. People die lost (Heb. 9:27).
3. People stand in judgment lost (2 Cor. 5:10).

**Conclusion:**

1. This earth serves as the closest some people will ever come to either heaven or hell.
2. May the love of Christ compel us to live out the mission of Jesus.