



# Scripture

**II Corinthians 5:11-21**

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# The Heart of the Matter

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# **I. The Fear of the Lord Constrains Us - Vs. 11-13**

## **Acts 18:4 -**

And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

## **Titus 2:7-10 -**

Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us...so that in everything (we) may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

## **II. The Love of the Lord Compels Us - Vs. 14-15**

“We are Jesus with skin on. We are a tangible glove for his intangible hand. We are how people experience Jesus. Through our hands people experience the hands of Jesus. Through our voice people hear the voice of Jesus. Through our service people experience the care of Jesus. Through our face people see the face of Jesus. Jesus brings himself to people through us...We are the presence of Jesus made tangible in our families, neighborhoods, workplaces and schools. The love we show, the patience we have, the notice we take, the attention we give, the truth we speak, the hope we inspire is not us but Christ living in and through us. This is why our participation in the mission of Jesus is simple. We can do this.”

**~Greg Finke, Joining Jesus on His Mission**

# **III. The Work of the Lord Commands Us**

## **- Vs. 16-21**

### **Galatians 3:13 -**

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law having become a curse for us.”

“Reconciliation was made by Christ’s death, but it is not possessed until it is received. And it is received by faith; not by working and earning it, but by believing and taking it...’Be reconciled’ means ‘receive your reconciliation,’ and that means ‘receive the Reconciler, who brings the reconciliation with Him;’ Christ’s gifts and Christ Himself cannot be separated.”

**~J.I. Packer**