

**“The Love of Christ Compels Us,”** based on 2 Corinthians 5 - by Chuck Goodin

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The tone is challenging, a bit forceful, yet caring.

Hold up. ONE

Stop. TWO

Listen up THREE

Before we go any further, FOUR

Let's get a few things straight . FIVE

We need to go over the basics. ONE

A few fundamental truths. TWO

We are God's ambassadors. THREE

His representatives. FIVE

We are the BODY of Christ. ONE

Jesus is walking the earth. TWO

Right now. THREE

Through us. FOUR

That's you and me. FIVE

Think about that. ONE

Beat.

You may be the only Jesus some people will ever know. TWO

God is living in you. THREE

And through you. FOUR

That means something. FIVE

That's a responsibility ONE

What are you going to do with that? TWO

What are you going to do with your life? THREE

With this day? FOUR

People need to see Him FIVE

Experience Him ONE

And they need to *HEAR* Him TWO

Beat.

We can't be afraid to speak- THREE

The truth.	ALL
People need to know.	FOUR
That something is wrong	FIVE
Something is just not right.	ONE
That's not being judgmental.	TWO
That's the truth.	THREE
That is love.	ALL
The love of Christ compels us-	FOUR
To tell them.	FIVE
See, if people don't know Jesus.	ONE
They don't know God.	TWO
They can't.	THREE
Their sin separates them from Him.	FOUR
Apart from Jesus we are God's enemy.	FIVE
If we don't do something with our sin-	ONE
Then we cannot be in God's presence.	TWO
We can't live with Him forever.	THREE

We can't spend eternity with Him .	FOUR
That is the bad news	FIVE
Very. Bad. News.	ALL
But here is the good news	ONE
God doesn't want anyone to live apart from Him	TWO
He doesn't want anyone to die in their sin.	THREE
For God so loved the world	ALL
So God came to earth.	FOUR
Jesus.	ALL
He went to the cross.	FIVE
Jesus who never sinned.	ONE
Became the payment for our sin.	TWO
He paid our penalty.	THREE.
That we could become like Him.	FOUR
Clean.	FIVE
Whole.	ONE
Right.	TWO

Good.	THREE
What was wrong with you-	FOUR
Has now become right.	FIVE
If you are connected to Jesus,	ONE
You become righteous like God.	TWO
You are a new creation-	THREE
Old things are gone.	FOUR
What an incredible free gift!	FIVE
Beat.	
Once you were God's enemy-	ONE
Now you are His child.	TWO
You have been adopted	THREE
You are a part of His family	FOUR
You belong.	FIVE
Isn't that amazing?	ONE
Don't you want to share that?	TWO
Don't you want others to know?	THREE

FOUR

We can't keep this to ourselves.

FIVE

God wants everyone to be in His family.

ONE

He doesn't want anyone to be condemned.

TWO

He doesn't want anyone to miss out.

THREE

He wants everyone to know what real life is all about.

FOUR

He loves us,

FIVE

And we have to tell the world.

ONE

We must work hard to persuade others.

TWO

We have to yell it from the rooftops.

ALL

"Come back to God!"

(echo as needed)

Beat.

THREE

People may say they don't want to know.

FOUR

They may say they don't care.

FIVE

They may think you are crazy.

ONE

But that's because they just don't understand.

TWO

So keep loving them.

THREE

Keep serving them.

Keep praying for them. FOUR

Praying. Praying. Praying. ALL

Keep sharing the truth. FIVE

Because the love of Christ compels us, ONE

And we have reached this conclusion: TWO

We will no longer live for ourselves THREE

We will live for the One who died for us. FOUR

Our Lord who was raised from death to life. FIVE

We are His agents, ONE

And this is our mission. ALL