

# “Love Does Because His Love Compels Us”

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“For **Christ’s love compels us**, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.” 2 Cor. 4:14-15

“The love of Christ impels us” (NAB)

“For the love of Christ urges us on” (NRSV)

“For the love of Christ controls us” (NASB)

“For the love of Christ overwhelms us” (NJB)

“For the love of Christ lays hold of us” (MLB)

“For Christ’s love compels us.” (NIV)

Love does....but why?

1. **Jesus** is love.

*“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” Rom. 8:35*

*“How wide, long, high and deep is the love of Christ?” Eph. 3:18*

*“For Christ’s love compels us.” 2 Cor. 5:14*

2. Jesus **died** for all of us.

- A Christian who does not love has **lost the meaning** of the life given for him.

*“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the spirit...” 1 Pet. 3:18*

3. Jesus **death** and **resurrection** compels us to live for Him and not **ourselves**.

- Salvation is the liberating work of Christ in us that **frees us** to love others.

*“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Gal 2:20*

4. Love does or **faith** comes into question.

- “Most people want to love, they may even plan to love but they forget or just never get around to loving...Love must be an attitude of life, not a single decision.” Bob Goff; “Love Does”

*“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such a faith save him?...As the body with out the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead.” Jms. 2:14, 26*

“The greatest lie of all time is bound up in two words: “someone else.””  
Bob Goff; “Love Does”