

**Volume 5, Day 24: Concerned About Me
or Possessed by Love for God?**

"For the love of Christ constrains us." -- 2 Corinthians 5:14

Paul says he is overruled, overmastered, held as in a vice, by the love of Christ. Very few of us know what it means to be held in a grip by the love of God. We are completely blinded to the love of God because we are so overwhelmed and focused on our personal experiences only. The one thing that held Paul's attention, until there was nothing else on his mind, was the enormous, captivating love of God. "The love of Christ constrains us." When you feel that depth of love and caring in a person, you can never mistake it. You know that the Spirit of God is unhindered by the self-life.

When we are born again of the Spirit of God, the testimony is the transformed motivations within us. But our witness unto Jesus Christ overshadows that. We begin to realize what Jesus meant when He said - "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me." Not witnesses to what Jesus can do. We will take everything that happens as happening to Him, whether it be praise or blame, persecution or commendation. When and only when, it is no longer about my reputation, can I be true to Jesus Christ in all things. No one can stand with Jesus Christ who is not overwhelmed by the enormity of His unconditional love.

This is the only thing that matters in the Christian life. The strange thing is that it is the last thing actualized in a Christian. Paul says he is gripped by the love of God. Men may call him mad or sober, but he does not care. There is only one thing he is living for, and that is to persuade men of sin, righteousness, judgment seat of God, and of the love of Christ. Abandon to the love of God is the one thing that bears fruit in the life, and it will always leave the impression of the holiness and of the power of God, never of our personal holiness.

My Confirming Scriptures:

Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan