

**THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD'S AGAPE LOVE - to MOTIVATE You  
to LIVE for HIM who DIED for YOU.  
(2 Corinthians 5:12-15)**

- D. **GOD'S ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE IS SUFFICIENT - to Fortify You to ENDURE HARDSHIP in being FAITHFUL now & REWARDED later by Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 4:8-15)**
- E. **GOD'S UNFAILING PROMISES ARE SUFFICIENT - to Give You HOPE for the FUTURE and CLEAR DIRECTION in TIME. (2 Cor. 4:16 - 5:11)**
- F. **GOD'S AGAPE LOVE IS SUFFICIENT - to MOTIVATE you to LIVE for HIM who DIED for You. (2 Cor. 5:12-15)**

**2 Corinthians 5:12-13** For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give \_\_\_\_ opportunity to boast {rejoice, give verbal honor} on \_\_\_\_\_ {instead of us having to come to our verbal defense - why?}, that you may have an answer for those who boast in \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_ {in reference to the false teachers who were criticizing & undermining Paul's credibility - 10:7-10}.

**13** For if we are beside ourselves {appear out of our minds in our sacrifice & service for Christ}, it is \_\_\_\_\_ {1 Cor. 4:10}; or if we are of sound mind, it is \_\_\_\_\_. So what is Paul's life all about?

1) The "love of Christ" underscores the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ in His thoughts and actions toward us.

- What kind of love is this *NOT* referring to?
- What must we be careful about when discussing "agape" love? (1 John 2:15)
- What is the *OT counterpart* to agape love? (Psalm 92:1-2; Psalm 36:5-7)
- What is a *theological definition* of agape love when used in reference to God's love for us or our Christian love to others?
- The stated *objects* of God's love are:
  - (1) \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 3:17; John 3:35, 17:24)
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 3:1)
  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_. (Deuteronomy 7:6-9)
  - (4) \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:16)

2) The "love of Christ" clarifies the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's love, which is foremost His love \_\_\_\_\_, not vice-versa. {1 John 4:9-10, 19; Ephesians 3:17-19; }

- 3) The “love of Christ” highlights our \_\_\_\_\_ that should \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us in our Christian lives. What truth & motivation precedes each of the key passages on living the Christian life in the Epistles?
- 4) The “love of Christ” as our primary motivation in our Christian lives is a \_\_\_\_\_ that is reached by weighing out the facts. (5:14a) *For the love of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ us, because we \_\_\_\_\_ thus.* What does this indicate about the Christian life truly lived by grace?
- 5) The “love of Christ” was demonstrated in His \_\_\_\_\_ us. (5:14b) *that if* {1<sup>st</sup>} *One died* {aorist, active, indicative} \_\_\_\_\_ {hyper - on behalf of; in the place of} \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) The “love of Christ” resulted in our \_\_\_\_\_ upon placing our faith in Him alone (5:14c) *then all* \_\_\_\_\_; {Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:1-7}
- 7) The “love of Christ” also resulted in our \_\_\_\_\_ upon trusting in Him alone as Savior. (5:15a) *and He died for all, that those who* \_\_\_\_\_ {Eph. 2:1-10}
- 8) The “love of Christ” should result in believers \_\_\_\_\_ living for \_\_\_\_\_. (5:15b) *should live no longer for themselves,* {1 Peter 4:1-4; Ephesians 4:11-17, 28}
- 9) The “love of Christ” should result in believers now living for \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ for them and \_\_\_\_\_. (5:15c) *And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.* {1 John 4:9-10, 18-19; Romans 8:38-39}

- How does this apply to you?