

**A New Creation
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2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2**

God is in the business of making all things new!

Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

Revelation 21:5a

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

What compels you? What drives you to do what you do daily?

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died.

2 Corinthians 5:14

In our day-to-day life many things may compel us to do what we do.

At your very core, what compels you? In other words, why do you do what you do? What is your motivation?

Are you compelled by:

1) Grace

Grace, getting what we do not deserve. Also been defined as **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**.

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2 Corinthians 5:14

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Romans 5:8

Compelled by **Grace** or by **Law**?

2) Relationship

I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

John 10:14

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

1 John 4:16

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Salvation is vs. what Salvation isn't

IS

In Christ, through faith

ISN'T

Not by works

Relationship with God + Heaven

Not “heaven” only

Free for us

Not free for Him

Following God (“follow me”)

A “decision” then living how we want

You are saved by faith alone, but not by faith which remains alone! ~ Martin Luther.

Compelled by relationship or rules?

As a part of that relationship, when our motives are true and right there are rewards to be had!

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

There are five heavenly crowns mentioned in the New Testament that will be awarded to believers. They are the imperishable crown, the crown of rejoicing, the crown of righteousness, the crown of glory, and the crown of life. The Greek word translated “crown” is *stephanos* (the source for the name Stephen the martyr) and means “a badge of royalty, a prize in the public games or a symbol of honor generally.” Used during the ancient Greek games, it referred to a wreath or garland of leaves placed on a victor’s head as a reward for winning an athletic contest. As such, this word is used figuratively in the New Testament of the rewards of heaven God promises those who are faithful. Paul’s passage in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 best defines for us how these crowns are awarded.¹

Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

All Believers are going to have to stand before Jesus someday and give an account of service. This should motivate us to serve Him acceptably.

3) The need of others

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

We need to see people as God sees them!

Prayer Focus:

- I would honestly answer, “What “compels” me?”
- I would be compelled by God and Godly things.
- I would think of people I know, by name, who need what I have, Jesus.

¹ Gotquestions.org