

A New Creation
June 12, 2022
2 Corinthians 5:12-21

1) What compels me? (v. 14)

Compel – anagkazo (verb) – means to do so with **urgency** or with a pressing necessity.

Agape - active love of God, for His Son and His people. Goodwill, benevolence and willful delights in the object of love. Involves faithfulness, commitment and act of the will.

Divine love, or agapē. This is another term used in the New Testament and refers to a love not of emotions or feelings, but of the will and of choice. This type of love can be defined as the steady intention of the will to another's highest good. It is an ongoing benevolence—willing (-volence) what's good or best (bene-) for another.

Agape love = the steady intention of the will to another's highest good.

God is the source of this kind of agapē love: “We love, because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). This love is characterized by unselfishness and giving, even to the point of sacrifice. It's an unconditional love that doesn't judge based on performance.¹

Another way to ask this is, “What is my motive?” It should be because of Christ's love and giving out that love as I take it in.

I can only give that which I have experienced and continue to experience.

2) What or who am I living to/for? (v. 15)

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. **Galatians 2:20**

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He ^[a]takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

⁵ “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are

¹ <https://kenboa.org/living-out-your-faith/five-loves-greatest-agape/>

burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you^[b] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

John 15:1-8

3) What newness am I enjoying? (v. 17)

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be ^[a]done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members as ^[a]instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:1-14

We are no longer slaves to sin but righteousness. Praise the Lord! That which brought death, despair, doubt, and regret we no longer have to live to, rather we live to Jesus and He produces in us fruit.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

4) Who am I pleading with? (vs. 18-21)

Judgment is coming.

Everyone, literally everyone is either an enemy or friend of God.

Who am I pleading with?

Prayer Focus:

What am I compelled by?

What is my motivation?

Who am I pleading with?