

The Essentials of Your Christian Identity

#1: Christ's Love Compels Us

2 Corinthians 5:14

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Faith in the sacrificial and unconditional love of Christ forcefully compels and drives us to live for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14a).

How much you love and obey God depends on how much you believe He loves you.

1) You cannot love God more than you believe He loves you

Often Pastors and parents try to convince people more about the commands of God instead of the love of God. Often they put more pressure on people to obey instead of helping them have more power to obey. Many parents and Pastors should preach less commands and pray more love. (Eph 3:18-19)

2) Growing in your faith

The strength of your faith is always based on evidence. (Heb 11:1; Matt 6:26; Rom 5:8).

Since the cross of Christ, it is no longer God's love for you that is on trial, but your love for God. (Jam 1:17; 1 Sam 17:34-37; Ps 78:9-11)

Homework this week: My Record of Blessings & Disappointments with God

L.I.F.E. Group Discussion ?'s

- What was especially meaningful to you in this message?
- Why did Jesus say the prostitute would love Him more?
- What are some ways this message summarized the whole Christian life?
- What is the most important question a Christian needs to answer?
- How does our faith in God's love grow?
- How has God revealed His love to you in difficult times?