Motivation for Service: Message

The fifth chapter in Paul’s second letter to the church in Corinth is a very encouraging passage of Scripture. We are encouraged and motivated into service to God. Service simply means that believers will express their worship of God by serving him. We serve God by putting him first in our lives.

One day we will leave our earthly tents behind and we will be with the Lord. Verse five tells us that God has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Holy Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. Verse nine tells us that from now on, therefore, we make it our goal to please the Lord. We are motivated to serve God with inspired confidence.

We are also motivated by love. We find in verse fourteen that we are compelled by the very love of Christ working within us through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. This reality causes us, as verse fifteen exhorts, to no longer live for ourselves, but for Jesus who died for us. Christ’s love will be reflected in our self-sacrifice – sacrificial love for others. Today, we will complete our study on motivation for service by highlighting the call that God has placed on our lives as his people. We are motivated by a message:

“*He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*

*We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors” (2 Cor. 5:19-20).*

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**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

16-17 GO WITH GOD’S EYES

18-19 GO WITH GOD’S MESSAGE

20-21 GO WITH GOD’S CALLING

 Isaiah 53:4-6

 Romans 3:23-26