

COMPELLED

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds

Introduction: Some people consider compulsive behavior to be bad behavior. In a way it can be seen as a negative, however, other things compel us and they are not evil. We get a glimpse into Paul's life in **II Corinthians 5:14-15** and can see what compelled him. What moves you? Let's consider a few passages and thoughts together.....

Discussion:

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| I. Compelled By Need
Matthew 27:32 | VS. | II Corinthians 5:14-15 |
| II. Compelled By God
Acts 18:5 | VS. | II Corinthians 5:14-15 |
| III. Compelled By Religion
Acts 26:11 | VS. | II Corinthians 5:14-15 |
| IV. Compelled By Destiny
Acts 28:19 | VS. | II Corinthians 5:14-15 |
| V. Compelled By Christians
II Corinthians 12:11 | VS. | II Corinthians 5:14-15 |
| VI. Compelled By Righteousness
Galatians 2:3 | VS. | II Corinthians 5:14-15 |
| VII. Compelled By Influence
Philemon 14 | VS. | II Corinthians 5:14-15 |

Conclusion: There are so many things that can compel you to walk in the light. Those things can move us to do great things! However, we should take a second glance at this list. The love of Christ compels us, or at least it should compel us. This is what compelled Paul. Love is what compelled Jesus to come to the earth, to be beaten, insulted, scourged, and hung upon the cross. It was love that kept Him on the cross. His love for you is what compels Him to prepare a place for you in heaven and that same love will cause Him to take you home. Do you love Him enough to believe in Him, to confess His name, to change your life, to surrender fully to His will, to be covered by His blood in baptism, and to become a new creature? Are you compelled?