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"For the love of Christ..."

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:10

A. A love extended to us before we <u>clean up</u> our lives.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8

B. A love which patiently waits for us to respond.

"And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life." 1 Tim. 1:16

C. A love which unleashes God's overwhelming favor.

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us...made us alive..." Eph. 2:4-5

2. HAS A RECIPROCAL EFFECT.

"For the love of Christ controls us..." vs. 14b

"We love, because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:11

3. CHANGES US FOREVER. Vs. 14c-17

"...having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." vs. 14c-15

A. How we view our *purpose*.



"Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh..." vs. 16a

B. How we view others.

"And walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma." Eph. 5:2 C. How we view *Jesus*.

"...even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer." vs. 16b

D. How we view *everything*.

"Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." vs. 17

APPLICATION FOR ME:

"See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God..." 1 John 3:1

