

## Ready to Reconcile #1: Don't Live For Yourself Anymore

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 7/07/2019

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  - Know Christ, Grow Together, Show the World
- Vision 2020: shifting focus from an inward to an outward focus
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    - Am I being moved by His love for me or my love for Him?
      - received love vs required love
        - I could never supply enough required love
          - works-based, fleeting, leaves me in charge
      - Faith trusts & acts upon an undeserved received love
  - Controls us
    - compels, impels, pushes, pressure that produces action
    - hold fast or hold together, a boundary that directs a charge
    - The love of Christ is the channel that directs our life
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  - Therefore all died
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    - Only live by grace through faith in Christ Jesus
    - Might no longer live for themselves
    - But must live for the one who died & rose on their behalf
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