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A NEW MOTIVATION

- **Motivated by the love Jesus demonstrated for us... (14)**
 - *controls* – makes us its prisoner
 - *compels* – urges, presses us
 - *constrains* – keep us within it
- **The love Jesus demonstrated when He died for us (14)**
 - For all of us
 - When all of us were dead, while we were sinners (Rom. 5:8)
- **Christ's love completely changes those that truly believe (15)**
 - They no longer live for self... having crucified that "old creature"
 - They live for Him whose love transformed them (9)



What *controlled*, *compelled* and *constrained* us during 2020?

A NEW PERSPECTIVE

- **When the love of Christ *controls* us...**
- **Christ's love *compels* us to no longer judge by human standards (16)**
 - Some even mis-judged our Lord by applying false standards (16)
 - Christ's love compels us to reject racism, prejudice and partiality
- **The Corinthians had shown carnal attitudes toward:**
 - Leaders and teachers (1 Cor. 3:1-4ff)
 - Brothers and sisters (1 Cor. 8:1-3ff)
 - Revealed worship (1 Cor. 11:20ff)
- **Christ's love *constrains* what we condemn and commend**
 - Love does not condemn what God has not (1 Cor. 8:8)
 - Love does not approve what God has not (1 Cor. 11:27)



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- **A new creation in Christ has a new way of being (17)**
 - A new motivation – the love of Christ
 - A new way of living – for Christ and others
 - A new way of judging – not according to worldly standards
- **The old way has passed away (17)**
 - Old ways of thinking
 - Old ways of acting
 - Old ways of valuing others
 - **Let the old pass away... let the new come...**
- **A NEW YEAR offers a NEW CHANCE to be a NEW CREATION**

What will *control*, *compel* and *constrain* us in **2021**?



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“For the love of Christ controls us...”



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