

The Church Scattered: From Attractional to Missional

2 Corinthians 5:14-6:10 Exegetical Outline

1. **Controlled by Christ's Love (5:14-17)**

- a. Christ died for us; we died to self (5:14)
- b. Christ was raised to life; we live for Christ (5:15)
 - i. Therefore, we have a new regard (5:16)
 - ii. Therefore, we are new creatures (5:17)

2. **Commissioned by God's Plan (5:18-20)**

- a. God's ministry of reconciliation (5:18-19)
 - i. From God
 - ii. Through Christ
 - iii. To man
 - (1) Given
 - (2) Entrusted
- b. God's message of reconciliation (5:19)
 - i. Relationship broken by sin
 - ii. Forgiveness offered through Christ
- c. God's messengers of reconciliation (5:20-21)
 - i. Ambassadors for Christ
 - (1) Representing
 - (2) Appealing
 - (3) Imploring
 - ii. Righteousness of God
 - (1) The Sinless became sin
 - (2) The sinner became sinless

3. **Compelled by God's Grace (6:1-10)**

- a. Partnering with God (6:1a)
- b. Pleading with man (6:1b-2)
- c. Promoting the gospel (6:3)
- d. Persevering in faith (6:4-10)
 - i. Trials (6:4-5)
 - (1) Afflictions
 - (2) Hardships
 - (3) Calamities
 - (4) Beatings
 - (5) Imprisonments
 - (6) Riots

- (7) Labors
- (8) Sleepless nights
- (9) Hunger
- ii. Virtues (6:6)
 - (1) Purity
 - (2) Knowledge
 - (3) Patience
 - (4) Kindness
 - (5) The Holy Spirit
 - (6) Genuine love
- iii. Instruments (6:7)
 - (1) Truthful speech
 - (2) Power of God
 - (3) Weapons of righteousness
- iv. Paradoxes (6:8-10)
 - (1) Honor and dishonor
 - (2) Slander and praise
 - (3) Imposter and true
 - (4) Unknown and well-known
 - (5) Dying and alive
 - (6) Punished and not killed
 - (7) Sorrowful and rejoicing
 - (8) Poor and making rich
 - (9) Having nothing and possessing everything

Application Questions

1. What truly controls your life? Are you consumed by the love of Christ? Have you been so transformed by His love that you see and are broken by the lostness around you?
2. Are you fulfilling God's commission upon your life? As His ambassador are you actively engaging the lost with the gospel? Are you missional or attractional? Are you leveraging your work, your skills, your relationships, and your influence for the ministry of reconciliation?
3. As a result of the gospel, are you experiencing trials; are you growing in virtues; are you engaging the instruments of faith; are you discovering the paradoxes of the Christian life? If not, why not begin today living your faith incarnationally and missionally compelled by God's grace?