



TODAY: TOWARD NEW LIFE

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2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-15

To live each day accountable to Jesus changes the day and changes us. Out of this practice we become:

1. Persuasive people, but not with the smoke and mirrors of human persuasiveness. Our words and actions are shaped by the Spirit to register in the conscience of others.
2. People worth following, refreshingly uncluttered, without façade.
3. People who think abnormally sound--as God thinks, for the highest good of others.
4. People driven by the love of Jesus that alone meets THE need that creates all others.
5. People released from slavery to our own neediness. Jesus persistently draws us into relationship with Him, the life He has recaptured for us.

QUESTIONS

1. Paul says he persuades others because of his fear of the Lord. How do you think one's fear of the Lord relates to his motivation to persuade others? How does it relate to his ability to persuade others?
2. At Red Mountain you hear us say that God cares about what we DO, but first about who we ARE. What are some things Paul says about who he IS and IS NOT, beginning in the middle of verse 11?
3. What were some things Paul may have been thinking about when he wrote the statement in verse 14, "that one has died for all, therefore, all have died"? What does that even mean?
4. Verse 15 is one of the best verses in the Bible about God's plan for what we do and who we are. What are some areas of self-centeredness that God has weeded out in you? What kinds of situations make you aware of the incompleteness of this work?
5. What are some things God has provided for us so that this kind of living can take root and continue to grow in us? What are some things that happen in us that block this work?