



**March 24, 2024 | Pastor Keith Krell**  
**2 Corinthians 5:11-21 | "Motivated Ministry"**

**Sermon Application Review from 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10**

How did you focus your gaze on glory this past week (4:16–18)?

In what ways did you spend less time, money, and energy on your tent (5:1–5)?

How are you preparing for the judgment seat of Christ (5:9–10)?

**Scripture Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:11–21

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

Galatians 2:20; 3:27–28

Romans 5:6–10

Titus 2:11–14

1 John 2:15–17

Colossians 3:5–17

**Study Questions**

1. How well does your life reflect fear for the Lord (5:11)? In what way does this fear motivate you to service? How can you help other believers grow in their fear of the Lord?
2. What does being "controlled by Christ's love" (5:14–15) look like practically for you? What else in your life is competing for control (e.g., job, children, finances)? How can you cultivate a great love for Christ?
3. How do you introduce yourself (5:16)? What do you think is important for others to know about you? How does this reflect the way you define yourself? Have you ever had an "identity crisis" or an experience that caused you to question your sense of self? How did this impact your life? In what ways are you different because of this experience? What are some of the significant life and character transformations you've experienced as a result of the gospel?
4. How well do you remember the day you were reconciled to God (5:18–19)? Have you shared that experience with others lately? Who would you like to share Christ with this week? What are the obstacles for this person receiving the gospel?
5. How does your life reflect your ambassadorship for Christ (5:20)? In what ways can you more effectively represent Christ to the world around you? How would you explain the message of reconciliation through Christ to someone?

**Recommended Reading**

Brian S. Rosner, *Known by God: A Biblical Theology of Personal Identity* (Zondervan, 2017)

Jerry Bridges, *Who Am I?: Identity in Christ* (Cruciform, 2012)

C. J. Mahaney, *The Cross Centered Life: Keeping Gospel The Main Thing* (Multnomah, 2002)

Randy Newman, *Questioning Evangelism* (Kregel, 2004)