

# COMPELLED BY LOVE

Message Four – INDWELLING LOVE

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2 Corinthians 5:14-15, *For **Christ's love compels us**, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.* (NIV)

The love of the Father is a searching love. The love of the Son is a dying love. Today, we will see that the love of the Spirit is an indwelling love. He comes to live in us, enabling and empowering us to love in new and transcending ways. Without him, we cannot do it.

## SALVATION IS MORE THAN A "HEAD" THING

Making a faith commitment to Jesus is not just accepting a new worldview or a new life philosophy.

It is a **life-change** event.

A snapshot of what happens.

Romans 5:1-5, *Since we have been made right with God by our faith, we have peace with God. This happened through our Lord Jesus Christ, who through our faith has brought us into that blessing of God's grace that we now enjoy. And we are happy because of the hope we have of sharing God's glory. We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these*

*troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope. And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts. He gave us his love through the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to us. (NCV)*

... We are **made right** with God.

...We enjoy all the blessings of **God's grace**.

...We have **happiness** because of **hope**.

...God has poured his **love** in our hearts by the **indwelling** Holy Spirit.

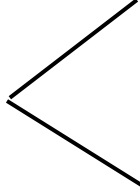
Something happens inside us.

*Philippians 2:13, God is working in you to help you want to do and be able to do what pleases him. (NCV)*

Romans 8:11, The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. (NLT)

### WHEN PAUL TREMBLED!

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5, When I first came to you to let you in on God's master stroke, I didn't try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who he is; then Jesus and what he did—Jesus crucified. I was unsure of how to go about this, and felt totally inadequate—I was scared to death, if you want the truth of it—and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. But the Message came through anyway. God's Spirit and God's power did it, which made it clear that your life of faith is a response to God's power, not to some fancy mental or emotional footwork by me or anyone else. (Msg)*

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The Holy Spirit will **help** you, will reveal **truth**, and **convict** the heart.

*John 14:26, But the Helper will teach you everything and will cause you to remember all that I told you. This Helper is the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name. (NCV)*

*1 Corinthians 2:9-10, But as it is written in the Scriptures: "No one has ever seen this, and no one has ever heard about it. No one has ever imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." But God has shown us these things through the Spirit. (NCV)*

*John 16:8, When the Helper comes, he will prove to the people of the world the truth about sin, about being right with God, and about judgment. (NCV)*

## LET THE SPIRIT MOVE YOUR LIFE

*Ephesians 5:17-21, Don't be stupid. Get a grip on what God wants. Don't get drunk and let wine ruin your life. Instead, always yield yourself to the Holy Spirit and let him set your life in motion. Great singing and spontaneous music will flow from your heart and will speak to and encourage others. In every situation, you will bring a reason to give thanks to God. And your life will serve and bless others because Jesus is number one to you. (MCP)*