

FAITH THAT ACTS OUT OF LOVE

"Since we know what it means to fear the Lord, we try to persuade people. Who we are is clear to God, and I hope it is equally clear to your consciences. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but we are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you may have an answer for those who take pride in outward appearances rather than in what is in the heart. If we are out of our minds, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right minds, it is for your sake. For the love of Christ compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all; therefore, all died. And he died for all so that those who live might no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died and was raised for them. So from now on, we regard no one from a human point of view. Although we once regarded Christ in this way, we no longer regard him that way. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation—that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God. God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As God's fellow workers, we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you that now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. We give no cause for offense to anyone, so that our ministry may not be discredited." (2 Corinthians 5:11–6:3)

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- **Vision;**
- **Called.**

