

INSPIRING, COMFORTING.

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The Love of Christ Holds Us Prisoners for the Purpose of Elevating and Inspiring Us; A Delightful Condition Indeed.

Text: "The love of Christ constraineth us." 11. Corinthians, v., 14.

Does this mean the love of Christ for us, or our love for Christ? Evidently, the love of Christ for us, though by implication our love for Christ.

Our love is kindled at the altar of Christ's love. Our purpose in this discourse, however, is to study the word "constrain." I believe in plenary inspiration.

John wrote as John, Peter as Peter, Paul as Paul, the Holy Spirit not making them automatons or machines, but using their different personalities.

Jesus is on His way to the house of Jairus. A great multitude crowd around Him and through Him. He said: "Who touched Me?"

The multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest Thou, Who touched Me? (Luke viii., 45.) This word "pressed" is the "constrain" of our text.

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But with this there is the pressure of obligation. We are told in Acts xviii., 5: "Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ."

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by Jesus at His will; one hypnotized of evil; the other of good. The world is led by the sirens song toward destruction; the Christian is drawn by the angelic music of Christ's love toward heaven.

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wife's mother was taken with a great fever. That word "taken" is "constrained." The fever had possession of her. The same word is used in Matthew iv., 24: "Taken with divers diseases and torments."

The love of Christ takes hold of me like a fever-like an incurable disease; like a demoralizing possession. Does not that imply something of fanaticism?

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Mercantile Appraiser's List.

The vendors of foreign and domestic merchandise, brokers, etc., in Centre county, Pa., will take notice that they are appraised by the undersigned appraiser of mercantile and other license tax for the year 1900, as follows, to-wit:

Table listing mercantile appraisers and their respective businesses across various locations including Aaronsburg, Bellefonte, and other towns in Centre County, Pa.

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