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Unselfish Love

2 Cor. 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."

"We live in a very selfish generation." I heard that statement a while back and there is no doubt that it is true. The reason it is true is because from Adam and Eve's fall, that is what all people are. We are selfish. "Self" is the root of every sin. You can't name a sin that's not selfish. Every sin is motivated by that selfishness that is resident within all people. But, the miracle of God's love is that it brings us new life. When we receive His salvation through Jesus' sacrifice for us, we become new creations. It is as though the selfishness in us starts to fade and the love of God grows and grows within us. And, for those who are in Christ Jesus, His desires start to become our desires. Paul states this whole concept in Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Yes, we have and "I" problem that can only be solved by the one who created us. The one who "died for all" as our passage says; and, He died for a reason. It was not only so that we could have life, but that we could live life for Him and not ourselves. Now, here is the whole motivation for this living: Christ's love compels us. This word in Greek is *ypochreono* which means our obligation and motivation. Because of what He has done by His love, we are to live and love like He does; totally unselfishly.

Dear Lord, help me to live for You alone today. Your love is great and I want to give it away today. In Jesus Name, Amen