

The Compelling Majesty of His Power

By Oswald Chambers

The love of Christ compels us... —2 Corinthians 5:14

Paul said that he was overpowered, subdued, and held as in a vise by “the love of Christ.” Very few of us really know what it means to be held in the grip of the love of God. We tend so often to be controlled simply by our own experience. The one thing that gripped and held Paul, to the exclusion of everything else, was the love of God. “The love of Christ compels us...” When you hear that coming from the life of a man or woman it is unmistakable. You will know that the Spirit of God is completely unhindered in that person’s life.

When we are born again by the Spirit of God, our testimony is based solely on what God has done for us, and rightly so. But that will change and be removed forever once you “receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...” ([Acts 1:8](#)). Only then will you begin to realize what Jesus meant when He went on to say, “...you shall be *witnesses* to Me...” Not witnesses to what Jesus can do— that is basic and understood— but “witnesses to Me...” We will accept everything that happens as if it were happening to Him, whether we receive praise or blame, persecution or reward. No one is able to take this stand for Jesus Christ who is not totally compelled by the majesty of His power. It is the only thing that matters, and yet it is strange that it’s the last thing we as Christian workers realize. Paul said that he was gripped by the love of God and that is why he acted as he did. People could perceive him as mad or sane— he did not care. There was only one thing he lived for— to persuade people of the coming judgment of God and to tell them of “the love of Christ.” This total surrender to “the love of Christ” is the only thing that will bear fruit in your life. And it will always leave the mark of God’s holiness and His power, never drawing attention to your personal holiness.



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WORSHIP SERVICE

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022

Procession of the Cross & Flame

Welcome to Worship

A Call to Praise Great Are You Lord Leonard, Ingram & Jordan

Psalter of Praise Psalm 146 #858

Prayer of Invocation

A Song of Prayer Jesus Messiah Tomlin, Carson, Cash & Reeves

The Message There's Power in the Name Rev. Ott

Prayers of the Church Family

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

A Call to Action Light the Fire Maxwell

The Message The Peace of Christ Rev. Ott

A Song of Peace You Are Holy (Prince of Peace) Imboden & Rustin

The Message God Loves You Rev. Ott

A Song of Love Good To Be Loved By You Offor, Tomlin, Crowder & Hubbard

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Benediction Response Spirit Song (no refrain) #347

Praise Team: Sandy Eaddy, Dr. Paul DeMarco, Chrissy Fennel, Tucker Chandler & Jeffrey Moody

Tech Team : Sandy Eaddy, Chris Coleman, John Cameron, John Eichler, and Sanjith Sunil

In Our Prayers



Shut Ins: Pearl Jackson

Generations of Chapin: Cecil Rogers

Methodist Manor: Betty Atkinson

Our College Students: Ryan Singletary, Olive Challa and Drew Singletary

Other Prayer Needs: Tom Goldbold, Sr, Julia Pittman, Martha Britt, Johnny Wiggins, Rosemary Suggs, Linda Yarborough, Brec Burch, Jim Burch, Lonnie Lane, Drew Cummings, Wellons Williams, Sally Johns, Eddie Stefan, Heather Myers, Max Whittington, Greg Jones, Carroll Davis, Eddie Zawadski, Bob Stefan, Pam Smith, Barbara Newell, Emelia Denny, Cora Saulter, Bryson Turner, Susanne Cotton, Sabrina Smith, Linda Steinbar, FUMC Childcare Center, and those who are suffering from the Ukraine War.



Congratulations to Judy & Jim Davis on the birth of their beautiful grand-daughter, Lillian Francis.

BIRTHDAYS

Candy Shuler: Aug 17th Kristi Craig: Aug 20th



Glorious Grits: We are in need of volunteers for this ministry. Please call Maggie Beck if you can help.

Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, August 16th @ 6pm.

Church Council will meet Monday, August 22nd @ 6pm.

Charge Conference is Monday, September 12 @ 7pm in the chapel.

Coming Up This Week: 8/20 Glorious Grits (8am)

As of Aug 07, 2022

Tithes & Offerings YTD:	\$179,481
Expenditures YTD:	\$171,686
Budget Needs YTD:	\$222,781

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