

The Purpose of the Cross

2 Corinthians 5:14, 15 (KJV)

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Introduction

1. What is your reason for getting up in the morning? What motivates you throughout the day?
2. In 2 Corinthians 5, Paul teaches us about living for Christ.

What It Is... Jesus died for us that we should no longer live to ourselves, but to Him.

1. Jesus died on the cross to rescue me from serving myself.

2. Jesus died on the cross to transform our hearts so that we live unto Him.

What the Cross Accomplishes

1. The text says, "He died for all."
 - a. The one who died is Jesus Christ and His death was on the cross.

 - b. The text says Jesus died for all. This is true. What does this mean?

2. What are the results of this according to the text? "Then were all dead" ...and alive.

What We Desire

1. The love of Christ *constrains us* to live, not unto self, but unto Christ, Who died for us.

2. What this means for life: