

Compelled by Grace

- I. God's motive in saving us was His grace (Ephesians 2:1-7).
 - A. Our Sin nature: We were spiritually incapable of fixing our sin problem (1-3).
 - We were born spiritually dead (1).
 - We are guilty of acts of sin (2).
 - We are guilty because of our sinful nature (3).
 - B. God's Merciful Nature: God saved us motivated by mercy and grace, in spite of our sin (4-7).
 - Because of grace, God made us alive with Christ and exalted us with Christ (5-6).
 - God saved us by grace alone so that He will be praised for his grace forever (7).

- II. Our motive in serving Christ must be His grace.
 - A. As we comprehend God's *love* as our Father, we learn to respond to him in love not fear (Romans 8:15).
 - B. As we comprehend our *security* in God's family, we are motivated to pure living (2 Corinthians 6:18-7:1).
 - C. As we comprehend Christ's *sacrifice* for us we are motivated to sacrifice for him (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).