

Bring Someone With You!

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“What’s Love Got To Do With It?”

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. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2Corinthians 5:14-21 (NIV)

When does love start motivating us?

When we remember what _____
were like without Christ!

At one time **WE TOO** were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, **he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.** – Titus 3:3-5 (NIV)

When we see people like _____ saw people!

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. – Matthew 9:35-36 (NLT)

When we focus on those who are _____!

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. But Jesus said, **“No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.”** So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them. – Mark 5:18-20 (NLT)

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). **And he brought him to Jesus.** – John 1:40-42 (NIV)

When we see reaching others for Christ as
the _____ we can give our God!

“Count on it—**there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.**” – Luke 15:7 (The Message)

The most important question God is asking us is:
”Who are you bringing with you?”