

## \* 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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## Mongolia



"Developing Mongolian church leaders is a strategic need and the key to strengthening the Church. Good training is central to this - most churches, especially rural ones, desperately need biblically astute leaders and teachers... Given the country's vast size and rapid church growth, developing a theological education by extension program that serves the far-flung congregations is possibly the Mongolian Church's greatest need."

*Operation World*

For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

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<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, ***being rooted and grounded in love***, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the ***love of Christ*** that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

(Ephesians 3:14-19)

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*- In the New Testament, the “love of Christ” and the “love of God” is most clearly revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

Titus 3:4-5

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us.

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:8-9; 19

God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins... <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us.

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Two Questions:

2. What does my life look like when it is controlled by the love of Christ?
  - *Being controlled by the love of Christ results in a complete transformation of my life.*
  - *Being controlled by the love of Christ finds its consummation in witness.*