

SERMON NOTES

16th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19, Year A * September 17, 2023

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Genesis 50:15-21 * Psalm 103 * Romans 14:1-12 * Matthew 18:21-35

WHY Do We Do What We Do?

The love OF Christ compels us. 2 Corinthians 5:14

The love OF Christ = BOTH Love F_____ Jesus and Love F_____ Jesus.

Psalm 103 lists "all his benefits:"

He forgives ALL your sins and heals ALL your infirmities... Verse 3

He satisfies you with good things... Verse 5

He has not dealt with us as our sins deserved... Verse 10

As a father cares for his children, so the LORD cares for us. Verse 13

Jesus loves M_____ ...which enables M_____ to love Y_____.

The love of Christ COMPELS us. 2 Corinthians 5:14

"How many times should I forgive?" "70 X 7 times." Matthew 18:22

Jesus loves U_____... which enables – and compels – US to ...

Why do we do what we do? Because Jesus loves U____, and the love

of Christ compels US to love O_____ A_____ AND our N_____.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

September 17: **WHY Do We Do What We Do?**

September 24: **WHO Are We?**

October 1: **WHAT Are We Doing?**

October 8: **HOW Do We Do What We Do?**

October 15: **WHEN and WHERE Do We Do What We Do?**

Next Week's Lessons

Jonah 3:10-4:11 * Psalm 145 * Philippians 1:21-30 * Matthew 20:1-16

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or a friend

1. Who in your life has loved you well? How did they show that love?
2. When and how in your life have you felt the love of God?
3. Whom in your life have – or do – you love well? How did/do you show that love?
4. What's one way you show the love of God to others?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for that person who loves you.
 - ✦ Thanking God for the ways he loves you.
 - ✦ For opportunities to share God's love with others.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.