



II Cor. 4:16-5:11

**SEEKING THE LOST – “WE
PERSUADE MEN”**

What Does It Mean To Persuade?

- To prevail upon or win over, bringing about a change of mind by the influence of reason or moral suasion. To induce by words to believe. To seek to win one.

“Persuade” In The New Testament

- Acts 13:43 → ... persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.
- Acts 17:4 → And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas,
- Acts 18:4 → And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.
- Acts 19:8 → ...reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. (ESV)
- Acts 26:28 → Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

#1 What Is Our Motivation?

- We are in possession of a priceless treasure. (II Cor. 4:7; Rom. 1:16; 10:17)
- We have been given the work of serving others. (II Cor. 4:1; Matt. 25:14-30; 31-46)
- We must seek to please God. (II Cor. 5:9; I Thess. 4:1)
- We will stand before God in judgment. (II Cor. 5:10; I Tim. 4:16)
- We know the terror of the Lord. (II Cor. 5:11; Heb. 10:31; 12:29)
- We will be moved to act by a strong faith. (II Cor. 4:13)
- We are constrained by the love of Christ. (II Cor. 5:14-15; 8:9)

#2 Concerning What?

- The universal tragedy of sin. (Rom. 1:16-18; 3:23; 6:23)
- The grace of God to sinners. (Heb. 2:9; Eph. 2:8-10)
- The kingdom of God. (Acts 19:8; Lk. 17:10; Jn. 3:3-5; Col. 1:13)
- The necessity of repentance and baptism. (Lk. 13:3; I Cor. 6:9-11; Acts 2:38)
- The coming judgment. (Acts 24:25)

#3 How?

- **By what we say.** (Phil. 2:16; I Pet. 3:15; Acts 8:35)
- **By how we live.** (Phil. 2:15; Matt. 5:16)
- **With a sense of urgency.** (Jn. 4:34-35; 9:4)
- **With boldness.** (Eph. 6:19)
- **With love.** (Eph. 4:15)