

**Series: One Month to Live**

**LOVE COMPLETELY**

*2 Corinthians 5:11-21*

**I. Christians are more concerned with a sincere heart than spectacular results (v. 12).**

“No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us, so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart before God.”

- A. If we only have one month to live, we don't have time for foolish games, for pretending, or for posturing.
- B. Let it go

**II. Our motivation is the love of Christ. Not only “motivation,” but his love controls us (v. 14).**

“Whatever we do, it is because Christ's love controls us.”

What is on God's mind becomes our agenda.

Luke 4:17-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim  
that captives will be released,  
that the blind will see,  
that the downtrodden will be freed from their oppressors,  
<sup>19</sup> and that the time of the Lord's favor has come.”

**III. We are new persons. We no longer evaluate ourselves or others by what the world thinks about them (v. 16).**

“So we have stopped evaluating others by what the world thinks about them.”

**IV. God has given us the task of loving others. We are his ambassadors (vv. 18, 20).**

“And God has given us the task of reconciling people to him....We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you.

**V. Let us love completely!**

Whom would you love if it did not matter how they responded?

How would you love if you only had thirty days to live?

John 13:1

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He now showed the disciples the full extent of his love (or “He loved his disciples to the very end”).

- A. Move beyond the “someday syndrome”

When things settle down

When I graduate

When I get married

When I retire

- B. Don't let fear shape your life

Hebrews 11:6

So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.