



October memory Verse: *(I will) open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” (Acts 26:18 ESV)*

Series: Who’s Your One? (07)

Title: Persuaded to Persuade

Acts 26

2 Cor. 5 (NIV) - 11 *Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, **we try to persuade others.** What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. 12 We are not trying **to commend ourselves** to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. 13 If we are “**out of our mind,**” (KJV, ESV, NKJV - “beside ourselves”) as some say, **it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.** 14 **For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.** 15 **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.***

16 **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. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 **All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:** 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them, and he has committed **to us the message of reconciliation.** 20 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. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Christians persuade others to live for Christ who died for them and was raised again.

1. We persuade because we were persuaded to leave our manner of life. (Acts 26:1-11)

2. We persuade because we were called and commissioned by Christ. (Acts 26:12-18)

3. We persuade by declaring repentance and living a new manner of life based on our repentance. (Acts 26:19-21)

4. We persuade by relying on the Holy Spirit and testifying of Christ to anyone in front of us. (Acts 26:22-23)

5. We persuade knowing our true and rational words (of the resurrection of Jesus) seems crazy to the world. (Acts 26:24-32)

NOW WHAT?

- We either need to believe the gospel and see the truth or we believe gospel and we need to go and tell the truth.
- Which one are you?