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THE COMPULSION OF CHRIST Mark 1:21-28

I. His TEACHING Compels BELIEF

Mark 1:22, "They were astonished at His teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes."

1. What He taught

- A. About God
- B. About man
- C. About Himself
- D. About eternity

2. Whom He taught

3. The impact of his teaching

A. In His own time

B. Throughout history - *Began*

C. Today - J. A. Whittier - "we test our lives by these"

II. His AUTHORITY Compels OBEDIENCE - (MAY OBEY)

Mark 1:27, "With authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

1. Story of Jesus cleansing the man with the unclean spirit in the Synagogue in Capernaum.

2. The Gadarene maniac, ch. 5.

3. Stilling the storm on Galilee.

4. Only MEN disobey Him.

5. Saul was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

III. His EXPERIENCE Compels EXPRESSION

Acts 4:19,20, "Peter and John answered them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

1. The glory of a personal experience with Christ

2. How this will be expressed.

A. In listening to God rather than to men.

B. In living for others rather than for self

C. In loving Christ rather than mammon.

D. If you love Him you will speak of Him to others, in testimony and witness. *Rom. 10:9-10*

#### IV. His LOVE Compels DEVOTION, II Cor. 5:14

"The Love of Christ constrains us."

1. His matchless love - "Widens in love's mercy"

2. His love constrains us:

A. To love Him in return

B. To love our brethren

C. To be ambassadors of Christ, 5:20

D. To be laborers together with Him, 6:1

#### Poem "Po Lil Brack Sheep"

was sooths: - Jesus Christ ~~other~~ has take  
all there is of me.

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