

A wooden cross is centered on a red wall. The text "2 CORINTHIANS" is overlaid in a yellow, serif font across the middle of the cross.

2 CORINTHIANS

Matching Practice With
Position!

Ro 7:14-15 “... I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.”

2 Cor 5:11-15 “Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”

To fear the Lord is what God required (**Dt 10:12**).

Prov 16:6 “by the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil.”

Prov 10:27 “The fear of the Lord prolongs life”

Prov 14:26 “In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.”

Acts 9:31 “So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.”

2 Cor 5:10-11

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Ez 3:17-19 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman over the house of Israel; when you hear a word from my mouth; give them a warning from me. If I say to the wicked person: you will surely die, but you do not warn him – you don't speak out to warn him about his wicked ways to save his life – that wicked person will die for his iniquity. Yet I will hold you responsible for his blood. But if you warn a wicked person and he does not turn from his wickedness or his wicked way, he will die for his iniquity, but you have saved your life." (HCSB)

Psalm 33:8 "Let the whole earth tremble before the Lord; let all inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him."

Acts 2:43 "awe was on every soul"

Ro 11:20 "we stand by faith... so stand in awe"

Heb 12:28 acceptable worship is given "in reverence and awe"

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Thus, if we see the love of God as a passion for my glory rather than His I cater my life to “live for myself” rather than live for Him. Therefore, lust/idolatry kills true love..... God’s love for us terminates on Him. He loves us for Jesus’ sake, not our own..... When His love is experienced that way it constrains and compels!