



Held Together

2 Corinthians 5:13-15

Olivia Snow

A wooden cross stands on a rocky mountain peak, overlooking a large lake and a valley with mountains in the background. The sky is filled with dramatic, cloudy light. The cross is made of weathered wood and is secured with ropes. The landscape is lush and green, with a small town visible on the lake's shore.

For **Christ's love** compels us

2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV)

How does God's
love **change** you?

13 For if we are **beside ourselves**, it is for **God**;
if we are in our **right mind**, it is for **you**.

14 For the **love** of Christ **controls** us,
because we have concluded this:

2 Corinthians 5:13-15 (p.1/2) (ESV)

that **one** has died for all,
therefore **all** have died;

15 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**.

2 Corinthians 5:13-15 (p.2/2) (ESV)



For the love of Christ **controls** us
(**συνέχει**: *holds together*)

2 Corinthians 5:14 (ESV)



23 I am **hard pressed** between the two.

My desire is to **depart** and be with Christ,
for that is far **better**.

22 If I am to **live** in the flesh,
that means **fruitful labor** for me.

Philippians 1:23,22 (ESV)

Noah Silliman



For the love of Christ **controls** us

2 Corinthians 5:14 (ESV)



If we are **beside ourselves**, it is for God
(ἐξέστημεν: *ecstatic, insane*)

2 Corinthians 5:13a (ESV)

Michelangelo Cerquozzi,
“Saint John the Baptist Preaching in the Wilderness”



... those who boast about **outward appearance**
and not about what is in the **heart**.

2 Corinthians 5:12 (ESV)

Tim Marshall, Piha Beach, NZ



If we are beside ourselves, it is **for God**

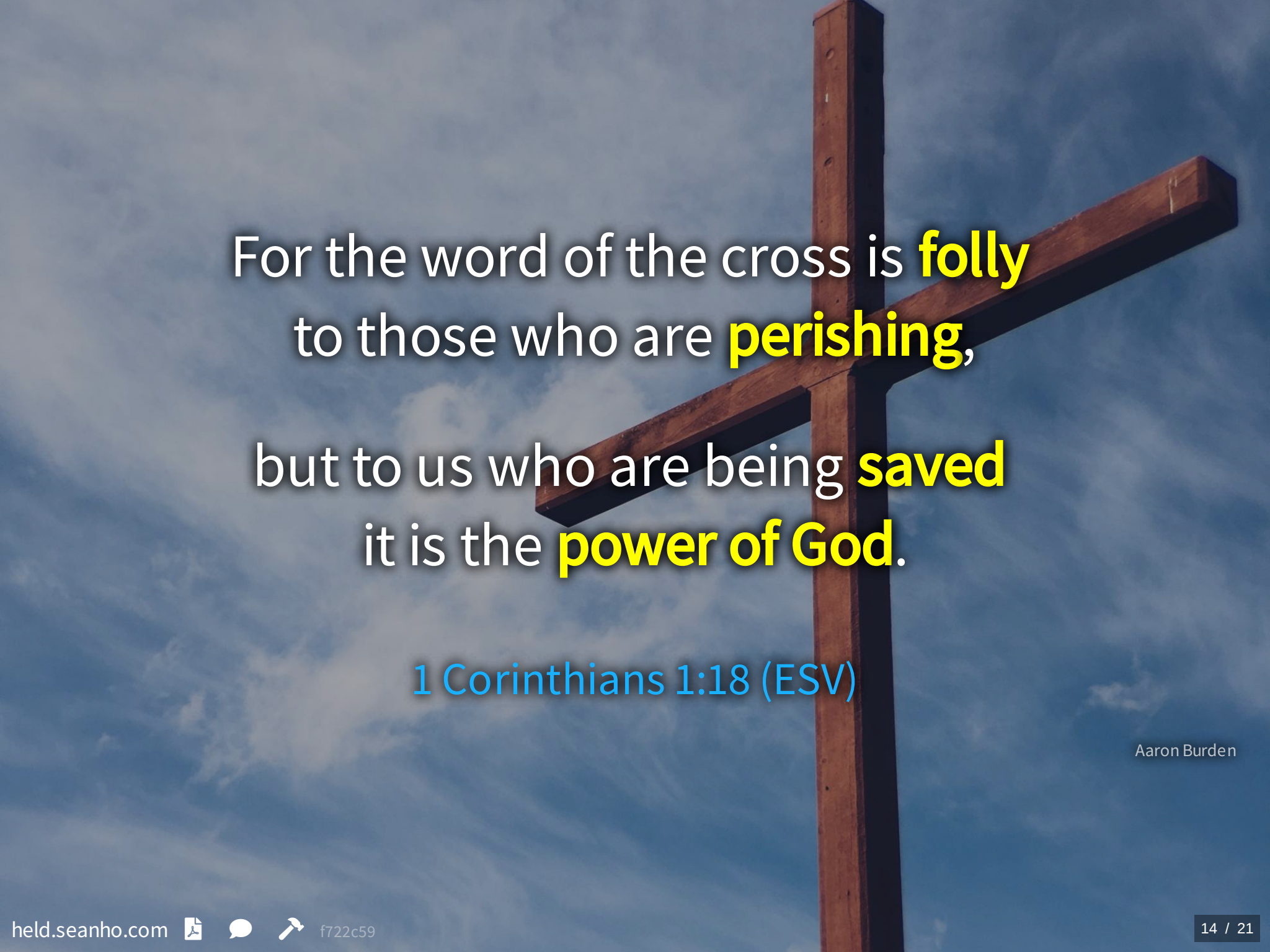
2 Corinthians 5:13a (ESV)

Amy Carmichael



Dr. John Sung





For the word of the cross is **folly**
to those who are **perishing**,
but to us who are being **saved**
it is the **power of God**.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV)

Aaron Burden



For the love of Christ **controls** us

2 Corinthians 5:14 (ESV)



If we are in our **right mind**, it is for you
(σωφρονοῦμεν: *salvation, sober*)

2 Corinthians 5:13b (ESV)

Nancy, France. Rémi Walle

Likewise, urge the **younger** men
to be **self-controlled**.

7 Show yourself in all respects to be
a model of **good works**,
and in your teaching show
integrity, dignity, 8 and sound **speech**

Titus 2:6-8 (ESV)

Grenoble, France. Helloquence



... be **self-controlled**, ...
show **integrity, dignity**, and sound **speech**

Titus 2:6,7-8 (ESV)

Joshua Clay

What **holds** you
together?



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