The Aroma of Christ

Albert Dickson · 2 Corinthians 2:14–17 · Series: **Working Together With God**

INTRODUCTION

- Growing together is based on our working together with God, our obedience to the gospel, and then as we are raised up out of the water to walk in this new life.
- If we're working with God, we're going to give off a distinct aroma by our actions, by the things that we say.
- They were amazed and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.

1 We Give Off a Fragrance of Triumph

1 Peter 5:8–9; Colossians 2:13–15; Hebrews 2:14–15

- As we allow Him to rule our lives, and we follow the Christ, we give off a fragrance of triumph.
- Our victory doesn't come from in and of ourselves, it comes from Christ who is leading us.
- When our faith is in the Christ and we're following the Christ, we can firmly resist our adversary. He has no power over us unless we give it to him.
- That through death he might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil.

2 The Sweet Aroma of the Knowledge of Him

2 Corinthians 2:14; Colossians 3:9–11; 2 Corinthians 5:14–18

- As we're learning, and as we're growing in the knowledge of God, we give off this aroma of him.
- There's a sweet knowledge that causes us to be renewed after the image of God.
- God is bringing us to a higher consciousness through the knowledge of the Christ.
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature, a new creation. The old things passed away, and behold, new things have come.
- We are learning so that we also can serve the Lord by reaching out and proclaiming him to others.

3 A Fragrance of Christ to God

2 Corinthians 2:15; Ezekiel 20; Ephesians 5:1–5

- For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.
- God accepts as a sweet aroma our obedience.
- Just as Christ also loved, and gave himself up for us an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.
- So when you and I are in Christ, we give off this fragrance to God. That's what's important. That is what pleases God.

4 An Aroma From Death to Death, Life to Life

2 Corinthians 2:16; John 9:35–41

- To the one an aroma from death to death, and to the other an aroma from life to life.
- Those who are spiritually dead, that continue to reject those things, what is going to happen to them is eternal death.
- And those who accept those things, they're the ones who are going to have the spiritual relationship with God. They're going to have life.
- If you were blind, you would have no sin. But since you say, we see, your sins remain.

5 The Fragrance of God's Sincerity

2 Corinthians 2:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:3–7; Hebrews 2:1–4

- For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.
- We give off this fragrance of the aroma of God's sincerity.
- If you want to have true sincerity, you teach what God reveals. You follow what God has said. You do things the way that God has instructed.
- I cannot stand here and teach you my feelings. I have to teach you God's way. It's his word. It is he who will save us, not me.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you haven't done that, I encourage you to do so before it's everlasting too late.**

MY NOTES