



The Aroma of Christ

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Diffusing the fragrance of Christ

2 Cor 2:14-15 Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. ¹⁵ For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.





What about Christ drew people..

As a youth..

- Luke 2:41-52 they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

His ability to attract people

Continued in adult life..

- Luke 4:17 He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach..
- 20-22 And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

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Saturated with the Word of God

The Scriptures grounded Him and attracted others to God through Him as he spoke

- He knew the promises & purposes of God
- He was able to stand strong
- His confidence inspired others

(For us to have this impact, we must be people of the Word)

What is the aroma of Christ?

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore..that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service..*

God's Word creates a fragrance..

The word convinces us..

- Luke 4:21 “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing”
- Confidence encourages others we know our purpose in life
- Psalm 139:13-16 I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well.

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The word conforms us..

- John 5:30 “I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent me”
- The word reminds us of our purpose
 - Romans 8:29 to be conformed to the image of Christ
 - Romans 12:2 and be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind

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The word commissions us..

- John 20:21 “As the Father has sent me, I also send you”
- Matthew 28:18-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;

Subtle, not overpowering

2 Corinthians 2:16-17 To the one *we are* the aroma of death *leading* to death, and to the other the aroma of life *leading* to life. And who *is* sufficient for these things? ¹⁷ For we are not, as [a]so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.



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