



# John 17

**20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.**



# AROMA OF LIFE

2Corinthians 2:14-3:3



## **2Corinthians 2:**

**14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. 15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; 16 to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? 17 For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from**



## **2Corinthians 3:**

**God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.**

**3:1 ¶ Are we beginning to commend ourselves again?**

**Or do we need, as some, letters of commendation to you or from you? 2 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.**

# THE SECRET OF SCENT

- Good nose?
  - One of the unique senses...
  - 3% of your genes focus on this!
  - Linked to behavior, mood and memory!
  - Blessing or curse?
  - God uses this to tell us about Himself!





- Genesis 8:21 The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.

# QUESTIONING TRUTH

- As sin grows, people question truth...
  - “What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace.”-John Wesley
- Paul was being questioned/challenged:
  - He was “old-school”
  - He wasn’t dynamic
  - He didn’t charge!

# NO QUESTION OF SOURCE

- Paul brings it back to Jesus!
  - “always leads us in triumph...”
  - “sweet aroma of knowledge of Him”
  - Wherever Jesus is named, life blossoms!
  - It is WHO you know, not what you know!
  - Have you “been” with Jesus???
  - “we are a fragrance of Christ...”
  - Who is adequate?



# QUESTION OF PERCEPTION

- Response indicates direction!
  - To some we smell like death! Perishing!
  - To some we smell like life! Being saved!
  - Our actions, passions, attitudes, choices
  - Most of what we are/do is unsaid! Scent!!
  - If we are sent ones, we need to be scented
  - Aroma of Christ!

# QUESTION OF METHODS

- Even in Paul's day - "many"
  - Peddling the word – huckster!
- Aroma of Christ:
  - Sincerity
  - Speaking in His sight
  - Not needing "letters" to do what we are!
  - "You are our letter..."! People we touch...

# QUESTION OF SOURCE

- You are a letter of Christ!
  - Not written with ink/stone
  - The Spirit of the living God/hearts
  - God will make you able and adequate by being with Him... smell like Him!
- Beautiful Feet & Smell of Life!