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LIFE BEYOND: AROMA AND SPIRIT

2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-3:6



2 Corinthians 2:14-17

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



2 Corinthians 2:17-3:3

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.



2 Corinthians 3:4-6

4 Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as *coming* from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, 6 who also made us adequate *as* servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.



THANKS TO GOD!

- PAUL KNOWS THE POWER/PRESENCE OF GOD
- THANKFULNESS...
- TRIUMPHANT MARCH:
 - ROMAN SPECTACLE
 - WHAT WAS ON SHOW? JESUS!!!



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HOW DOES IT SMELL?

- **FLORAL WREATHS OF VICTORY...**
 - AT THE BEGINNING, SMELLED GREAT
 - ‘GENERAL’ AND RELEASED CAPTIVES!
 - THE **SAME FLOWERS** MEANT DEATH FOR THOSE IMPRISONED AND SENTENCED TO DEATH

CORRUPT OR SINCERE?

- ADEQUATE? WORTHY, SUFFICIENT
- SOME PEOPLE CORRUPT THE WORD – PROFIT
- WE SPEAK WITH SINCERITY – PROPHET!!
 - PURE IN THE SUNLIGHT!
 - “IN CHRIST IN THE SIGHT OF GOD”

APPROVAL RATINGS?

- LETTERS AND PRESS...
- “YOU ARE OUR LETTER”! ‘AROMATIC’ LIVES
- WRITTEN WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD
- “KNOWN AND READ” - ON DISPLAY!

ADEQUATE?

- YES, FROM GOD
- HOW DO WE DO THIS LIFE?
 - NEW COVENANT!
 - OF THE SPIRIT
 - GIVES LIFE!

