

A New Dispensation – An Aroma of Christ

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Work Hard to Persuade Others

- 2 Corinthians 5:11
- 1 Peter 3:15-16

An Aroma of Christ

- 2 Corinthians 2:14-17
- As Perfumers – a Christ-like fragrance
- Fragrant word and deeds
- 1 Peter 3:13-16
- The lie of adjusting the fragrance so that death smells like life
- Question to me
 - Aren't churches changing about things that used to be forbidden but now are more accepted?

Truth that leads to freedom Vs. deception that leads to destruction

- Truth in Love in the midst of Biblical and cultural tensions
- 1 Timothy 1:8-11
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- Isaiah 5:20
- Speaking truth...(which of these is true?)
 - It is good that you are so accepting and embracing people in their sexual diversity by celebrating their sexual freedom
 - 1 Corinthians 6:18 (NLT2) Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.

The short and the long answer to the video – (West Wing – Homosexuality) what do you think about this?

- **Short answer** – I don't know about all these other things – but I see the danger of what the bible calls sexual sin affecting their bodies and even their eternal life!
- **Long answer**
- Leviticus 18:22 -those who practice...
 - Distinction needs to be made between the act and the temptation (distortion of what the bible says)

- Confusion of the moral law vs. ceremonial law
- Embarrassing misinformation
- Seeding and Sowing mixes seeds and threads – avoidance of pagan practices
- Death for breaking sabbath – the very reason for needing to distinguish old and new covenant and Jesus fulfilling the law

Why so focused on sexual sin?

- Sexual Sin – no other sin so clearly affects the body
- Current Culture and the advocacy for all things sexually immoral
- The opposite extreme – shaming people who walk in the darkness of their understanding
- Truth and Grace Example
- John 8:1-9 – woman caught in the act of adultery
- Why did he tell her to do it no more? - 1 Corinthians 6:18
 - Present harm to your own physical well-being
 - Future eternal condition in question – (none will inherit the kingdom of God)
- Speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)
 - Not to condemn
 - To warn of the risks
- With gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:16)
- Aren't churches changing? Yes they are.
 - Talking matters of morality – the church ought not be changing – if they truly love the people they are trying to reach
- People seeing the good life that you live (1 Peter 3:16)
 - The actions beyond your words (and maybe in spite of your words) that communicate love and respect and genuine concern for the well-being of others

The Harmony of Grace and Truth

- Titus 2:11-13 (NIV) 11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,