

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
 - God uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere
 - 1 Peter 2:9
 - Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance
 - Perceived differently by those being saved and those perishing (present tenses)
 - To the perishing we are a dreadful smell of death and doom
 - Those being saved we are a life-giving perfume
 - Who is adequate for such a task?
 - Preaching the Word of God with sincerity and with Christ's Authority
- Dreadful Smell of Death
 - Bad news
 - Stubbornly refuse to believe
 - The smell of the judgment of death that awaits them
- Romans 1:18-22
- Romans 1:32
- Life-Giving Perfume
 - Good news
 - Those being drawn by the Spirit
 - Recognize the live-giving power of the message
- As Perfumers – a Christ-like fragrance
 - Work hard (2 Corinthians 5:11)
 - Perfume Chemists – engineering the fragrance by Christ's Spirit working in you
 - Ephesians 4:15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love...
 - 1 Corinthians 13:2 ...but if I didn't love others, I would be nothing

- Fragrant word and deeds
- 1 Peter 3:13-16
 - Suffering for doing what is right
 - Always ready to explain your Christian hope
 - Do this in a gentle and respectful way
 - People see the good life that you live because you belong to Christ

The lie of adjusting the fragrance so that death smells like life

- Altering the message in the name of love
- Ephesians 4:14-15
- Series – Passionate Compassion – beginning of 2018 – Passionate for the truth of God's word while having compassion towards people.
 - The harmony of Truth and Grace
 - Not celebrating what God has censored
 - The changing culture of the church – adjusting the message in the name of love and acceptance
 - Lies so clever they sound like the truth (Eph. 4:14)
- An Aroma strange to the nostrils of God
- Leviticus 10:1-3

Question to me

- Aren't churches changing about things that used to be forbidden but now are more accepted?
- Isaiah 5:20 (NLT2) What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter.