



What's That Smell?

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TODAY'S READING: 2 Corinthians 2

For the past month or two, I thought I was going crazy. I kept getting hit in the face with a weird smell, but then it would go away. This smell was driving me crazy and sometimes, other people around me did not smell it. Recently this disgusting smell is recognized by everyone and it turns out a paper plant is the cause of it!

In verses 14-16, Paul talks about the fragrance and aroma of Christ. The words for "fragrance" and "aroma" here were used in the Old Testament to describe the smell of a sacrifice pleasing to God. Because God is perfect and just, he does not tolerate sin. Sin must be punished, and Christ was the ultimate sacrifice to atone for our sins! We must be willing to give our entire lives as an offering to God as his servants. This aroma of living a life for Christ will offend some people and encourage others (verse 15). The world will hate this smell because they hate God. God's children are commissioned to advance his kingdom in this world (verse 17).

People around you should smell something (hopefully not your body odor). They will smell the aroma of Christ and they will either reject it or believe. It is our job to share the gospel and God's job to save sinners. Can people smell the aroma of Christ when they are around you?

PRAYER: God, let my life be a sacrifice of service to you. Remind me through your Word each day that Christ sacrificed so much for me. Use me to bring the gospel to a lost and dying world.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: 2 Corinthians 3

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