

### **SPREADING FRAGRANCE OF CHRIST IN WORLD**

This lesson comes from Paul's doctrinal concept of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in the world.

Paul used three Greco-Roman cultural words that describe a triumphal parade of victory

- **thriambeuo** Triumph over foe
- **phaneroo** Visibility of triumph
- **osme** Sweet aroma (2 Cor.2:14)
  - Who is leading this triumph parade? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who is leading along side? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who is following? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>The divine protocol for Spreading the Fragrance of Christ in world will be studied by seven points.</b>
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#### **First - God's triumphal plan:**

(2 Cor.2:14a) "But thanks be to God who **always** leads us in His victory in Christ."

(1 Cor.15:57) "But thanks be to God (grace orientation), who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph.2:1, 4-5, 8-9)

#### **Second - Christ's triumphal victory:**

(2 Cor.2:14b) "And God manifests (makes visible) through (dia+abl.of agent) us (Church Age Believers) the sweet aroma (osme) of the knowledge (gnosis) of Him (Christ) in every place." (Acts 1:8)

#### **Third – God's triumphal gospel:**

Sweet aroma (osme) is the fragrance (euodia/ eu/ozo – good smell) of Christ. It is tribute to God for the victory of His grace salvation through the gospel of His Son.

(2 Cor.2:15-16a) "For we are (Church Age Believers) a **fragrance of Christ to God** among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life.

#### **Fourth – Sweet smell of victory:**

The fragrance of Christ (The Gospel of Grace salvation) ALWAYS has a good smell to God, whether to one an aroma from death to death (wrath), or to another an aroma from life to life (1 Cor.2:16; 4:10, 15; Eph.5:2; Gen.8:21).

#### **Fifth – Spreading the gospel in world:**

Every Church Age Believer is called to spread the gospel in world to the perishing in order to be saved (Matt.28:18-20)

(1 Cor.2:15) "to those who are being saved or to those who are perishing." (2 Pet.3:9) (1 Cor.1:17-18)

## **Sixth – The Big Question:**

(2 Cor.2:16b) “Who is adequate for these things (hikanos) for spreading the gospel of grace salvation?”

Three Greek sentences (2 Cor.2:14-16a; 16b, 17) – The main idea of (2 Cor.2:14-16a) was interrupted by this question so that each of us is to answer it personally.

## **Seventh – Divine Warning:**

Don't peddle the gospel for money. It was designed as source of salvation not raising money. Spread the gospel from sincerity (divine integrity), as from God - speak in Christ in the sight of God.

(2 Cor.2:17) “For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.”

(1 Cor.9:15-16) “So the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel. But I have used none of these things. And I am not writing these things so that it will be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any man make my boast an empty one.”

(1 Cor.9:18) “What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.” (2 Cor.11:7-11)