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The Smell of Victory

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Sermon in a Sentence

Like Paul's ministry, our life is to be an aroma of the Gospel to those around us.

Question

What does Paul teach us about the aroma of the Gospel?

I. It is all because of God.

- A. Paul placed God as the "*triumphator*," or honored general, in his picture of the triumphal parade.
- B. In our lives as Christians, God is our everything.
 - 1. *God leads us.*
 - 2. *God spreads the Gospel through us.*
- C. Everything that is good about our lives is because of God.

II. The aroma of the Gospel in our lives affects people differently.

- A. Paul explained that the Gospel means different things to people.
- B. There are three important truths about the Gospel we need to remember.
 - 1. *The aroma of the Gospel in our lives touches people differently.*
 - 2. *The aroma of the Gospel is powerful because of Christ.*
 - 3. *We are not worthy of the honor of bearing the Gospel.*
- C. Does the aroma of the Gospel have an impact on those around me?

III. The sincerity of the Gospel on display in our lives sets us apart.

- A. Paul contrasted the lives of those on his ministry team with the lives of those who peddled the Gospel.
- B. If we live the Gospel with authenticity, the difference will be obvious.
 - 1. *We live the Gospel because of God.*
 - 2. *We live the Gospel by God.*
 - 3. *We live the Gospel before God.*