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15 Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing.

16a To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume.

What is a
Triumphal Procession?

Triumph = Victory

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A Roman Triumphal Procession
(video clip)

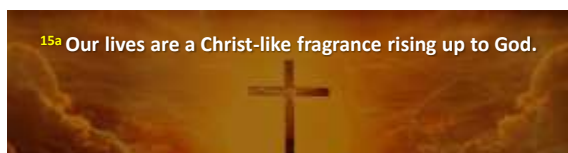


Triumphant General = Jesus Christ

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14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

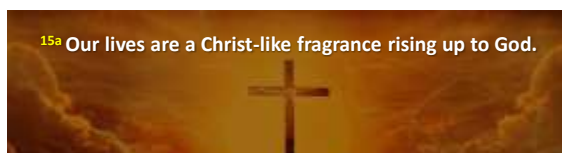
15 In this way, He disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by His victory over them on the cross. **(Col. 2)**



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Incense Bearers' = All who have received Jesus Christ

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The Fragrance = Jesus Christ

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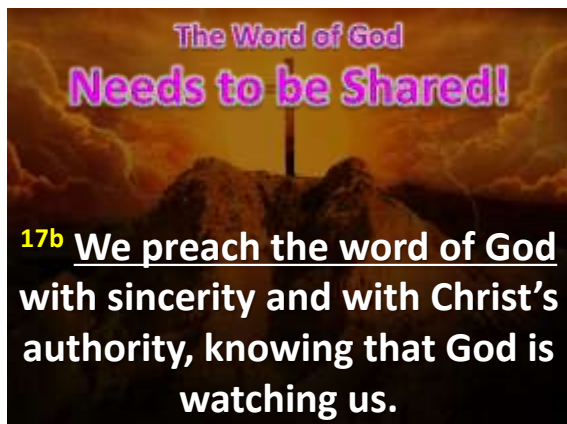


Captives = People we have brought into contact with Jesus Christ

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18 The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.

23 So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. (1 Cor. 1)

16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. (1 Cor. 1)

17 So **faith** comes from **hearing**, that is, **hearing** the Good News about **Christ**. (Romans 10)

6 *This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace. (Colossians 1)*

13 *Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe. (1 Thessalonians 2)*


² We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

⁵ You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. **(2 Cor. 4)**

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. **(Ro. 12:1)**

³³ So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

³⁴ "Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? ³⁵ Flavorless salt is good neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!" **(Luke 14)**

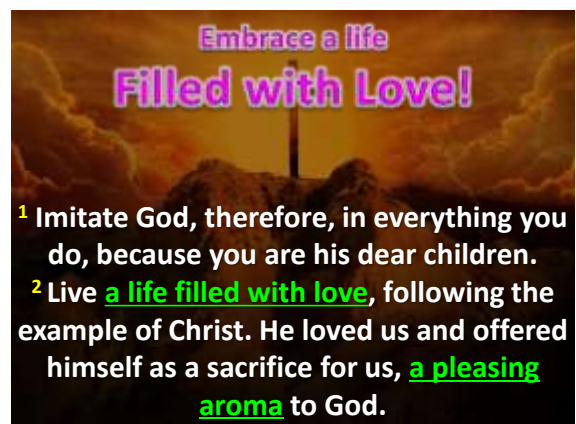


We are called to
Sell-Out to GOD!

The life that sways people to Christ
is sold out to God!

15a Our lives are a Christ-like
fragrance rising up to God.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. **(Ro. 12:2)**



Embrace a life
Filled with Love!

¹ Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.

² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

¹ If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. ³ If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. (1 Cor. 13)

**And who is
adequate for such
a task as this?**

(2 Cor. 2:16b)

3:5 It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. **Our qualification comes from God.**
(2 Cor.)

⁷ ...we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.

This makes it clear that **our great power is from God, not from ourselves.**
(2 Cor. 4)

