

## The Smell Of Life

**Life** gives off a fragrance in us to God and to others around us. We actually give off a fragrance where God the Father can smell His son in us which is life. Jesus smells like **life**. Others can also pick up our spiritual scent, to those that are alive in Christ we are a wonderful aroma, to those that are dead in Christ we smell like death to them, to the one we will attract to the other we will repel. In the spiritual realm, what we smell like really matters, we will attract heaven to us and life because the fragrance of Christ in us will bring His life to work through us conversely if we smell like death we will attract death and the things that are perishing and have no life in them at all. Hell is attracted to the scent of death. When we choose to draw apart from God through our lifestyle and choices because we truly believe that life is found in the world and not in Him we begin to lose our fragrance and heaven isn't drawn to us and our light is veiled which is the life of Christ in us. Scripture put is like this in 2 Cor 2:14,15. " But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To to the one we are the smell of death, to the other , the fragrance of **life**".

James asked us a question simply put, " What is your **life**?" Scripture goes on to point out we are a vapor here today and gone tomorrow where even the memory of our life on the earth is fleeting. When **life** is lived without the living one and on our own terms we move in shadow and vapor soon forgotten. When we live in Him and through Him we become like Him and our lives are hidden in Him throughout eternity, we are never forgotten, we never diminish, we don't become less, we don't wear out, the things of death no longer hold us. We live in Him and for Him from glory to glory, **life to life** in ever increasing measure without end. To His Kingdom that is ever increasing we increase with Him forever. In Him we move and have our being, we take shape and have substance which our faith produces in us because we believe God for what He has said. We pass from death to **life** today. You can enter into His eternal Kingdom now through Christ in His **life** and receive a rich welcome where you will be refreshed and renewed with His **life** in you. It's wonderful and available and its scripture. Jesus spent a whole lot of time in heaven while He walked the earth you should too.

His divine power has given us everything we need for **life** and godliness through our knowledge of Him. We have been given a "grant" from heaven to live through the power of God through our intimacy (knowledge) with Jesus. It has been granted for you and me to partake of His nature which is divine to be productive, successful filled with the wisdom of heaven a glorious unifying people filled with the knowledge of His presence overflowing with His love pouring out His goodness to all that would know **life**. **Life** is a person, his name is Jesus and He is the resurrection and the **life**. In us it has been given to hold out the word of life to others. Our words bring **life** and they are spirit. Our words can also bring death. We are now under the law of the Spirit of **Life** that sets us free to live.

It takes more innate energy out of you and me to live life apart from Him and stay hidden that it does to come into His **life** and live in His presence and be renewed each day with fresh bread from heaven. Have you and I not known how life can wear us down, have you not felt that before where **life** doesn't taste

the way it used too. It seems to be a struggle waiting for the next event to come along and wear us out. Have you been around others who use their energy the breath that God breathed into them, to stay hidden and not come into His **life**. The preference is to remain apart from **life** for the fear that they might be exposed and rejected. The Lord never rejects a contrite heart and all receive a rich welcome into His presence. Busy people are exhausting and wear themselves out with doing. **Life** giving people are in a state of rest and bring the power and presence of God to every circumstance and they demonstrate the Kingdom of God which is in them wherever they are, this is the gospel of power that Jesus gave us, your inheritance should you choose **life**. To live any other way is not living only existing.

In His **life** which is your light, everything becomes more beautiful, richer, glorious and the wonder of God is revealed in His glory and creation takes on a whole new fragrance. You see we smell like Jesus and life comes to us because He is **life**. You are invited to come and join us and pursue **life** this Friday night. You are living magnificent sons and daughters of the living God why settle for less when you have been given all things in Him?

I bless you with **life** today in Christ the living one.

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