

Aroma of Christ

Christmas time is a time when there are many special things

Food, presents, gifts, Christmas music, carols, church services.

You know Christmas is here through these things

One other way you know, that Christmas is here is those special Christmas smells.

You can smell Christmas in the air!!!!

Shops cash in on this.

Let me show you what I have found in the shops.

Smelly Candle

Myrrh and frankincense mix scent

Even a Christmas smell air freshener

What prompted me to think about this was the other day my wife brought home this.

Probably a total waste of money but it now gives our rooms a Christmassy smell

Well a mulled wine smell!!!

It's a Smell dispensary

Its clever

It stays alert

It is ready all the time

Whatever the situation it seeks to bring its aroma, its fragrance, to make things smell good.

It seeks to change the situation around it for the better.

In the bible it speaks of fragrance and aroma

- 1) It says **spread_s everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Jesus.**
- 2) **For we are to God the aroma of Jesus Christ**

These verses are taken from 2 Corinthians

^{2Co 2:14} 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 Jesus.**

^{2Co 2:15} **For we are to God the aroma of Jesus Christ** among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

^{2Co 2:16} To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?

^{2Co 2:17} Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

I believe this to be a wonderful Christmas message that we seek to bring the fragrance of Jesus into every situation we are in. His love, His peace, His Joy, His justice, His mercy, His righteousness, It says in the bible that to some people the aroma of Jesus Christ is the smell of death. They reject the Christ child, they ignore the fragrance of Jesus. They are perishing

For those who know Jesus as their savior we then bring the aroma of Jesus Christ to all around us and the bible tells us that this is the true aroma of life.

In science heat, warmth often releases the aroma; take this cold candle it smells a little but light it up, bring heat to it and its aroma radiates around the room

For the Christian the warmth is often provided when we come together in church services or in small groups to study the bible and pray. Our worship and fellowship together provides warmth that often gives a wonderful aroma of Jesus Christ.

In the world of spices often they need to be crushed or broken to fully release the aroma, to fully appreciate the smell.

Sometimes a bit of brokenness in our lives releases the true aroma of love of life.

You can remain high and haughty, you can be aloof and arrogant but to truly bring the aroma of

Jesus Christ you may need a little crushing or some element of brokenness in your life

So this Christmas may we seek to bring good fragrance to the world around us
This Christmas may we release the fragrance of Jesus to the world

And may we be little traveling scent bottles of the aroma of Jesus Christ and his saving power.

Have a smelly Christmas!!!