

The Aroma Of Life To Life. -2 Corinthians 2:16

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The Golden Harvest

I love evangelism in the Spring because it reminds me of fragrances of sweet smelling flowers. and When we share the love of Jesus Christ we are like flowers in bloom for people to enjoy the scent of.

Let me take you on a journey to Troas, the city from which the Apostle Paul first sailed to fulfill a Divine dream to carry the Gospel from Asia to Europe. But first, let me say that in Asia Paul met Timothy (dear to God) who already had a renowned ministry, and was well loved in Asia, but still he would travel with Paul to evangelize Europe. Get your Bible and go with me to Acts 16:8-12.

“And they passing by Mysia (in Asia Minor) came down to Troas.”

‘Troas’ comes from the word ‘Tros’ (A Trojan). The Troad was on the plain of Troy, a place in Asia Minor.

“And a Vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, come over into Macedonia (Greece), and help us.”

Here, I will say that it is the Holy Spirit that leads the evangelist. Paul was often told where to pass by, and where to stop to preach the Gospel.

May the Holy Spirit grant Visions to us for where we must take the Gospel. And let us always be prepared to help others evangelize.

“And after he had seen the Vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the Gospel unto them.”

The evangelist can not afford to delay, or ignore the Holy Spirit guidance. Going to preach the Gospel, is an endeavor, and not as easy as we would hope it to be. The Lord has called all of us to preach the Gospel to others.

“Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; and from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia,..”

There are several words that stand out here, “loosing” “straight course” “next day” and “chief city.”

Many times we must ‘loose’ ourselves from the familiar ministry we love, and are well loved in doing, to obey the Holy Spirit and evangelize. We must follow the straight course quickly. The chief city speaks of the heart of the country. Paul loved chief cities and would even go to Rome, the heart of the Empire itself. —Now we will go to 2nd Corinthians 2:14-17.

“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.”

I love this word “triumph” which means to conquer and give victory to. Christ conquered & gives the victory to us. We are following behind Him in His victorious procession and celebration.

God gives us this fragrance of His knowledge in every place we go. The “knowledge” of God, is the deepest Science. There is no higher Science anywhere.

“knowledge” ‘gnosis’ = the act of knowing, science.

“For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.”

The fragrance: ‘euodia’ = good-scentedness, sweet savour of Christ. What we are, we are to God, and among people who will either be Saved, or perish. It is entirely up to them to choose their course in life.

“To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?”

The Cross is death to the flesh man, and people are reluctant. But to those who are willing to be Saved, they experience the Resurrection Life of Christ.

As evangelist we tend to feel insufficient, but our sufficiency is of Christ and His Holy Spirit operating in and through us.

“Sufficient” ‘hikanos’ = to arrive competent, as if coming in season. Ample in amount, fit in character, and worthy.

“For we are not, as so many, peddling the Word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.” (We are not peddling, huckstering, corrupting, adulterating, or retailing Gods Word).

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