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*For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 2 Corinthians 2:15*

What kind of fragrance do you represent? Do people feel comfortable with you or are you always complaining about your circumstances or spouse? Many Christians nowadays try to tell people about Christ through their words but their actions don't really comply with the words they are speaking. Jesus walked the walk and talked the talk. When He preaches about something He wasn't a Hypocrite, His speech and action was both in line with each other and with God's word.

Too many so-called Christians talk Christianese, but their actions say something totally different. No wonder the world asked questions about the Christian faith. Why must I become a Christian if what I do and you do is exactly the same, but you call yourself a Christian. So many of us use the word of God to justify our actions. Like I said many times before, we have become a mixed standard church, who mixed the world's standards with God's standards. Then we wonder why we don't experience the Lord's power in our lives. We want to experience our Lord Jesus' victory in our lives but we don't want to do what's expected from us and that is to really start life like Jesus did.

The more you spend time with God, the more you will start to become like Him. It's like in marriage; the more time you spend with each other the more you become like each other. The same thing applies when we spend time with God; He starts to rub off on us. It's almost as how 2 Corinthians 3:18 describes it:

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*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

In the Old Testament the writer wrote that, every time Moses came into the Lords presence the Lords sovereignty would rub off on him. The Lords Glory got so strong in Moses that He had to wear a mask to cover His face.

*(Exodus 24:17 NIV) To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.*

*(Exodus 33:13-19 NIV) If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." {14} The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." {15} Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. {16} How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" {17} And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." {18} Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." {19} And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.*

*(Exodus 34:5-8 NIV) Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. {6} And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, {7} maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.*

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Ray Stedman: "There are two splendors--the face of Moses and the face of Jesus Christ. Both are exciting, but one much more than the other. They stand for the two covenants, or arrangements, by which human life is lived. Both have the power to attract men, but one is a fading glory and the other is not. The unredeemed world lives continually by looking at the face of Moses. The Christian can live by either, but never both at the same time. It is either one or the other at any given moment in a Christian's life. 'No man can serve two masters,' said Jesus..."

*1 Pet 4:13-14 (NIV) But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*

The choice is always up to you. Will you start to chose, no matter what your circumstance are , to rejoice in the Lord, so that other my sense your joy and Honour your father in Heaven?