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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 132

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His sweet smelling love**. **2 Cor. 2:14** *“But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere.”*

The Greek word for *aroma* is *osmen* which means *a sweet smelling or fragrant smell*. One of the strongest memories we have are smells. I can still remember the smell of my Grandpa's cologne. As a young boy, I would climb up in his lap in the evening and put my head on his chest. I will never forget it. I felt warm and loved. This passage reminds us of the sweet smell of the gospel. My Grandma used to bake quite a bit. There was nothing that smelled better than the homemade biscuits. You could smell them all the way down to the barn. And when I smelt them, I wanted them! In a sense, Paul was reminding us in this passage, that nothing smells better spiritually, than knowing our God. He is the sweet aroma that draws all men unto Himself. There are certainly lots of different smells in this world, but there is one that is, as Paul states in **Eph. 5:2** *“Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.”*

There is nothing sweeter than knowing that your sins are paid for and you are forgiven. It makes me want to crawl up in my Father's lap and be held. A place where I know I'm forgiven and safe. Have you found that place?

Dear Father, You are the fragrant offering lifted up on our behalf. The perfect sacrifice for us. Help us then to live a life of love and spread the aroma of the knowledge of You everywhere. In Jesus Name, Amen