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“For we are unto God a sweet savour [fragrance] of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one we are the savour [odor] of death unto death; and to the other the savour [fragrance] of life unto life” (2 Cor. 2:15-16). Wherever we go as believers we can make known Christ and His victory, allowing the Lord to perfume our lives by His grace. As we seek to properly represent our living Lord and to point others to the Saviour, some will embrace the message of the Gospel [“life unto life”], while others will reject the truth, considering the message of the cross to be foolishness [“death unto death”].

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