



Cecil and Lisa Paxton Ministries

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Happy Fourth of July

As we here in the States celebrate our freedom on July 4, I am reminded of something that the Lord spoke to me years ago in answer to a question I asked. Jesus said, "It was Me they rejected," speaking of the hearts of the American people. Never before in my lifetime have I seen such an open battle for the hearts of people as I do today. Saul was persecuting Christians before he experienced a manifestation of the Lord's presence on the Damascus road and became a changed man in Christ. Jesus is the answer! I would encourage you to believe in prayer along with me for a powerful, corporate manifestation of God's presence that will supernaturally change people's hearts in coming to know Jesus. Remember, Saul experienced Jesus on a road. Jesus's presence can manifest everywhere and anywhere people are.



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Dear Partners and Friends,

This month, we will continue to minister not only over the phone but also through Zoom. Thanks to Zoom we have now ministered a second time in Scotland. Also, we are continuing to expand the YouTube teaching avenue, reaching more people.

Wonderful Testimony Just Received:

"My father brought me to Cecil and Lisa Paxton on August 25, 2017. My brother [had] just killed himself a couple of weeks prior, and I was suicidal and in poor health. Lisa gave me an amazing prophecy (a lot of which has already come to pass), and Cecil prayed for my healing, and wow, I felt God touching me that night. I was having visions and dreams, and my body started healing quickly. I have seen God heal and perform more miracles in one day than most will see [in] their entire life. Now I am completely healthy, holding down a good job, [and] following Jesus in all the ways. Life has turned around into a blessing! Thank you, Cecil and Lisa. ...I love you...all glory to God."

What Jesus Smells Like

In the same way that there are five natural senses, there are also five spiritual senses that benefit our hearts in God relating to us.

In Psalm 34:8, we are told to taste and see that the Lord is good.

A manifestation of God's presence is considered a touch from the Lord, and in Luke 6:19, the people sought to touch Jesus as power went out of Him and He healed them all. Jesus said, *"He who has ears to hear, let him hear"* (Matt. 11:15), and there are many more examples.

But in this teaching, I would like to focus on one of the five senses: smell. I am entitling this "What Jesus Smells Like," or another way of saying it, "What Love Smells Like."

In Ephesians 5:2 (NKJV), it says, *"And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."*

Another translation puts it this way: *"for Christ's love for you was like sweet perfume to him"* (TLB).

If you could have by the Spirit of the Lord smelled the aroma of Christ's death on the Cross, it would have smelled like the most wonderful and expensive perfume you could ever imagine.

It would have been an aroma like nothing you ever experienced before.

On the other hand, if you could have physically seen Jesus's death on the Cross, it would not have been a pleasant experience. The movie Mel Gibson produced called *The Passion*, I was told, did not fully portray the reality of Jesus's death. In Isaiah 52:14 (BBE),

it says, *"As peoples were surprised at him, And his face was not beautiful, so as to be desired: his face was so changed by disease as to be unlike that of a man, and his form was no longer that of the sons of men."*

And in Isaiah 53:4-5 (BBE), it says, *"But it was our pain he took, and our diseases were put on him: while to us he seemed as one diseased, on whom God's punishment had come. But it was for our sins he was wounded, and for our evil doings he was crushed: he took the punishment by which we have peace, and by his wounds we are made well."*

Another example of how terribly Jesus suffered in pain and humiliation comes from a lady whom I ministered to who was given a short time to live by doctors. Her heart was insensitive to the ministered Word of God, and to help her, Jesus gave her a vision where she watched Him as He died on the Cross. She told me that what she saw was not a pleasant experience; His suffering was terrible to see.

As horrible as it was, our sin and punishment being put upon Him during His death was to the Father a sweet-smelling aroma.

To help you understand the spiritual smell of Jesus's death, I will share an experience the Lord gave me. Years ago, the Lord allowed me to supernaturally smell a sexual spirit, which produced a foul odor. I did not understand why He gave me this experience until a month or so later when I came across a young man traveling and selling tools in shopping centers. While talking to him about a tool, I suddenly smelled the same foul smell but not as strong.

I asked him if I could ask a personal question, and he said yes. I said, “Are you living in sexual sin?” Shocked, he said, “What is it, my clothes?” I began to explain biblical spiritual discernment, and immediately he said, “Are you Pastor So-and-So?” I said no and told him who I was. He then told me that he had a Christian sister praying for him, and when he reached this town, he was supposed to see this particular pastor. He had no intention of seeing this pastor, so in answer to his sister’s prayers, Jesus sent me to him.

The odor I spiritually smelled was not a natural odor. To help explain the experience, let me say that the odor not only entered my nose but also went *through* my nose. It was a spiritual experience, not a natural experience.

Another insight into the sweet perfume of Christ’s love in Christians is found in 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NKJV):

[14] *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.*

[15] *For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.*

[16] *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?*

We, as believers in Christ, are the fragrance of Christ and the aroma of His life in this

world.

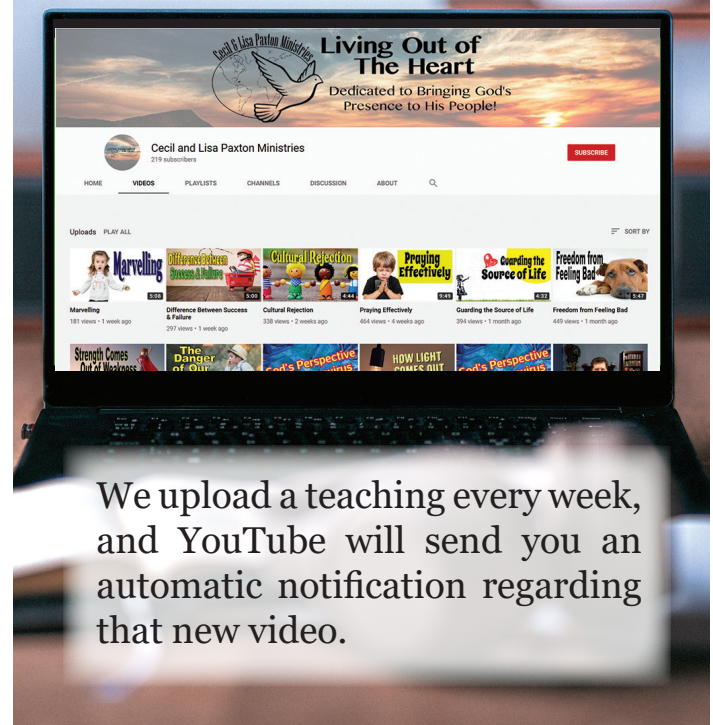
Lisa and I are very grateful to you, our friends and partners of this ministry, as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that you, our partners, are greatly prospering—spirit, soul, and body—as you experience increase in the seed you have sown, multiplying in the fruits of your righteousness. God’s richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your heart and have an open heart to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Blessings in Christ,

Cecil + Lisa

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