God uses His faithful servant to make known the glory of Christ

- I. The Setting, 2 Corinthians 2:12-13
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- III. The Fragrance of Christ, 2 Corinthians 2:14b-16b
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I. The Setting, 2 Corinthians 2:12-13

Paul's reasons for going to Troas:

- **1.** He had an open door to preach the Gospel, v.12
- 2. To meet Titus and receive his report about Corinth. v.13

- II. The Train of Triumph, 2 Corinthians 2:14a
 - **A. Thanksgiving for God leading in Triumph** v.4a
 - B. God always leads us in triumph in Christ
 - *"thriambeuo"* to cause to triumph, 2x, Colossians 2:15
 - The Roman Triumph (?)
 - C. God leads "us in Christ"

III. The knowledge of the fragrance of Christ, 2 Corinthians 2:14b

"...and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."

A. The manifestation of the fragrance of His knowledge

B. The <u>fragrance</u> - "savour", aroma, odor

C. The knowledge of Him in every place.

IV. The effect of the fragrance of Christ, 2 Corinthians 2:15-16a

A. To God - the fragrance of Christ on earth v.15a

B. To man - The paradox of the gospel v.15b

1. To the lost the aroma of death to death v.16a

2. To the saved the aroma of life to life v.16b