

Breaking Through the Illusion of Sunday-Only Christianity

“Breakthrough”

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Context:

Paul knew where the power came from to do his ministry. That term “triumphal procession” pictures a victory parade awarded a Roman General, in which enemy prisoners were forced to march. Paul had broken through and had victory. All the breakthroughs that Paul experienced were at the hand of Christ.

The greatest evangelist in all of history relied totally on Christ. His ministry was a sweet aroma to God. Relying on Christ is how breakthroughs happen, and relying on Christ doesn't happen when we see our faith as a Sunday morning activity.

Key Scripture:

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

Additional Scripture:

Romans 15:17-19

In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ...

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

- 1. In which areas of your life do you need a breakthrough? How long have you been waiting?**

- 2. Have you prayed diligently for a breakthrough? Why do you think God hasn't said "yes" yet?**

- 3. How does engaging with Christ on a moment-to-moment basis, rather than on Sunday only, create breakthroughs? How does this type of discipleship enable you to persevere until God is ready to move? Is your life a sweet aroma to those around you?**

NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC

Breaking Through Fear (*Psalms 27:1*)

