

A Sweet Savor of Christ

The sweet smell of rain is called “petrichor.” The rain itself is only water, but when soil is disturbed by raindrops, bacteria within the soil produce geosmin, which translates from the Latin for “earth smell.” Human noses are sensitive to geosmin and when it is wind-borne ahead of the rain itself, we can smell the coming rainfall.

The other extreme of scents in nature would surely include the enormous corpse flower found in tropical rainforests. Up to twenty feet tall, it blooms sporadically, only when sufficient energy has accumulated in its huge underground stem called a corm, and its bloom lasts only about a day. Its aroma can best be described as “putrid.”

Scents in nature can illustrate the impression we make on people as we go about our daily lives. Can those around you sense the fruit of the Spirit even if they don’t know that you are a Christian? “Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance” (Galatians 5:22–23) ought to characterize our daily lives—“a sweet savor of Christ” (2 Corinthians 2:15).

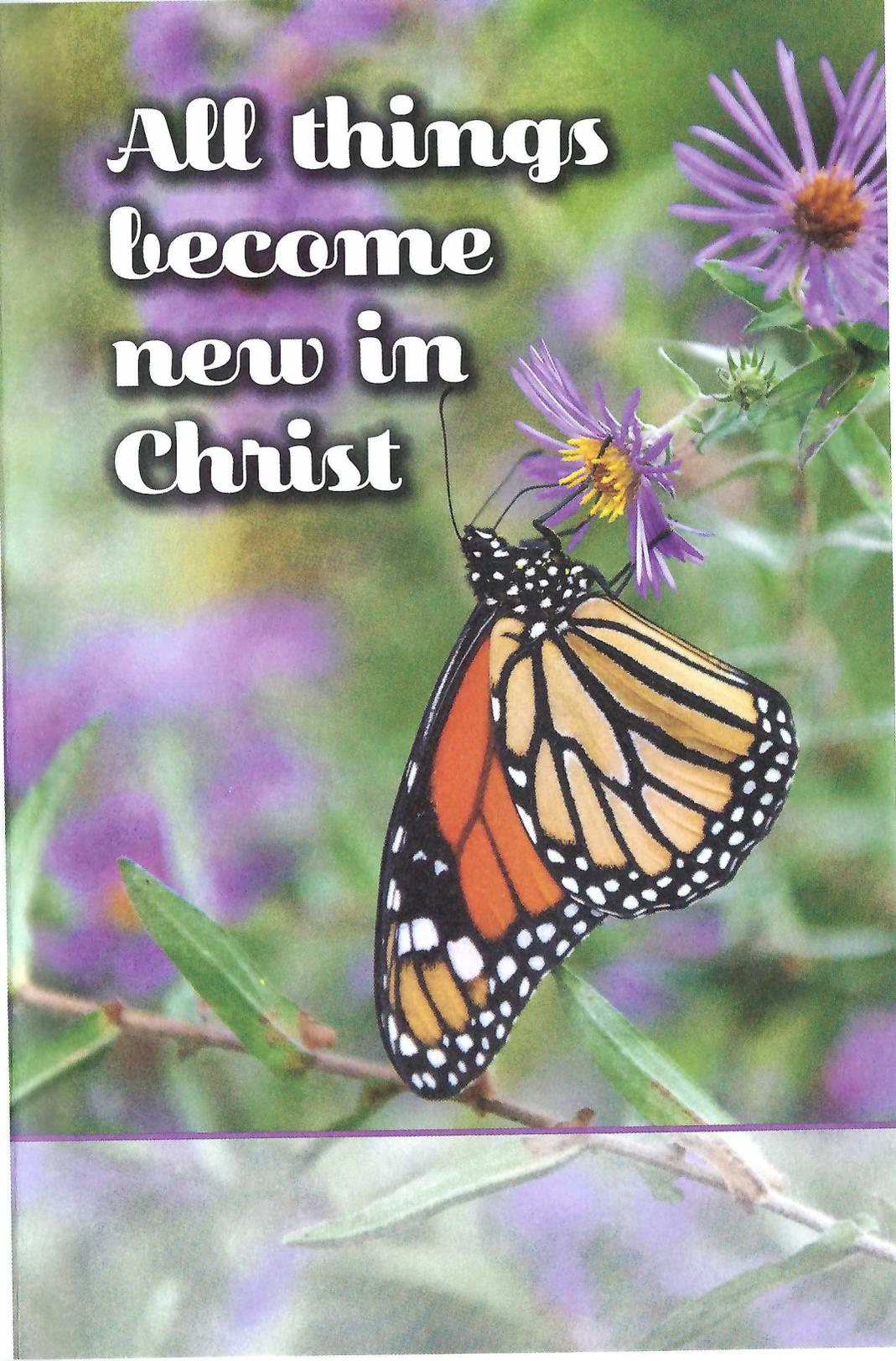
When the Jews criticized Jesus for healing a man on the Sabbath, he said in His response to them, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life” (John 5:24).

The implication is clear. Just as an “aroma” of life surrounds believers filled with the Holy Spirit, an “aroma” of death surrounds those who have not yet trusted in Jesus for salvation. We ought to pray daily that He would enable us to be “a sweet savor of Christ” to everyone we meet.

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All things become new in Christ



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Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 772 When We All Get to Heaven

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 774 When the Roll is Called

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sounds of Hope

Sermon:

Scripture:

Hymn of Benediction

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Covenant News

Our ministry for this month is the Costas Family Ministry in Brazil.

A Few More Words of Wisdom

*Learn how to separate the majors and the minors.
A lot of people don't do well simply because the major
in minor things.*

Sometimes you need to stay in touch but be out of reach.

*Learn how to say no. Don't let your mouth overload
your back.*

No man ever choked to death swallowing his own pride.

Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of wait.

*Something will master and something will serve.
Either you run the day or the day runs you.*

*Time is our most valuable asset, yet we tend to waste
it, kill it, and spend it rather than invest it.*