

## Polly's Pondering

I remember as a young girl being given my first deodorant. This will date me no doubt, but it was called "Tussy." Do not laugh too loud as it is still available on Amazon and Walmart. Now you might think that is a weird thing to ponder. But it was prompted by the ads I keep getting on my phone or hearing on the television for Lume that new deodorant developed by a doctor to be used anywhere on the body where you experience odor. Shortly after that came out, I heard an advertisement from Secret for an all-body spray deodorant they were now selling. Then the creator of Lume came out with Mando deodorant especially for men who want to smell good.

But the truth of the matter is that it doesn't matter what kind of deodorant, perfume, good smelling soap, or freshly washed clothing we are wearing because none of these things will get at the odor that pleases God the most. You see God wants a sweet smelling offering.

The NIV puts it this way. *"For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."* 2 Corinthians 2:15

If we want to smell good, we must put on Christ, we must accept him as our Lord and Savior and we must be willing to live life as a disciple of Christ; Ephesians 5:2 says, *"And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."* When we give our life to Christ, we take on his sweet and pleasing aroma. And that kind of smell is a sweet-smelling offering to God no matter what deodorant we are wearing. I am just saying....

*O my God Jesus, I am in every way unworthy of you. Yet, like Joseph of Arimathea, I want to offer a space for you. He offered his own tomb, I offer my heart.*

*Enter the darkness of my heart, as your body entered the darkness of Joseph's tomb. And make me worthy to receive you, driving out all sin that I may be filled with your spiritual light.*

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