

Parallels between 1 Corinthians 1:17 – 18 and 2 Corinthians 2:14 – 16a.

Paul's ministry and message were one; what Paul could say about the cross of Christ in 1 Corinthians 1:17 – 18, he could reaffirm about his own life as an apostle in 2 Corinthians 2:14 – 16. Hence, as the "aroma of Christ," Paul's suffering brings about the same twofold effect caused by his proclamation of the cross: death and life.

1. Paul is sent to preach in a mode that corresponds to the cross of Christ (1:17; cf. 2:1, 4).	1. Paul is "being led to death," which is a mode of existence that reveals the cross of Christ (2:14).
2. For (<i>gar</i>) (18a)	2. For (<i>hoti</i>) (15a)
3. the word of the cross (18a)	3. we are the aroma of Christ to God
4. is folly to those who are perishing (18b)	4. among those who are perishing ... to one a fragrance from death to death (15c, 16a)
5. to us who are being saved it is the power of God (18c).	5. among those who are being saved ... to [these] a fragrance from life to life (15b, 16a).

Parallels between 1 Corinthians 4:9-11 and 2 Corinthians 2:14 and 2 Corinthians 4:11

2 Cor. 4:11a	2 Cor. 2:14a	1 Cor. 4:9a
1. 'We are..given over' (divine passive) – i.e. action is imputed to God	1. Thanks be to God	1. God
2. always (cf. "always" in v. 10a)	2. always	2. (cf. "to the present hour," v. 11, and "are still" v. 13)
3. we who live	3. us	3. us apostles
4. are being given over to death	4. leads us in triumphal procession [sc. to death]	4. exhibited..last of all like men sentenced to death
5. for Jesus sake	5. in Christ	5. (cf. "for [i.e., on account of] Christ's sake," v. 10)

2 Cor. 4:11b	2 Cor. 2:14b	1 Cor. 4:9b
1. in order that the life of Jesus might be revealed	1. and spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him	1. because we have become a spectacle
2. in our mortal flesh	2. through us	2. _____
3. _____	3. everywhere	3. to the world, to angels and to men