

THE HOLY SPIRIT Pt.2: ANOINTING

Last week I talked about The Holy Spirit and how we should seek God for more of His Spirit. This week I want to focus more on the anointing of The Holy Spirit.

ANOINTING

God's anointing and The Holy Spirit are not the same thing although they are very closely related. The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, He is the third person of the Trinity. He is the person of God who indwells every believer at the moment of salvation, guiding and transforming them.

The anointing is the power, presence or enabling of The Holy Spirit operating in a person's life for a specific purpose. The Holy Spirit equips each believer to spread the gospel, to walk in their spiritual gifts, to live a holy and dedicated life. Through the anointing of The Holy Spirit, a believer is given the ability, authority or unction to do God's work.

The Holy Spirit is The One Who releases the supernatural ability and power through you to accomplish The Father's will. That supernatural ability and power is God's anointing.

Pastor Erustus shared:

About the Holy Spirit and the anointing this is what I can say. The anointing is God's presence and power through the person of the Holy Spirit that rests and fills inside the believer and at the same time also rests upon a believer. The Holy Spirit Himself is a person who comes to release in a believer the power bestowed upon Him in God's Trinity to equip the person (servant/believer in Christ) to tap into the spiritual realm.

Remember we are flesh and the bible says our war is not in flesh and blood. **(Eph.6:12)** The human spirit resting in the flesh after the fall became so weak to operate in the spiritual realm. Hence it must be empowered first either by demonic powers or the Holy Spirit. That's why in Acts 1:8 Jesus told the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit to come first. 1. To make their spirits sensitive to tap into the spiritual realm and 2. To be powered (empowered) to operate against the

resisting / counter the other demonic (satanic) forces to manifest God's power and will in this physical world.

I will figuratively say the Holy Spirit (gas) is like the gas that we fill the car/machines engines (human body) to generate power (anointing) to ignite the engine (human spirit) to move the cars or machines against resistance like gravity, friction, wind etc. (demonic powers). Remember due to man's sin this world was handed over to satan who is a strong spirit with a strong army of evil spirits full of knowledge and power. So without the human spirit being filled with spiritual knowledge (Holy Spirit's knowledge) and Power (anointing), a person cannot serve and tap into the spiritual realm. You remember Jesus while on earth during baptism the Holy Spirit rested on Him like a dove for empowerment (anointing) then He went into the wilderness where satan tempted Him but He overcame because of the anointing (power) He had received through the Holy Spirit.

Now about using gifts and talents and ministry work such as laying hands on the sick, cursing out devil's, prophesying etc. The Holy Spirit living in our bodies (temples) gives spiritual gifts to individuals as He desires for divine abilities for service, ministry, and spiritual understanding and in all these, power (anointing) is released to fight satanic powers. In the Old Testament the Spirit of God came upon and rested on a person not inside a person. Back then the anointing with oil was a physical ceremony used to set apart the person such as kings, priests (**Exodus 28:41, 29:7**) or prophets for divine tasks like in the case of the anointing of King David. (**1 Sam.16:13, 2 Sam.2:4, 5:3**) The anointing rested mainly on those with divine tasks.

Judges 14:5-6 – Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

You can read the story of Samson and how God used him in Judges chapters 13 – 16. God's Spirit came on him several times and gave him great strength to do the things he did.

Today, we have God's Spirit on the inside but He still also rests on us and empowers us at different times just like with Samson, with King David etc. **(1 Sam.16:13)** In those moments, you can feel God's power on your life. Usually you are nudged into action to do something in that moment for God's glory. To pray for someone, to speak God's Word, ministers to lay hands on the sick, to deliver someone from demonic powers etc.

I remember so often as a baby Christian feeling The Holy Spirit on me. I love that feeling. When He all of a sudden sweeps over you and usually you have goose bumps but not always. When I taught children's church and had the attention of the children, so many times I could feel The Holy Spirit on me. As you grow in The Lord, maturing in the faith, He doesn't seem to move like that as much but He is still there with you. We are not to depend on a "feeling" but rather to live in such a way that we know He is with us continually helping us all along the way.

In the New Testament by applying oil on an individual one is confirmed and transitioned into a spiritual reality. Jesus Christ Himself is the Anointed One who laid the foundation for our empowerment through the Holy Spirit. During Pentecost time the Holy Spirit filled and anointed (empowered) all believers. As the Apostle John writes that all Christians receive a measure of anointing from the Holy One to enable them to understand God's word ie the Holy Spirit helps one have knowledge and power about spiritual life.

According to Acts 1:8 we are anointed to be empowered so that we can be witnesses of God's work to the world and this only happens when the Holy Spirit comes upon believers to enable them to share the gospel and minister to others. Spiritual. It's the anointing through the Holy Spirit that guides a believer in discerning TRUTH from FALSE teachings which helps one to understand God's will. It's the anointing that brings about healing and deliverance from spiritual and physical bondage to set one free. At salvation the Holy Spirit indwells a believer and acts as a seal of ownership and the spiritual world recognizes this sealing. Those who are called to the five fold ministry and other gifts are usually filled and empowered to higher levels of overflow of the Spirit's power that is released to enable them to minister, heal, pray and preach.

The Father anointed Jesus, He is The Anointed One and He gives us His Spirit in order to anoint us to do what He created us to do and to help us to live Christian lives.

1 John 2:19-20 - They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

John begins by speaking about people who had left the church. They never really were members of the church, never really were Christians and it was made clear when they left the church. He goes on to explain that real Christians have Christ's Spirit in them and the Holy Spirit gives the unction or empowerment which is anointing and through Him we know the truth and can continue in the faith.

1 John 2:27 - But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him.

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Each believer receives anointing from Christ through The Holy Spirit.

Pastor said:

We can pray and ask God for more of His Spirit and the more we are filled the more He anoints us. The early church prayed for boldness and he thinks the boldness comes from the Holy Spirit Who eventually anointed them to work with much power.

Jesus said if you ask anything in My name My Father will do it. So I don't see anything wrong in asking for more anointing through the Holy Spirit as long as our motives are right to use the power for God's own glory. We need more power to counter the kingdom of darkness which its servants pay a very heavy price in seeking for demonic powers to fight the church. Hence it calls for us too to spend more time praying and seeking God more for Holy Spirit empowerment. I think this is the reason why the disciples said they were not to serve tables but to give themselves more to the word and prayer.

The church is in such a weak state today because believers are not spending time in prayer seeking God for more of His Spirit. They are not putting the time in to draw nearer to Him. **(James 4:8)** Luciferians make great sacrifices to get more demonic powers. You should hear some of the things they do and the number one thing is they sacrifice those that are close to them. Satan honors human sacrifice above all else. God has never required human sacrifice and today because of Jesus we don't even have to give animal sacrifices. We are so blessed under the new covenant.

Here's my question to you, are you putting in time seeking God through prayer and reading His Word? Or are you content to be weak and powerless. Luciferians are ruthless to get more demonic power. The church needs to step it up.

2 Kings 2-9 – And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

This is a bold example of Elisha asking for more of God's Spirit, that's The Spirit that was on Elijah's life.

In Old Testament times when an anointed person sinned and did not repent God would remove His Spirit. That is why King David earnestly prayed for God not to

take His Spirit from him. **(Psalm 51:11)** He knew he would fail miserably without God's Spirit.

In Acts 4:29-31 the believers had been being persecuted and they prayed for boldness which is more anointing through The Power of The Holy Spirit.

CLOSING

You must seek more of God's Spirit and more of His anointing. Don't listen to the false teachers who try to steer you away from The Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:13 – (Jesus speaking) If ye then, being evil (sinful), know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?

This is the best example given in Scripture prompting us to ask The Father for The Holy Spirit. You need Him. If you don't have Him, you are not saved and if you are saved then you should be seeking more of Him continually. Seek more of The Holy Spirit and more anointing. When you feel you can't do what God has asked you to do or you feel you just can't go on in your Christian walk, seek The God for more of His Spirit and more of His anointing. The Holy Spirit is the one Who equips and empowers you to do what God has for you to do and He's the One Who empowers you to keep the faith and persevere. Get to know Him and be bold in asking God continually for more of His Spirit and to give you more anointing.

PRAYER