

## UNDERSTANDING THE ANOINTING - PART 1

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### The Reality and Purpose of the Anointing

1. **Born again of the Spirit.** *Jn 3:3,5,6,8*. Made alive to God.  
The Christian life begins when we are born again of the Spirit through “repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ,” *Ac 20:21*. This is being “sealed with the Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance”, *Eph 1:13,14*.
2. **Baptised with the Holy Spirit** or **filled** with the Spirit, *Ac 1:5, 2:4, Eph 5:18*, when we are baptised into Christ, *Gal 3:27, Rom 6:3*, soon after conversion. The Holy Spirit **fills our whole** life bringing love, joy, understanding the Word, victory over sin, release in prayer, power in witness, gifts of the Spirit, effective ministry. The Holy Spirit **wells up** within us, *Jn 4:14*, and **flows out** of us to bring life to others, *Jn 7:37-39*, and praise to God.
3. **The anointing with the Spirit** comes upon us in our **calling and ministry** of service to others. As we find and enter into the call of God upon our lives, the anointing of the Spirit comes upon us to make the ministry of service effective.
4. Jacob anointed the pillar of rock and called it the House of God, Bethel, *Gen 28:10-19*. This is one of the first examples of the anointing in the Word, and it pictures the purpose of the anointing. “The church is the house of God, the pillar and ground of truth,” “the Body of Christ” and the anointing of God is upon it, *1Tim 3:15, 2Cor 1:21, 1Jn 2:27*
5. When Moses built the Tabernacle, God’s house among His people Israel, Moses anointed every part of it and the priests who offered sacrifices in it, *Ex 40:9-15*.
6. The anointing oil was especially prepared and there was none other like it, *Ex 30:22-25*.
7. God said **the anointing** upon the priests “**shall surely be an everlasting priesthood.**”  
*Ex 40:15* - No anointing! No priesthood unto God!  
*Eccl 9:8* – “let your garments be white, and your head lack no ointment.”
8. In the New Testament true believers are spiritual priests unto God, *1Pet 2:5,9*. They are living stones, built into a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ.

True believers in Christ are priests unto God, in His house, anointed by the Spirit of God, to offer up sacrifices of worship and service unto Him.

*Heb 13:15,16* mentions three of those sacrifices:

- a. the sacrifice of praise unto God - giving thanks.
- b. the sacrifice of doing good works of mercy - ministry to others.
- c. the sacrifice of sharing - fellowship.

*Rom 12:1* presenting our bodies a living sacrifice.

*Lk 9:23* denying self will and obeying God’s will.

*Col 3:17* doing all in His Name and for His glory.

[*Heb 6:10* God will not forget our labour of love.]

9. Jesus is the first anointed New Testament priest, *Heb 3:1*.  
*Ac 10:38* “**God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth** with the Holy Spirit and power, who **went about doing good** and healing all who were oppressed by the devil for God was with Him.”
  
10. **The good works** which Jesus did by the anointing are outlined in *Lk 4:18,19*.
  - a. preach the gospel to the poor, *Mat 4:23*.
  - b. heal the brokenhearted, *Lk 18:38*.
  - c. set free the captives, *Lk 13:12*.
  - d. give sight to the blind, *Mat 9:28*.
  - e. relieve the oppressed, *Mk 5:15*.
  - f. preach the year of the Lord’s acceptance, - the year of Jubilee, *Lev 25:8-13*.
  
11. The Word assures us that we are priests of God, anointed with the Holy Spirit, to continue the ministry of Jesus in pouring out our lives to seek the redemption of lost men and women. *1Jn 2:27, 2Cor 1:21, Jn 7:37-39, 2Cor 3:6*.
  
12. **It is the anointing that destroys the yoke** and as we minister in the anointing the bondages on people’s lives are broken, *Is 10:27, Is 58:6-14*.