

## UNDERSTANDING THE ANOINTING - PART 2

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### Conditions for Maintaining the Anointing

1. **In our personal relationship with God, *Ex 40:12,13.***

Before Moses could anoint Aaron into the office of priest, and the offering up of sacrifices to God, two things had to be done:

a. Aaron had to be **washed in water**, *Eph 5:26.*

**Sin cancels out the anointing**, *Ex 30:32*, and we must overcome sinful bondages in our lives to be able to minister in the anointing. Jesus has already destroyed the power and hold of all sin in us, and as we know, believe, and act in this truth we shall be free unto holiness, *Rom 6:1-14,22*. We can go out free because Jesus has already set us free, *2Pet 1:3,4*.

b. He had to be **clothed with the beautiful garments**, *Ex 28.*

**The positive side is being clothed with Christ's life**, *Gal 3:27*; the beautiful garments of *Eph 6:10-20*; the fruit of the Spirit, *Gal 5:22,23*; Christ's character, *Rev 19:8*; living a righteous life, *Rom 8:29*.

To minister in the anointing we need to be **washed clean from sin's power**, *Eph 5:26*, and to be **clothed with the garments of righteous behaviour**, *Eph 5:9*.

2. **Our relationships with other believers and the need of unity.**

*Ps 133* says "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in **unity**! It is like the precious anointing oil upon the head" of the priest Aaron. Our **oneness** with other believers is necessary if we are to minister in the anointing.

Where there is unity and the anointing, God commands His blessings and life for evermore.

In writing to the Ephesian believers *Eph 1:15*, Paul remarks on their:

a. **faith** in the Lord Jesus Christ.

b. their **love** to all the saints.

These two things are necessary for **unity** and to **maintain the anointing**

Faith and love work together, *Gal 5:6*, *Gal 5:13*.

a. **Firstly faith in the Lord Jesus Christ**, *Eph 1:15*.

It is very important for us to know and believe what the Bible says about Christ.

i. He is God - co-equal with the Father. *Mat 1:23*, *Is 7:14*, *Is 9:6,7*, *Jn 8:58* + *Ex 3:14*.

ii. Remaining God He became man, *Lk 1:31-35*, *Is 7:14*.

iii. He lived a sinless life of obedience to God's will, *Heb 4:15*.

iv. He died as a full sacrifice for all our sins, *1Pet 2:24*.

v. He rose again physically from the dead on the third day, *1Cor 15:4*, *Lk 24:39*, *Lk 24:6*.

vi. For forty days after His resurrection He was seen by His disciples, *Ac 1:3*

vii. At the end of the forty days He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, *Ac 1:9*, *Heb 1:3*.

viii. He will soon return to the earth as Judge of all men, *Mat 25:31-46*, *1Cor 5:10*.

b. Secondly **"love to all the saints"**, *Eph 1:15*.

Love in Bible terms means to do good to others and seek their well-being even at our own expense. Love is a sacrifice, and is costly.

Love is expressed in our relationship to others by:

- i. **Forgiving** others for the way they have hurt and upset us. That is, to release others from our judgment and bitterness, and give the situation over to God, *Mat 6:14,15, Mk 11:25,26*.

Don't "nurse it" - dwell on the hurt.

Don't "curse it" - bad mouth the offender.

Don't "rehearse it" - go about telling others.

But "disperse it" to God - choose to forgive and release them from your judgment.

And let God "reverse it" - pray and bless the offender and God will bring blessing

- ii. **Accepting** one another without preconditions, *Rom 15:7*.
- iii. **Praying** for one another, *Jam 5:16*.
- iv. **Blessing** one another, *Jam 2:15-17*.
- v. **Doing good** to one another, *Mat 25:35,36*.

Remember "Faith in God works by loving one another," *Gal 5:6*.

"Love works by being a servant to others," *Gal 5:13*.

**By faith and love we maintain the anointing.**