

## WHAT IS THE ANOINTING?

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**Readings:** *Gal 3:13,14, 1Jn 2:27, Ac 1:8, Ac 2:38,39, Rev 1:4,5, Rev 4:5, Rev 5:6, 2Chr 16:9, (Ex 40:9-14, Ex 30:22-33, 1Sam 10:1, 1Sam 16:13, Ps 133:1-3).*

1. Jesus Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law, (of poverty, sickness and destruction, *Deut 28:15-68*), due to us because of sin, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit by faith, *Gal 3:13,14*.
2. This is the anointing of the Spirit, which abides upon us and teaches us all things, *1Jn 2:27*, and empowers us to be His witnesses, *Ac 1:8*.
3. The Seven Spirits are the seven anointings of God, the Holy Spirit, *Rev 1:4,5*, which are seen as seven lamps of fire before the Throne, *Rev 4:5*, and are the seven eyes of the Lamb, or the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the world, *Rev 5:6*.
4. These seven eyes of the Lord are running to and fro throughout the whole earth, desiring to show themselves strong on the behalf of those whose heart is perfect towards Him, *2Chr 16:9*.
5. The seven Spirits of God are the seven anointings of God's Spirit listed for us in *Is 11:1-3*.
6. Jesus Christ is the Rod and the Branch upon whom the seven anointings rested in all fulness.
7. **Firstly the Spirit of the Lord** which is the anointing of authority, boldness, confidence. *Is 11:3*. Every believer needs this anointing to speak out the Gospel of Salvation into this hostile world. Jesus said that if we confess Him before men He will confess us before His Father in heaven, but if we deny Him, He will deny us, *Mat 10:32,33*. Peter and John were full of this authority, and astounded their persecutors, *Ac 4:10-13*. Jesus spoke with great authority by the anointing, *Mat 7:28,29*. As we receive this anointing, we have great boldness and authority in open air preaching, witnessing, praying in hospitals and prisons and speaking to the people we meet, about Jesus, *1Pet 4:11*.
8. **The Spirit of wisdom** is generally given to those in leadership, so that they will know how to exercise authority and guide others in God's way. Parents, husbands, elders, employers, Town Council members and Government officials who are believers need this anointing.  
  
Solomon pleased God when he asked for it, *2Chr 1:7,10, 2Chr 9:1-7*. Jesus spoke in this anointing to the Jews who asked Him whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar, *Mat 22:15-22*. God gives this anointing to those who ask for it, *Jam 1:5-7*.
9. **The Spirit of Understanding** is the anointing that reveals the meaning of things. The disciples did not understand what Jesus had said in *Mat 15:10,11*, and so Peter asked Him to explain it, *Mat 15:15*. Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding?" *v16*. Then He explained the meaning of what He had said to them, *v17-20*. As we read the Word, this anointing gives to us understanding of the Scriptures, and opens the eyes of our understanding, *Eph 1:17,18*. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus spoke to two men and gave them understanding of why He had to die on the Cross and be raised to life again, *Lk 24:36-45*.
10. **The Spirit of Counsel** is the anointing of having the right word to say to a person in need so that they might be greatly encouraged and edified, *Jn 6:63, Is 50:4, Is 51:16*. (Give your own examples of this).
11. **The Spirit of Might** is the anointing of power, ability, strength that rested mightily upon Jesus, *Ac 10:38*, and is given to us to heal the sick, cast out demons, perform miracles, and

to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, *Lk 7:22, 2Tim 1:7, Ac 1:8, Lk 5:17, 2Cor 3:6.*

12. **The Spirit of Knowledge** is the anointing that brings a knowing about a certain thing, or revelation. God says, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge,” *Hos 4:6*, but gives to those who seek Him, the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, in the knowledge of Him, *Eph 1:17*. After six months of strongly seeking to earn the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, through more earnest prayer, holiness, the Holy Spirit gave a vision of the word, “**GIFT**,” and with the knowledge that the Baptism with the Spirit was a free gift, it was quickly received by faith. Word of knowledge and discernment of spirits, *1Cor 12:8,10*, are aspects of this anointing, that enable us to know what we are dealing with in ministry to others.
13. **The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord** is the anointing of servant-hearted love to the Lord, that seeks to please Him, and do His will in all things. *Pro 3:6,7, Pro 14:26,27, Pro 19:23, Is 66:1,2.*

**Note:** Please spend time asking the Lord to bring to your mind excellent examples from your own experience, to illustrate these seven anointings to the people you are ministering to.