

Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent.

(Jeremiah 20:9)

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"Pray for the Anointing" (Word)

At 3:31 am on July 3, 2016, the Lord woke me with this word:

The future of humanity is in the balance. Pray!

My first reaction was: *Lord, how do I pray about this?* For me, prayer has always been about lining up with the heart, mind, and will of God. I needed more to go on in order to pray for humanity. My second reaction was that I am part of this humanity, so I must be in the balance, as well, which is the scale of justice (judgment). Knowing my heart, the Lord spoke to me again in two parts.

*No, you are not part of this humanity. You are a new creation. You are of the new humanity, the one new man. You are not destined for wrath but for glory. My Son in you is not in the balance and neither are you. **The world today is divided into two – the old creation and the new creation. The old is in the balance, for it fails to honor Me and give Me glory as the creator of All.***

The cross was like a great knife that cut straight through the very fabric of creation, severing the old order of things from the new order that was birthed when Jesus rose from the grave. It was a complete severing of the kingdom of this world and the inauguration of the kingdom of God in which all things become new. In vision, John heard the Lord proclaim: *Behold, I am making all things new.* This new order is of an entirely different nature from the old order. It is of the character of God's Son, *Yeshua*. Paul said that all who are in the Anointed One are a new creation – a new humanity fashioned after the pattern Son. Now, the old order is in the balance, meaning God has announced His judgment of this order – failure! The old order of creation has fallen short of the glory of God by not honoring its creator.

But then He said something that surprised me.

The answer to the old humanity is in the new humanity. It is time for the world to be introduced to the one body of Christ, not a visibly divided church but the one new man, the one body receiving its power from its anointed head. The future of the old humanity is in seeing the glory of the new humanity.

*No longer see your brethren through (their group identity) [the spirit of the Lord literally named specific groups]; see them as one in Christ. It is time to break down the walls of division. The façade must and will crumble – it is one of the structures of the world. When the structures of the organized, visible church crumble, the Kingdom of the Son of God manifests. **Pray for the anointing. It is coming! For My presence is coming and I require an anointed body.***

Note: the call of God is not to pray about the problem (i.e., the old creation) but about the solution that comes through the new creation – and that solution is the anointed body of Christ that is coming. So how must we pray? Simply, stand with the throne of grace that an anointing of Jesus' body is coming that will

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unite us as we have never been united, probably since the first Pentecost of the ecclesia – and on its heels is the presence or coming of King Jesus.

Many have been saying for years that at the end of this age the holy spirit is going to be poured out on either the church to awaken her or humanity in general to usher in a great harvest, or both. This goes along with the anointing oil pouring forth from the head to the body. Based on this word that came to me, I see this in a slightly different way, even as it yields the same result. The anointing that is coming is not about a Pentecostal-type outpouring; **the anointing that is coming will come from within the Lord's people, not from without.** This might seem as if it is a minor point; however, I believe it is far more significant, for it highlights what has been lost among the Lord's people.

Let us start with the title *Christ*, which refers to *being anointed*. In the ancient days of scripture, kings, priests, and prophets were generally anointed with oil to fulfill their calling. Of course, Jesus is all three (king, priest, and prophet). On the day of Pentecost after Jesus' final ascension, the holy spirit came upon the embryonic ecclesia to jumpstart it, so to speak, and Acts recounts how marvelous this jumpstart truly was. The anointing of Jesus was poured out on His new creation body. But, in a sense, this was a one-off event that has not been repeated on this scale (i.e., poured out on His entire body at other points in history). This has led many to long for another such outpouring and a great revival, even to prophesy it is coming at the end of this age.

Although the first Pentecostal outpouring of the holy spirit on the Lord's ecclesia has not been repeated on this scale for 21 centuries, it did not stop being poured out on individuals whose eyes have been opened to the risen Lord Jesus. For nearly 2,000 years, every begotten of God believer has had the holy spirit poured out into their heart. How do we know? Because we love!

The result is this: since we have been declared "in the right" on the basis of faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus the Messiah. Through him we have been allowed to approach, by faith, into this grace in which we stand; and we celebrate the hope of the glory of God. That's not all. We also celebrate in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patience, patience produces a well-formed character, and a character like that produces hope. Hope, in its turn, does not make us ashamed, because **the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the holy spirit who has been given to us.** (Romans 5:1-5 Kingdom-NT [bold added])

Of profound significance – Paul also reminds us that **Christ is in us**, and **we are in Christ**. Worded a definitional way: ***The Anointed is in us, and we are in the Anointed***, meaning that, once we are given the faith of the Son to believe, the anointing takes up residence in us because the Anointed One by His spirit takes up residence in us. By the way; this is the ***spirit of truth***. In a more direct way, John tells us that we have this anointing not as a one-off event that must be repeated but as one that is with us *constantly* and *continuously*. Jonathan Mitchell's expanded, amplified translation makes the point.

And you folks ***constantly have an anointing*** from the Set-Apart One (the Holy One) (1 John 2:20 JM-NT [bold italic added])

... and ***the effects of the Anointing which you folks received (receive) from Him constantly remains (abides; dwells) within you folks***, and you continually have no use (or you are not constantly having a need) that anyone should continually be teaching you, but rather, just as ***His Anointing is***

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continuously teaching you about everything (concerning all things) and is continuously True, and is not a lie, (1 John 2:27 JM-NT [bold italic added])

John called his day the last hour (not something far-off) and that hour brought many challenges (even doubts, fears, temptations) to the Lord's people. The spirit of antichrist was present as were antichrist rulers in the form of the Caesars – Nero, in particular, being the most notorious of them all. With this backdrop, the beloved apostle encouraged those with him that they had an anointing within them that continuously taught them the truth so that they could discern the lie that came through antichrist (or: anti-anointed, anti-messiah) movements, with some claiming to be the messiah. There is a lot to be gleaned from John and what he saw in his day, but the point for us today is that we too have this same anointing within us as we also have been witnessing the global rise of the same antichrist spirit. We have the Lord's anointing constantly and continuously within us, and the more the Anointed One is formed in us, the more this anointing is to grow. It is this anointing that has victory over the antichrist spirit.

Dear saints, the word I was given is a reminder that we have this anointing now; but I believe, as the Lord's people, we have been led astray to think that anointing is something special, reserved for certain gifted brethren or some final end-time outpouring. With such thinking, we have capped this well-spring of living water.

To put it bluntly, we have been asleep to who we truly are in Christ because we have been asleep to who Jesus truly is not only to us but especially in us. As I have shared elsewhere, Jesus the Anointed One has been encrusted with many things and has not been lifted up continually and progressively as the one and only thing. He is our life and our expectation. We need to awaken to the who and what of our Lord Jesus. And when we do, we will awaken to the who and what of the body of Christ, of which each one of us is a part.

To say it again – each and every one of us who are in Christ and Christ is in us has the Lord's anointing residing within us now. Awake!

May the eyes of our heart be enlightened!

We need to awaken to the anointing all of us believers have had all along and pray for the spirit of the Lord to uncap this well so that the rivers of living water will flow freely and abundantly. We are the first fruits of the new humanity, the new creation, the one new man in King Jesus. As the body of Christ, we are called to live as such and this comes through the anointing that resides in us, which is Christ in us. This is what the call to pray for the anointing is all about.

Further, this call is about the body of Christ coming into its true oneness in Jesus – if you will, a putting aside of all the things that divide us. The future of the old humanity (old creation) is in seeing the glory of our oneness in the Anointed Jesus. We are one body now, not in some future time, and He reigns upon His throne of glory now, not in some future time.

May the spirit of the Lord awaken us to the anointing that arises from within, not from without, and may the Lord unite us as one for the world to see.

Pray for the anointing! The awakening of the body of Christ is coming. When we awake, it won't be long before we are transformed into the presence of the love of our life – into the presence of King Jesus!

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