

*Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent.* (Jeremiah 20:9)

*The testimony of JESUS is the spirit of the prophecy.* (Revelation 19:10c)

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### ***Anointing (Word/Commentary)***

For many years, the subject of anointing was not something I had given much thought and some of my thoughts were negative due to abuses I either observed or experienced in church life. In these cases, the anointing came across as a display of power and authority, reserved for a few. The anointing was often relegated to an individual (e.g., official, titled position) or to some outward expression or manifestation (e.g., delivering a powerful message; healing). Sometimes, it was relegated to those in charge (i.e., so-called *faith leaders*) or to those gifted to serve in what is commonly referred to as the *five-fold ministry*. To reinforce this latter point, at least in my mind, I recently came across a prophetic post that referred to it as *Christ's five ministry—gift anointings*, implying that the gifts themselves are anointings. Abuses seem to be most prevalent where the body of Christ is divided along the lines of clergy-pastor (anyone in a leadership role, regardless of title) and laity (those not in leadership nor having some official title). The brethren (i.e., misnamed the *laity*) are cautioned to *touch not the anointed*, meaning don't challenge or question the positional leadership. By the way: this is not restricted to religious institutions or denominations; it can manifest in any setting (e.g., home church) that elevates so-called *leadership* (by any name or title, applied or implied) to an exalted (i.e., anointed) platform above or over the brethren—that is, simply being in leadership, one is anointed.

Well, this all changed for me when the Lord broke into my sleep on July 3, 2016 and placed a burden upon my heart that has only grown stronger. The full posting about this is [here](#). As a reminder, the word started with: ***The future of humanity is in the balance. Pray.*** Then, I was told what to pray for and why. Here is an excerpt.

*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.*

This call must be joined with a word that came to me [301](#) days later, on **April 30, 2017** (explained in [Great Awakening of Our True Identity](#)).

***In the midst of great turmoil and confusion will come a great awakening of My chosen ones. They will awaken to their true identity. The blinders will come off; the scales will fall—they will see.***

## Anointing

If we accept these words as from the Lord, then He is making it clear that our true identity starts with our anointing. The call to pray for it means that, in some measure, it has been lost or suppressed among the Lord's people that have been led to believe that anointing is something uniquely special and reserved for only a select few, rather than something given to each and every member of the body of Christ.

Now, John is the one who makes it abundantly clear that we all have the anointing within us, but he is not alone, for Paul makes a similar point based on being brought into the Messiah, the Anointed One. The way many translations word the following, one might conclude that the anointing Paul referred to only applied to him and his company (i.e., *us*). However, contextually, this misses Paul's point that all God's people are anointed, all are stamped with His seal, and the spirit we all receive is a pledge (guarantee) of what is to come. In all of his writings, it is safe to say that the heart of Paul is about *us* and *you* being one, receiving of the same spirit and anointing.

Now God [is] the One repeatedly placing us on good, firm footing (constantly stabilizing and establishing us) and completely (or: instantly, in one point in time) **anointing us, together with you folks, into Christ.** (2 Corinthians 1:21 JM-NT)

It's God who strengthens us with you **into the Messiah, the anointed one; and he has anointed us, too.** (2 Corinthians 1:21 Kingdom NT)

These two translations make it clear that the *us* included the recipients of the epistle and is further substantiated in the next verse.

Who also seals us and is giving the earnest [pledge] of the spirit in our hearts. (2 Corinthians 1:22 CLV [NASB])

Here the *us* clearly speaks of all the brethren, for in one of his later epistles, Paul writes of this same earnest or pledge as belonging to all who are sealed with the holy spirit of promise. In Ephesians, Paul expands on this truth.

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, **you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance**, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14 NASB)

The seal and the pledge are for all who believe; thus, Paul saw the anointing for all, just as John did. We have been anointed into the Messiah, the Anointed One. All who are in the Anointed One and the Anointed One is in them are anointed, as well.

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The fact is: the anointing is an inward reality of the spirit of Jesus each of us receives when given His faith to believe in Him. Jesus, who declared to His disciples that He is the Truth, also told them that, after He was gone, He would send the spirit of truth as a guide into all truth. John, the apostle of love, took to heart all of His Master's words and later wrote to his little children that they had the anointing, the spirit of truth, within them.

**And the anointing which you obtained from Him is remaining in you, and you have no need that anyone may be teaching you, but as His anointing is teaching you concerning all, and is true, and is no lie, according as it teaches you also, remain in Him.”** (1 John 2:27 CLV)

Later in his short epistle, John wrote that the spirit bears witness to the fact that Jesus is the Son of God and that this is **the spirit of the truth** and ones who believe in the Son of God have this same witness in them. (1 John 5:7, 10). So, the anointing John wrote of is the giving of the spirit of the truth to teach all of us all things that are true.

Let it be heralded loud and clear: Each and every member of the body of Christ, the ekklesia Jesus is building, has received His spirit, which is also called the *spirit of the truth* and, as such, each and every member has Jesus' anointing remaining or abiding in them. The anointing is the spirit in us that has been given to teach us all things so that we can discern truth from lies, especially lies relating to who Jesus the Son of God is and we who are in Him as ones being transformed into sons of God in His image. The anointing is our very own lie detector for what is real and what is not, not only in the world or in the church, but also within each of us—especially when it comes to Jesus who is the Truth, that is, **the Reality**. To stress the point: this is about an inward reality for the many, not an external stage performance for the few.

Now, this leads to a question. Borrowing from Pilate: *What is truth?* Is it only head knowledge? Not in the least! It's part of it; however, the anointing is far greater than simply a collection of knowledge that we are warned can make one arrogant. Two words answer the question: **Life and Love**. In the Anointed One, these are inseparable to the point we can't have one without the other, for life is love and love is life. Let us not forget: *The spirit gives life. The last Adam is a life-giving spirit. I AM the Life and the Truth. **God is love—His ultimate essence**. The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the holy spirit that was given to us.* But this is not all; there are two more ways to understand the anointing. The first is from Paul and the last is from Jesus Himself.

Now the Lord [= Christ or Yahweh] is the spirit; yet where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Now we all, with uncovered face, mirroring the Lord's glory, are being transformed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:17-18 CLV [JM-NT])

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The anointing is the Lordship of the spirit of Jesus, meaning He alone is to have full sway in our hearts. Stated another way: the spirit of the Lord is in charge. As Jesus said: *Apart from Me, you can do nothing. Abide in Me and I in you. Abide in My love.* John, who heard these words directly from the one who loved him, told his little children to *walk in love*. And Paul rounds it out with: *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Walk in love.*

Dear saints, this is true freedom and this is what the anointing brings to all of us. It sets us free from every kind of bondage imaginable. *So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed* (John 8:36). Indeed, He has set us free because He has taken up residence in us by His spirit, which leads us to the last facet—the most important one—of the anointing.

**“And by ‘life of God’s coming age’ [eonian life] I mean this that they should know you, the only true God, and Jesus the Messiah [the Anointed One], the one you sent.”** (John 17:3 Kingdom NT [added])

The anointing is all about knowing the only true God, the Father of all, and His Son, the Anointed One, whom He sent. I’ve already explained *eonian life*, so I won’t repeat it here. Please see: [Knowing God and Jesus Christ](#).

Another way to put it is that the anointing is about coming into **a living consciousness of God**—that is, a continuous presence of God, especially of the Anointed One in us and of us in Him. It’s both a positional and a relational awareness that is to be borne out in our everyday experience, where life and love are worked in us and out from us. It is an internal and external awareness of the presence of God that leads us into the depths of the life and love of God in this present age and the age to come for those in the faith of Jesus.

Knowing God and [knowing Jesus](#) is the highest level of consciousness any human born of Adam’s race could ever attain. This consciousness is an ever-present awareness of the presence of God, both in the inner spiritual man and the many outers of life, from our physical body to our external environment. This is the work of the spirit of the Lord, Jesus’ spirit that was poured out in us when we were given His faith so that we would believe in Him. It is a continual consciousness of His Lordship that keeps us in His presence daily. This is the purpose of the anointing, and this is what the body of Christ is being awakened to, for in our knowing God and His Son, we know who we are and where we are headed. We awaken to our true identity, and when we collectively arrive at this revelation (unity of the faith), the entire world system that is crumbling will be transformed as we are transformed into the image of God’s Son. This is true liberty!

To sum up: the anointing is about knowing and consciously living in the presence of God and His Son, leading us to abide in the Son’s life and in God’s love—walking in the [Life](#), the Love, and the Truth of God. Now that’s freedom! This is our prayer.