LET’S REVIEW

• We have made the anointing of God to be something “mystical,” even sensuous. We teach it as a special gifting fit for only the spiritually elite where it can be only transferred or received by a few.

• The anointing is more than just something “you flow in,” but it is God’s presence that flows in you – every believer.

• The Anointing is the power and influence of God’s Spirit poured out upon God’s servant to be empowered and equipped to do the work of the kingdom of God
WHAT DOES ANOINTING MEAN?

- The New Testament Greek words for “anoint” are *chrio*, which means “to smear or rub with oil” and, by implication, “to consecrate for office or religious service”; and *aleipho*, which means “to anoint.”

- Consecrating an individual unto Jesus and furnishing him with the necessary powers for its administration (anointed for a particular ministry gift, office, or calling)

- In Bible times, people were anointed with oil to signify God’s blessing or call on that person’s life (*Exodus 29:7; Exodus 40:9; 2 Kings 9:6; Ecclesiastes 9:8; James 5:14*).

- Enduing Christians with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

- People were anointed with oil as a practice of consecration
  - You must be consecrated unto the Lord to operate in His anointing
Luke 4:18 - The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Acts 10:38 - How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

• Jesus did not begin His ministry until he was anointed by the Spirit of God
THE ANOINTING HAS PURPOSE

• The Anointing of God has purpose and power and is not to be frustrated or neglected.

• Without the anointing of God’s Holy Spirit in us and upon us, our Christianity will be limited to a “mechanical operation” devoid of God’s life and power.

• The Anointing reflects God’s gifting or acceptance. Unfortunately, it does not reflect God’s character in you
## THE OLD TESTAMENT VS. NEW TESTAMENT

In the Old Testament, the Spirit of God would come “upon” a person used by God to judge, prophesy, minister before God, endure hardships, to perform a certain function.

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<td>So the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; and he blew a trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called together to follow him.</td>
<td>The Holy Spirit comes upon Gideon for divinely empowered leadership.</td>
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<td>1 Samuel 10:6</td>
<td>Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you mightily, and you will show yourself to be a prophet with them; and you will be turned into another man.</td>
<td>Saul, before this time, never seems to have been a particularly spiritual man, so for him to prophesy - speaking as inspired by God was real evidence that he had been turned into another man.</td>
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<td>Judges 15:14</td>
<td>And when he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon [Samson], and the ropes on his arms became as flax that had caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands.</td>
<td>The Spirit of the Lord coming upon Samson giving him strength to vanquish God’s enemy’s</td>
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<td>Isaiah 11:2</td>
<td>And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him— the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the reverential and obedient fear of the Lord--</td>
<td>Isaiah prophesied of The spiritual empowerment of the Messiah that will be revealed in Luke 4:18</td>
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NEW TESTAMENT

• Today, the Spirit of the Lord comes upon a person to teach, understand God’s Word, enable to lead, provide giftings, to exercise the gifts of the Spirit, to speak infallibly, to execute an office, to parent, and to endure hardship

• Luke 24:49: And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

• Thus the O.T. teaches “Spirit Upon,” while in the N. T. we see “Spirit within.” The Spirit upon denotes “enablement” and “enacting” (God proclaiming the law) while the Spirit within denotes “empowerment” and “equipping”

• Acts 2:4: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance

• Acts 4:31 - And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
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<td>Acts 4:8 - Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, and by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.</td>
<td>Peter led thousands to Christ at the beginning of the N.T. Church</td>
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<td>Acts 5:12 - And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.</td>
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<td>1 John 2:27 - But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.</td>
<td>John teaches that this anointing is available to all believers. The anointing represents the “gifting” of the Holy Spirit</td>
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NEW TESTAMENT PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT

Joel 2:28,29

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

• Peter is reminded of this in Acts 2:17 on the Day of Pentecost

• Remember that the Anointing represents the “Presence” of God. Without the presence of God in your life and the empowering of His Spirit, you will not be able to do great works for the kingdom of God.
WHY SHOULD YOU DESIRE THE ANOINTING?

• It is a Gift from God

• You need it to accomplish God’s purpose and be a capable minister for the kingdom of God
  • Exodus 33:14 - And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.
  • My presence – Means that my face shall go. I shall give thee manifestations of my grace and goodness through the whole of thy journey.
  • Moses did not want to move without God’s presence – Is that your desire?

• Most people shy away from the idea of being anointed because they are not committed to what is required to operate in it
  • The anointing is linked to separation, consecration, and dedication
BECAUSE OF THE ANOINTING

• Any type of bondage, oppression, sin, satanic attack, etc. can only be broken by the Spirit of God

1 Corinthians 2:4,5 - And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

• Even with the best of teachings and the best of intentions, nothing replaces the anointing of God operating through His servant(s) to encourage faith and minister to God’s people
• The anointing of Jesus by the Holy Spirit with great power was signified by a dove landing on the head of Jesus. No oil was used to anoint Him; it was a spiritual anointing, symbolized by the dove.

• It would appear that God did all anointing in both Old and New Testament by the Holy Spirit the third person in the Godhead. 2 Cor. 1:21 and I John 2:20,27 clearly teach that all Christians have been anointed by the Holy Spirit.
BEING ANointed

• In the Old Testament (Exodus 29 and Leviticus 8:10-13) the anointing was poured upon the instruments in the tabernacle and the priests setting them apart for service unto God

• The purpose of the anointing—consecration—is mentioned three times in this passage. To consecrate is to set apart or to make holy. After their anointing, the priests were considered holy unto God; they were sanctified, rather than common.

• To be anointed means that you have been enabled, entrusted, and empowered to accomplish God's will
• As God had set Aaron and his sons apart, anointing them for service, He then confirmed that setting apart through supernatural events

• God Himself set fire to the offering, and His glory appeared before the people. The response was one of joy, reverence, and worship. (Leviticus 9:23,24)

• There is a tangible as well as spiritual manifestation of the anointing/presence of God

• There are certain individuals that may have a greater manifestation of the anointing in their lives based upon God’s purpose and as the Spirit wills
I know that as I speak this Word today, (And as you read it)
Some of you have no desire to be or experience God’s anointing.
Yet every believer is anointed – gifted by God for a purpose.
God will hold you accountable for this message today.
There is more than just an expectancy to operate in the anointing God has provided you.

There is an ACCOUNTABILITY.

Yet do not fear, but do not frustrate God’s grace neither grieve the Holy Spirit by refusing God’s most precious gift to the believer
WHAT THE ANOINTING IS NOT

• Due to a lack of knowledge and ignorance of the word of God many have mistaken the anointing for the gift only, or talents.

• Many reduced the anointing to external behavior and conduct sparked by individual “charisma”

• Some consider Uniformity in the church representative of the anointing.

• A “flushed feeling” that overwhelms you due to a special song or action

• Happy Feelings due to a well run church service
THE ANOINTING HAS TANGIBILITY

• **Tangible** – Discernible by touch or “felt”

• **Simon he Sorcerer**: Acts 8:4-25
  - Simon *saw and observed* the work of the Spirit through the Apostles (vs. 13 & 19)

• Be careful of “Tangibility” versus “Feeling”

• The Anointing produces and brings glory to God and not to man.

• The flow of the Anointing is peaceable and receivable
Christians must be careful of those claiming to possess supernatural abilities, “or different anointings,” especially if they are using it out of pride, for filthy lucre, and misleading the body of Christ.

The sin of simony, or paying for position and influence in the church, is named after Simon.

Simon’s control over the people was so strong, his pagan religion so virulent, that “all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God” (verse 10).

Simon the sorcerer had established himself as the unquestioned, infallible spiritual leader of the Samaritans. Many actually believed Simon Magus was God in the flesh.

Simon did not repent and history states that he established a religion in Rome using his magic and what knowledge he received from the Apostles.
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE MEDIUM

1st Corinthians 12: 4-7:

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

1 Corinthians 12:4 - Now there are distinctive varieties and distributions of endowments (gifts, extraordinary powers distinguishing certain Christians, due to the power of divine grace operating in their souls by the Holy Spirit) and they vary, but the [Holy] Spirit remains the same. (Amplified version)

- Manifestation – Bestowment of the Spirit
- Profit withal - to help, be profitable, be expedient; to carry with others; to contribute in order to help
HOW DO WE INCORPORATE THE ANOINTING IN OUR LIVES AND MINISTRY

• **Obedience** – In Luke 24:49, Jesus told the disciples to go to a certain place for a certain purpose

• **Faith** – Stephen was full of faith and power – The anointing requires faith to incorporate God’s power into our lives

• **Discernment** – The anointing is of the Spirit of God, and the believer needs to properly discern the Spirit’s operation and movement

• **By Incorporating God’s presence into our lives** – Jesus told the disciples that this comes by prayer and fasting (Mark 9:29)

• **Sensing Spiritually the Operation of the Spirit** – Hebrews 5:14 speaks of “having our senses exercised” – We can incorporate the anointing of God in our lives as we learn to discern the movement of God’s Spirit
HOW WE HINDER OR LOSE THE ANOINTING

• **Disobedience** – Saul lost his anointing as king due to his constant disobedience and rebellion
  - 1 Samuel 16:14 - But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.
  - 1 Samuel 15:24 Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

• We can protect the anointing on our lives by taking responsibility for our actions and always staying in an attitude of repentance, humility, purity, and live a life of integrity.

• **Lack of Intimacy with God** – We need a deep, intimate and personal relationship with God to recognize, discern, and expect the anointing of His Spirit
  - Acts 19:13,14: Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.
HOW WE HINDER OR LOSE THE ANOINTING

• It is hard to flow under the anointing if you are bound by strongholds, sin, fear, & unbelief
  • Acts 8:23 - For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. (Peter speaking to Simon the Sorcerer)
  • Jesus’ anointing was present, but not received due to unbelief
    • Mark 6:5,6: And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. 6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

• Pride and Misuse of the Gift:
  • Those who operate in God’s anointing must realize that it is not for popularity or to gain riches or power.
  • Pride is a weapon of mass destruction when placed alongside the anointing.
  • God declared through His eagle-eyed prophet Isaiah: “I am the Lord; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images” (Is. 42:8).
  • Hence, the anointing of God is designed merely to equip us for service to others and to bring total glory to God.