

## ANOINTING/ANOINTED

The anointing speaks of the Holy Spirit. The anointing with oil was a symbol of the endowment of the Holy Spirit for the duties of the office to which the person was being consecrated, whether king or priest. If you have been born again, you are in the New Testament priesthood and the Holy Spirit (the anointing) dwells within you.

1 John 2:27

*“And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.”*

The word anointing in the Greek means a special unction of the Holy Spirit. This being the case, there should be an obvious change – evidence of this anointing within. In Antioch, it was so evident that the people of God were singled out and called Christians (anointed ones).

Acts 11:26

*“and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came about that for an entire year they met with the church, and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”*

In the book of Luke, Jesus stated the purpose of the anointing that came upon Him was to enable Him do certain things.

Luke 4:18

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden,”*

We too have been given the same Spirit – an anointing to do the same things that He did. It enables us to be true fellow kingdom workers (1 Corinthians 3:9) in working out His purpose to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).

Mark 16:17-18

*“And these signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;  
they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly {poison,} it shall not hurt them;  
they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”*

John 14:12

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater {works} than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.”*