

THEME: WHO I AM IN CHRIST.

TOPIC: I AM ANOINTED.

TEXT: 1 JOHN 2:20, 27; 2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-22; JOHN 14:17

Introduction:

“Anoint” means to set someone apart, to authorize and equip him or her for a task of spiritual importance. Jesus Christ is set apart by the work of the Holy Spirit for his ministry of preaching, healing and deliverance.

The original usage of anointing with oil was by shepherds. Their sheep were often bothered and made filthy by lice and insects, which could even kill the sheep if the insects made their way deep into the sheep’s skin or ears. The shepherds would therefore pour oil on the sheep’s head, making it too slippery for the insects to crawl so they would just fall off. After this, anointing became a symbol of protection, empowerment, and blessing as we know it today.

1. The Holy Spirit sets us apart for Christian ministry – John 14:17 NLT

The Holy Spirit works in us by peeling away our sinful characteristics and replacing them with godly characteristics. His work in us makes us more and more like Jesus. Just as Acts 1:8 mentions, the Holy Spirit empowers Christians to be effective witnesses for Jesus

Q: What does it mean when the scripture says “without me you can do nothing”?

2. The Term "Anointed" Used in the Bible? – Luke 4:18, Acts 4:26

a. To Set Apart – 2 Kings 9:6 - “... I anoint you king over the Lord’s people, Israel.”

Genesis 28:18 - “So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.”

b. Empowering People – 2 Corinthians 1:21–22 says – *And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us.....guarantee.*

c. Protection – 1 Chronicles 16:21-22 - “Touch not my anointed ones!
James 5:14 - “...anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

d. The Anointed One – Psalm 89:51 - “they have mocked every step of your anointed one.”

Q: What do we learn from using the word anointing in the above text?

3. "Jesus the Anointed One" Mentioned in the Bible? Acts 10:38

While many could be anointed, Jesus is the *mashiyach*, or the Messiah, the ultimate anointed one. He is our deliverer, and the bridge that empowers all Christians to be empowered to carry on his works. If it weren't for Jesus's work, God would not have sent the "helper," or the Holy Spirit. Without Jesus, our reach in carrying out God's work would have been limited.

Q: Why is it critical for us to know that Jesus is the Anointed one?

4. You are "Anointed" of God – 1 John 2:27

God has anointed you so that you may be equipped for every good work: to resist evil, to know the truth, to preach the Word, to be able to pray, to have fellowship with God.In 1 John 2:20, One of the defining marks of every true believer is that Christ, God's anointed Holy One, has anointed us to know all things.

Q: What else apart from the points mentioned above, have we been anointed to do?

Conclusion

A deeper look at what it means to be anointed can lead you to a deeper relationship with God!

How incredible is it to know that you have been anointed. God has covered you with His Spirit. He has poured over you the oil of empowering so that you may walk as Jesus walked, live as Jesus lived, , and give as Jesus gave. "You have been anointed." You are just as anointed as any other believer in the Body of Christ. We are anointed for His glory! Proverbs 27:9 NLT.