

1st John # 42

“An Anointing from the Holy One”

1st John 2:20-22

We have the Holy Spirit to testify of Jesus, to teach us all spiritual things we need to know and to remind us of everything Jesus taught His disciples so that we would remain pro-Christ and not become anti-Christ.

The Christian life is a life of power; the power of Jesus Christ Himself living in us by expressing His life and power through us.

The Apostle John taught us something we would never have known without hearing, understanding, learning, believing and applying the Word of God; the key to the Christian life is experiential abiding fellowship with Jesus Christ which means sharing His happiness, peace, contentment and His life.

We are here to represent Jesus Christ as He represented the Father, as instruments of truth by preaching the Gospel.

The Christian life is demonstrating and declaring the truth of Jesus Christ.

John taught that fellowship with God is based on fellowship with the eye-witness apostle's doctrine.

Remember; breaks in fellowship aren't primarily due to immoral behavior or sin because God has provided a grace solution for that and in John's day it's because the false teachers have adopted a false view of Jesus Christ.

The Incarnation of the true humanity of Jesus Christ is our example for the Church Age spiritual life, so an attack on the real humanity of Christ is an assault on all humanity's chances to live the spiritual life.

And if we don't have our Church Age doctrine correct, we can't have fellowship with the apostles, God the Father or the Son but the right doctrine alone or the right actions alone don't do it; both the right doctrine and proper application of the right doctrine are necessary for fellowship with God.

John says the false teachers separated from the apostles and their teaching, not because of a specific physical sin but because they had accepted a different doctrine than that which they received at the beginning.

If they had kept the same doctrine they learned from those who not only witnessed the Truth in Jesus Christ but were also sanctioned by God the Father to record it, they would've remained in fellowship with the apostles, the Father and the Son.

Because they chose to believe and worse, teach false doctrine, they couldn't remain in fellowship with the apostles and therefore with God, so until they repent, they remain antichrists.

So, anointing which comes from God and never man, has to do with teaching here and the understanding of that teaching.

Anointing in 1st John 2 has to do with everything all Church Age believers were given at

salvation; a positional reality that's potentially applied depending on spiritual growth from fellowship with Jesus Christ and the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Anointing according to John is everything we were given from the ministry of the Holy Spirit at salvation, placed on account to be potentially used but that potential is only realized when we're constantly in experiential, abiding fellowship with Jesus Christ under the ministry of the Holy Spirit, studying and applying God's Word.

In the Old Testament, anointing only occurred once at the commencement of a person's ministry or service career.

There are two types of anointing in the Old Testament; common and ceremonial or ritual anointing.

God anointed those He appointed.

Anointing is related to being set apart for service to God at the beginning of ministry making it our NT positional sanctification.

Anointing doesn't bring an extended burst of power; just the potential to serve God with His power as the servant learns and applies biblical truth.

Those with specialized leadership tasks related to the spiritual life of Israel were to be anointed to recognize a divine appointment and to symbolize that certain individuals were set apart for service to God at the start of their ministry and it was to occur one time.

So, what was OT anointing?

The act of pouring oil on an object or the head of a person as a ritual act designed to illustrate a spiritual reality and in the NT, the spiritual reality that anointing portrays is our positional sanctification before God sanctioning our service to Him.

Anointing represents God's gift of the Holy Spirit at salvation as an indwelling Mentor for the purpose of teaching all biblical truth to us.

The baptism by means of the Holy Spirit which identifies all Church Age believers positionally with Jesus Christ provides everything we need in the spiritual life.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is our potential for the filling of the Holy Spirit through biblical teaching.

The indwelling Holy Spirit, similar to the anointing, happens only once for every believer and it relates to our understanding the Word of God.

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