

## THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Request:** I have heard different views on the anointing of the Holy Spirit so that I am confused. Would you do a study on this subject?

The Greek word for anointing used in 1 John 2:20-27 is unique. It is the Greek word (*chrisma*). It consists of the root word (*chrrio/* to anoint) and the suffix (*ma/* results). *Chrisma is used to emphasize the results rather than the act of anointing.*

*Chrisma* is used to emphasize the sacred anointing for a special commission or appointment in the plan of God.

There was another Greek word for anointing used more for secular anointing (*aleipho/* Luke 7:46; James 5:14/ olive oil/ special occasions).

**Today's lesson will study FIVE aspects of the *chrisma* anointing of the Holy Spirit.**

**1. The Greek word for CHRIST (Christos) is derived from (chrrio) and refers to the sacred anointing of Jesus as the prophetic messianic Savior of the world.**

Jesus was commissioned to be the Anointed One (Christ) of God. Andrew realized this doctrinal truth through the teaching ministry of John the Baptist (John 1:35-41/ operation Andrew).

Peter and John declared this to the church of Jerusalem in Acts 4:23-27 as part of the messianic prophesy of Psalms 2:1-2.

**2. The Hebrew word for Messiah (mashiach/ Anointed One) foreshadowed Christ (Christos) and the anointing of the Holy Spirit (chrisma) (Dan.9: 26).**

This is declared in Psa.2: 2 and quoted by Peter and John in Acts 4:26 – “And the rulers were gathered against the Lord, and against His Christ.”

In the OT, the anointing of the Holy Spirit (*chrisma*) equipped the believer for official service related to shadow Christology. One example would be appointing of kings (1 Sam.10:1, 6), prophets (1 Kings 19:16), and priests (Ex.28:41). The ancient world used oil taken from aromatic herbs to symbolize this anointing.

**3. Jesus was the appointed Christ (Anointed One, Messiah) by the Holy Spirit at His baptism by John the Baptist (John 1:32-34).**

Jesus reaffirmed His appointment as the Messianic Savior by quoting Isa.61: 1-2 – “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, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.” (Luke 4:18-19).

Peter declared this also to Gentiles in Acts 10:34-38 – “You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God **anointed Him** with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him.” (10:38)

**4. As a result of the glorification of Jesus Christ, God anoints every church age believer with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (John 7:39; 1 Cor.6:19-20).**

“Now He who established us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.” (2 Cor.1:21-22).

- In the OT, sacred oil illuminated shadow Christology in the temple (Ex.27: 20-21).
- In the NT, anointing of Holy Spirit illuminates Christ in temple of believer’s body (1 Cor.6: 19; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15; 1 John 2:20).

The anointing of the Holy Spirit is not to be confused with spirituality of Holy Spirit (Eph.5: 18; Gal.5: 16).

**5. The anointing of the Holy Spirit involves the teaching ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit.**

Why do some anointed believers embrace the teaching of the word of God but still chose to live in the lust gratification of the Old Sin Nature (OSN)?

“Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. And just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also *oppose the truth*, men also of *depraved mind Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD)*, *rejected as regards the faith*. But they will **not** make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, as also that of those two came to be.” (2 Tim.3:8-9) (4:3-4)

“These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to **deceive** you. "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.” (1 John 2:26-27) (John 14:17, 26; 16:13)

In 1 John 2:27, John is teaching through the anointing ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit by means of a communication spiritual gift (Eph.4: 11).

John is emphasizing the importance of learning spiritual truth from the anointing teaching ministry of indwelling Holy Spirit. “The passage teaches that the gift of the Holy Spirit is the all-efficient means of enabling believers to possess a knowledge of the truth.” (Vine’s Expository, pg.29)

John is emphasizing that church age believers don’t learn by the human system of perception of truth such as rationalism and empiricism but rather by faith cycle.