

## What Does It Mean to be Anointed?

### Key Scriptures

“I have been anointed with fresh oil...” -**Psalm 92:10**

“Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.” -**2 Cor. 1:21-22**

### The Definition

The word “anoint” comes from the New Testament Greek word *chiro*. The word *chiro* means to smear or rub oil or perfume upon an individual. So that means if you are anointed, it is because God has poured and smear the oil of His Spirit in your life. Oil was very expensive in biblical times; therefore, rather tip the bottle of oil downward and freely pour it upon the recipient, a person would first pour the oil into his hands and then apply it to the other person. For this reason, the anointing is a “hands-on” situation. It took someone’s hands to apply the oil. Putting this into context, God is our anointer. If we are anointed by God, which the Bible says we are, if we be in Christ, then it means God filled His hands with the oil of the Holy Spirit and then laid His anointing upon our lives, pressing the Spirit’s power and essence into us. So when we say a person is anointed, we are literally saying that God’s hand or the hand of God is on that person.

### The Hand of God

The hand of God represents the might and power of God. So when we are talking about the anointing upon a person’s life, we are really talking about God’s power or a special ability resting in a person’s spirit or ministry.

“For the Lord you God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, that all the people of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.” -Joshua 4:23-24

It was the hand of the Lord on Joshua’s life and ministry that enabled him to lead the nation of Israel across the Jordan on dry ground. Could Joshua have moved back the waters if he wasn’t anointed? The answer is a resounding “NO!” The anointing, that is the hand of God, gives people the potential to tap into great power and special divine abilities. Today, we have to receive the fact that we are anointed and that God wants us to start walking in this mighty power. We must understand that God’s anointing has purpose and in Moses’ case it was to usher in deliverance and in Joshua’s case it was to usher them into a great greater manifested promises.

### Anointed with Purpose

It is important for me to state again that God’s anointing has purpose and it’s intentional. In 1 Samuel 16, God used the prophet Samuel to anoint David and there was great purpose for this. God needed a king and David was the one God called and needed. In the same context, if you look at yourself, God needs you and so He has called you and laid



His hands on you so that you can receive His power and Spirit to go out and fulfill the purpose of God in you. Let's look at Jesus. He was both called and needed by the Father. But before Jesus started performing any miracles, He was first anointed from above.

And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in you I am well pleased. -Luke 3:22

Jesus out of his own mouth said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. -Luke 4:18-19

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

Now if we study the ministry of Jesus, we find that Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power, and the purpose was for Him "**to go and do good.**" In the same way, God has called for us to go forth and do good, understanding this important fact, "God is with you." The marvelous thing about being the anointed is that you aren't alone in life, when you are anointed, it means "God is with you every step of the way."

### **The Same Anointing**

Another thing that is important for me to point out is that the anointing on your life is the same anointing that was on Jesus' life. Don't ask me why but this is just how God made it to be. The same ingredients and mixture Jesus was anointed with, is the same ingredients and mixture God used on us. We call it the Holy Spirit.

But you have an anointing from the Holy One...but the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you. -1 John 2:20,27

This is why you find Jesus telling his disciples (those who follow and learn of Him) the following:

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do. -John 14:12-13

Today I believe it is time for the sons of God to rise up and embrace the fact that they are truly the "anointed." It is time for the true believes to embrace the purpose of God's anointing in them and start doing greater works.

### **The Expressions of the Anointed**

If you are anointed then you should expect these expressions in your life and ministry. Below is a list of things that have been expressed in the lives of people who were anointed.

## **25 Expressions of the Anointed**



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1. God's help (Ps. 89:19)
2. Promotion (Ps. 89:19b)
3. God's hand being with you (Ps. 89:21)
4. God's strength (Ps. 89:21)
5. Freedom from deception (Ps. 89:22)
6. Freedom from affliction by the wicked (Ps. 89:22)
7. Victory over one's enemies (Ps. 89:23)
8. God's faithfulness and goodness (Ps. 89:24)
9. Influence over the nations (Ps. 89:25)
10. A Father-son or Father-daughter relationship (Ps. 89:26)
11. God's saving power (Ps. 89:26)
12. Establishment of one's descendants forever (Ps. 89:29)
13. A shining or glowing face (Ps. 104:15)
14. Yokes of bondage to be destroyed (Is. 10:27)
15. Removal of burdens (Is. 10:27)
16. Physical healing of the body (Mark 6:13)
17. Your house to be filled with the perfume of God's oil (John 12:1-3)
18. Spiritual insight (Revelation 3:18)
19. Power of God (Acts 10:38)
20. Ability to go forth and do good (Acts 10:38)
21. Presence of God (Acts 10:38)
22. Surpassing joy (Hebrews 1:9)
23. Continue in the truth (1 John 2:26)
24. Recognition in one's family (1 Sam. 16:13)
25. Spirit of prophecy (1 Sam. 19:18-24)

### **Conclusion**

This is just an introduction to what God says about the anointed. But for more in depth study, read more on the 25 expressions of the anointed. In conclusion, I would say to you "the anointed" that God's hand is on you, His Spirit is in you, and His power is available to you, so go forth and do good in Jesus' name.

### **Confession**

Lord, I confess that I am the anointed. I have great purpose on my life and today I declare that I am going forth in Jesus' name with the hand of God's spirit and power on my life to do the impossible. I confess that I will use the anointing upon my life to do good to everybody I see in Jesus' name, amen.



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