

God anointed Jesus

We all know that when Jesus was upon the earth, He did a lot of wonderful miracles. The Apostle Luke summed it up for us when he said, “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil,” Acts 10:38. The question is, how did Jesus do these miracles? Did He do them simply because He was the Son of God? Did He do them because He prayed and God answered His prayers?

If you look closely at the verse you just read, you can see Luke gives us the answer: “God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power.” And here we see another important function of the Holy Spirit. God anoints us with the Holy Spirit and power, so that we can do the supernatural works of God.



Let us look further at the testimony of Jesus. In Luke 4,18, Jesus said this:

“The Holy Spirit is upon me because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.” So the reason Jesus could do these miracles is because God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.



God anointed all of His Servants

And this is how the saints of God performed the supernatural works of God throughout the Bible. For instance, the Holy Spirit came upon Saul and he prophesied, 1 Samuel 10, 6-10. Sampson did his mighty works through the Holy Spirit, Judges 14,6. Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and preached to the multitudes, Acts 2,1-4 & vs. 14; Acts 4,8. And God would also like to share this special gift of the Holy Spirit with you, so that you too will do the supernatural works of God.

An account of one of the healings in the Bible demonstrates the anointing in action. It would be good if you could read Mark 5,24-34. Here, Jesus was

The Anointing In Action

on His way to minister to someone's daughter. A woman heard that Jesus was passing by. She had been sick for twelve years with uncontrollable bleeding. She had heard about all of His wonderful miracles and had the faith that if she would even just touch His clothes, she would be healed.

The woman did just that! She pressed through the crowd and touched the clothing of Jesus. As she did, the Bible says that “power” went out from Him, verse 30. Now Jesus was not aware of what was going on. She did not ask Him for prayer. She simply touched His clothes. And when she did, the power of God went out from Him and healed her.



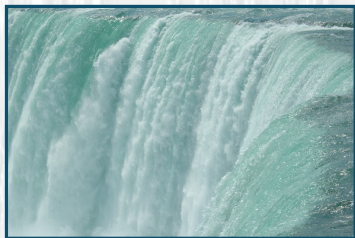
That was the anointing of God in action. Remember what Luke said? “God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power.” Because He was anointed by the Holy Spirit, this woman received healing for her body.

A Second Work

We all encounter the Holy Spirit when we are saved. He comes into our lives and gives us a new heart. We are born again. Jesus referred to this experience as “living water,” which when we drink, we will never thirst again.



But think about this! The anointing of the Holy Spirit has an altogether different purpose, doesn't it? The Holy Spirit in salvation has to do with a work in us, to be a blessing in us. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is God empowering our lives to be a blessing to others. It enables the supernatural power of God to operate through our lives and touch others. Jesus referred to it as “rivers of living water.”



Power from on High!

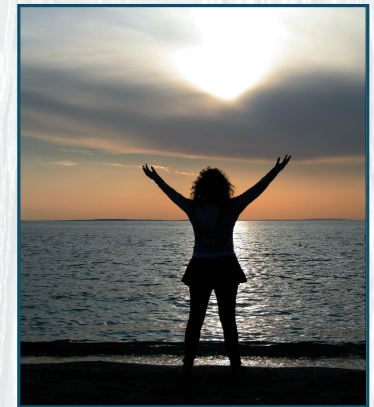
And that is why Jesus, when He was about ready to leave the earth, instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem where they too would be filled with the Holy Spirit. They were already saved. But they were to receive power so that they would be properly equipped to do the work they were called to do. See Acts 1,4-8. Acts 2, 1-4 describes when they were filled with the Holy Spirit and power. They then began to do the things to which they were called.

Friend, God has this second blessing for you! He wants to fill you with His precious Holy Spirit. He wants to anoint you to be able to do His work. Ask Him to do this in your life. God will anoint you! You will be then empowered to do the wonderful works that He did when He was upon the earth.

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