

FRESH OIL, HOLY FIRE, NEW WINE

Living The Vibrant Holy Spirit – Filled Life

LESSON 1 – ANOINTED – BY FRESH OIL

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth.” John 14:16-17a (NIV)

The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead is the same Spirit dwelling in you. When our hearts are ignited by the presence of the Holy Spirit, everything changes!

When you think of oil, the Holy Spirit may not be the first thing that comes to mind. Without being given a specific type or context, you might think of several types of oils, (motor oil, hair oil, crude oil, baby oil, castor oil, essential oils, etc.) Out of these varying array of oils, *anointing oil* probably was not your first thought.

THE SAME SPIRIT

1. If you want to experience a deeper, richer relationship with God and rely more fully on the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in you, then you need to think more about the anointing oil.
2. Throughout the Bible, in the Old as well as the New Testament. The Anointing with oil symbolizes God:
 - A. presence
 - B. power
 - C. purpose on people
 - D. places set apart as holy and chosen.
- People could not simply use whatever they had on hand for sacred anointing – it had to be specially formulated anointing oil. God gave Moses the specific recipe for mixing anointing oil, which included myrrh, cinnamon, and other natural ingredients added to olive oil.

“Take the following fine spices: 500 shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much (that is, 250 shekels) of fragrant cinnamon, 250 shekels of fragrant calamus, ²⁴ 500 shekels of cassia—all according to the sanctuary shekel—and a hin of olive oil. ²⁵ Make these into a sacred anointing oil, a fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer. It will be the sacred anointing oil.” Exodus 30:23-25

The anointing oil was used for the anointing of people. It was poured lightly on the heads of high priests, kings, and other leaders to indicate their status as God’s chosen representatives to His people. As well as sprinkled in the tabernacle on various items, including the Ark of the Covenant and various tables, lamps, and altars. (Exodus 30:26-29)

3. In the Old Testament when people such as David and Saul were anointed, the oil placed on the outside represented God’s presence on the inside. They were anointed from the outside in.
4. When Jesus died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sent the gift of His Holy Spirit, He flipped the script on anointing. When we are born again, we are no longer anointed from the *outside in* – we are anointed from the inside out.

Quote ~ *There's an anointing the Spirit of God brings into your life; and that anointing gives you insight into the things of God. It opens the mind of God to you and unveils the riches of His glory to you. God said, "I will no longer hide my face from them," because of the outpouring of His Spirit, Hallelujah!* **Chris Oyakhilome**

TRUTH OF THE SPIRIT

1. The same Spirit that **hovered** and covered the chaotic waters at the beginning of Creation lives inside you.

"The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters." **Genesis 1:2 (NLT)**

2. The same Spirit **residing** in heaven as part of the Triune God encountered by John also dwells in you.

"Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast.⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God." **Revelations 4:1-5 (NLT)**

3. Jesus prepared His followers for this divine gift and then described the Spirit's arrival at **Pentecost**.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." **Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)**

WALKING BY FAITH

1. No matter how your faith begins, it's time to **recognize** where you are and what you are made for.
 - A. It's time to take **hold** of your spiritual gifts and use them according to God's purposes as only you can.
 - B. It's time to **access** the power you know you have.
 - C. It's time to **walk by faith** and run the good race as you rely on the Holy Spirit – the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead – to breathe new life into every area of your life.
 - D. It's time to **experience** what's already in you – the resurrection power of Jesus!

LED BY THE SPIRIT

1. **Pursuing** spiritual growth through the power of the Holy Spirit is not a one-time decision. Rather, maturity occurs as we learn to rely on God's Spirit in us, and to be transformed more fully into the likeness of Christ.

"When I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ.² I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger." **1 Corinthians 3:1-2 (NLT)**

2. As we rely on the same spiritual power display through Christ resurrection, we discovered that we naturally or rather supernaturally **mature** in our faith.