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*The power to perform
your purpose*



Luke 4:16-30

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

18 "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;

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

23 He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'"

24 Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land;

26 but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29 and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.

30 Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

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What can we learn about being anointed by God from this story?

- There is a difference between having the Holy Spirit and being anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is the Son of God; a member of the Godhead that we call the Trinity. For all of eternity He has been one with God the Father and God the Spirit. When He was incarnated, He did not stop being one with God the Father and God the Spirit.

But the first 30 years of Jesus life, we do not have any record of Jesus performing any unusual miraculous works.

Then after His baptism by John, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. Something changed. He went into the wilderness for 40 days of fasting. The scripture says that when He returned from the wilderness, He returned in the power of the Spirit.

Luke 4:14-15

14 Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

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From that point forward, He was anointed by the Holy Spirit to perform incredible miraculous works. Jesus described His anointing this way in his hometown of Nazareth.

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- Being anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit enabled Jesus to fulfill His ministry.

Jesus never sinned and He was very wise. But His blameless life and wisdom was not enough to convince the Jews that He was their messiah. He needed to perform signs and wonders to have credibility and fulfill His ministry. The prophets had predicted the

messiah would perform signs and wonders as we saw in Isaiah. And since Jesus claimed to be both the messiah and God, there were certain signs and wonders that He needed to perform that only God could do. (raise the dead; calm storms; heal blind eyes; open deaf ears; deliver people from demonic possession; reproduce food; walk on water; predict the future)

Being anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit enabled Jesus to fulfill His ministry as the messiah.

- [Jesus used the anointing of the Holy Spirit based on the will of the Father.](#)

Jesus did not use the anointing of the Holy Spirit indiscriminately. He did not heal anyone in Nazareth. This fulfilled a prophecy about the messiah when He did not heal anyone in Nazareth. It was not the will of the Father. Jesus said He only did what the Father willed Him for Him to do.

[John 6:38](#)

[38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.](#)

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[John 8:28-29](#)

[28 Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.](#)

[29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."](#)

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Jesus exercised the anointing of the Holy Spirit based on the will of the Father.

[How do these lessons about the anointing of the Holy Spirit apply to us as disciples of Jesus?](#)

- [We can be indwelt by the Holy Spirit and not be anointed with power by the Holy Spirit.](#)
- [We need to be anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill our ministry](#)
- [We need to seek the will of the Father before we exercise the power of the Holy Spirit.](#)
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When we receive Jesus, we receive His Spirit. We become the temple of the Holy Spirit. We are united with the Holy Spirit. We become a new creation in Christ. We have the mind of the Spirit. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the deposit of our future inheritance with Jesus. We cannot acquire any more of the Holy Spirit.

But we can be indwelt by the Holy Spirit and not be anointed with power by the Holy Spirit. We can grieve the Holy Spirit. We can quench the Holy Spirit.

- We need to be anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill our ministry

Our union with the Holy Spirit is just the beginning of what we need to fulfill our ministry. We need His anointing with power to fulfill our ministry to others. Jesus wants us to depend upon the anointing with power of the Holy Spirit in our ministry in the same way He did. He never wants us to believe that we can fulfill our ministry to others in our own strength and power.

An example of this is Timothy. He was born again of the Spirit and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. But to fulfill his ministry, he needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Paul said to Timothy...

2 Timothy 1:6-7

6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. NKJV

Timothy needed this anointing to fulfill his ministry and so do we.

- We need to seek the will of the Father before we exercise the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. But the Holy Spirit also should guide our ministry. He shows us the will of the father in our ministry. He shows us when and how to use our anointing to minister to others just as He did with Jesus.

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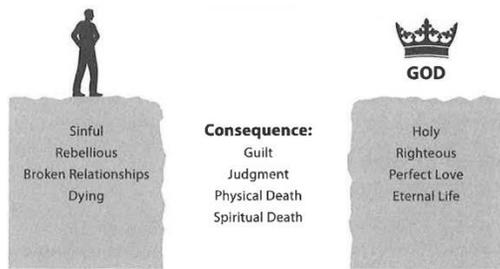
How do we receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit?

- We must be saved.

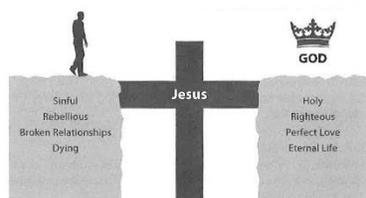
His first calling on your life is the calling to salvation, not to ministry. To be saved you must believe the good news that Jesus preached to the poor.



In the beginning, God and man were in a perfect union.



Man sinned and was separated from God.



God sent His Son to die for our sins so that our perfect union with Him could be restored.

To receive the anointing, we must be saved. We must repent of our sins and believe upon Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus prescribed baptism as the outward sign of our faith; baptism in water.

Will you be saved? Will you receive Jesus for the forgiveness of sin?

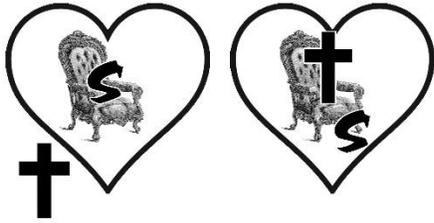
- We must surrender.

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We are all set apart for sacred use by called. We are all called to the ministry. Not everyone is called to be an elder or a deacon, but we are all called to the ministry.

1. We are called to make disciples.
2. We are called to use our spiritual gifts to serve others.
3. We are called to glorify God by the character of our lives.

We need the anointing of the Holy Spirit to fulfill our callings in ministry.



To be anointed by the Holy Spirit for our ministry we need surrender our will for God's will for our life. To surrender means to say to God I set myself apart for sacred use. To surrender means I will obey you no matter what you tell me to do.

Jesus is our chief example of surrender. He was incarnated. He submitted himself to human beings. He never sinned. He was baptized. He went into the wilderness for 40 days and night and fasted. He surrendered to His Father's will and He left the wilderness in the power of the Spirit.

At the end of his life it is the will of the Father for Jesus to suffer for the sins of the world. He entered gethsemane and he prayed if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. But he surrendered to the will of the Father. He said not my will but your will be done. He left that garden in the power of the Spirit to endure the cross.

To be anointed by the Holy Spirit for our ministry we need to surrender to the will of the Father for our lives.

The will of the Father for our lives is clearly revealed in the scripture. If we surrender to His will that is revealed in the scripture, He will show us His will for things that are not in the scripture. If we surrender, He will anoint us with power to do whatever He tells us to do.

To receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit to perform our ministry we need to surrender to the will of the Father.

Will you surrender your will for God's will today?

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With the anointing there was a special power given to perform the special task.

The anointing was both a purpose and a power!

When we receive Jesus, we receive His Spirit. We are born again. We receive a new heart. We become a new creation in Christ.

Our heart in scripture is the ruling center of our being.

The heart is the spiritual center of our will, intellect, emotions, character, and personality.

Before we receive Jesus, self is on the throne of our heart.

After we receive His Spirit, Jesus is on the throne of our heart.

We are immediately fully equipped to fulfill God's mission for our life. (Acts 1:8)

We need to mature or grow in our mind, will, and emotions but because we have a new heart, we have everything we need to mature.

This change of heart by the Holy Spirit is the greatest miracle that God performs for human beings on earth.

Jesus did not need a new heart. As God, from the time of His conception in human flesh, the spiritual center of his will, intellect, emotions, character, and personality was the Spirit of God. He never sinned.