

Anointed with God's Spirit

Read 2 Corinthians 1:17-22; 1 John 2:18-21, 24-27

We have seen that after Saul was anointed King of Israel, he was filled with God's Spirit (1 Samuel 10:6). The same happened with David (1 Samuel 16:13-14). When God anointed them for His service, He equipped them with His Spirit for that specific time and task.

When the prophets told of the coming Messiah from David's line, they said that He would also be anointed and fully equipped with God's Spirit (Isaiah 11:1-5; 61:1-2). When Jesus came, at the very first act of His ministry, His baptism, the Spirit of God visibly came down from heaven and remained on Jesus (John 1:29-34). Jesus thus began His ministry in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14). And years later, when Peter looked back and summarized Jesus in just a few words, he said, "*God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power*" (Acts 10:38, NASB).

When Jesus finished His earthly ministry and returned to His Father, He poured out the Father's Gift, His own Spirit, on all believers. This Spirit was once a special gift reserved for specific persons, times, and tasks. He had uniquely filled Messiah. But now He was God's constant, eternal gift to all His people:

He who establishes 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 Corinthians 1:21-22, NASB)

Each of us who believe is anointed. We are set apart to God. He has made us adequate for our calling by His own Spirit within us. He Himself is with us always and forever. We are sanctified, enabled, and protected by the life breath of Almighty, Holy God.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9, NASB)

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