



## KNOWING THE ANOINTING OF GOD

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**What is the anointing?** I would describe it as a definite sense of the presence of God around me and in me. It usually comes as a warmth and always as a power going right through my body. It begins as a gentle warmth and then as I continue to believe, it becomes stronger and stronger.

In Psalm 133:2, David describes the anointing of the High Priest with oil,  
**"It is like the precious oil upon the head,  
Running down on the beard,  
The beard of Aaron,  
Running down on the edge of his garments."**

Writing to the believers John the Apostle says, **"But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things." (1 John 2:20.)**

We have an anointing. Not maybe, we do, if we are true believers and are trusting God. John goes on to reinforce what he has already said, **"But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him." (1 John 2:27.)**

**If you are a believer in Christ, you have received an anointing.**

If you have never felt this anointing then there must be a reason. After I was born again I prayed for people over a period of several years before I felt this anointing. Other people told me that they felt the anointing but I felt nothing. It was only as I humbled myself before God and called out to Him as a little child that overnight I began to feel this mighty power of the Holy Spirit, the anointing of God coming upon me. I had been the problem. I had been a proud lawyer and businessman and I did not realise how much I had to humble myself to receive the best of God.

Unbelief, wrong doctrine, sin in our life, involvement in the occult can all block the anointing.

As I have submitted more and more to the Lord, I've believed for the same anointing to be on my clothes and on any object on which I lay my hands believing for the anointing to be on it. I frequently now ask people for whom I am praying to take hold of my shirt sleeve and

the power of God vibrates through them for healing. If any demons are present they will manifest. They cannot stand the anointing.

Recently I prayed for a man who had not committed his life to Christ. He was interested but not willing to make that commitment. I told him to take hold of my shirt and as I stood there for about five minutes the power of the Holy Spirit began to move through him. Within a further 10 minutes he was weeping profusely under the anointing. He felt the manifest love of God which he had never known before.

Without further delay he repented and committed his life to Christ. I didn't think he would stop hugging me in his joy.

When I held a crusade in a country town I had arranged to meet the counsellors before the meeting. As I entered the room I immediately realised they were all believers. As I stood there and believed for the anointing to fall many wept while others fell under the power of the Holy Spirit.

The more we decrease, the more God increases in us. (John 3:30.)

I've said it before and I say it again. As Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3.) It is that childlike faith that God honours.

**Knowing the anointing of God will dramatically change your life. You will know His presence, His love and His power and you will hear His voice.**

If you have not already done so, I would advise you seek the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues. If you make enquiries you will certainly find Christians who can help you do this.

If you have never known this anointing find a quiet place and wait upon the Lord. Let Him show you anything that may be hindering this anointing falling upon you such as unbelief, unforgiveness, dishonouring of parents or any other issue. Believe for God's power to fall upon you. As you seek God with all your heart the anointing will begin to fall.

**Another excellent way in learning the anointing is to ask two or more Christians who already know this anointing to stand with you and believe with you for this anointing to fall upon you. As you humble yourself before the Lord and wait there for a while it will happen.**

The Scripture says that when we are believers in Christ we have an anointing. It also says that the anointing is the guarantee of our inheritance.

The anointing is something we can feel physically. It is like warm oil coming down over our bodies. It is the manifest presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

When I am praying against demons and I lay my hands on the person involved and believe for God's anointing, the demons scream and then leave. They know the anointing within the believer is greater than anything they can do.

I also find that if I express something which I believe the Lord is giving me to say then frequently the anointing will fall upon me. Sometimes I ask the Lord to show me by the

anointing that the words and advice I have spoken are from Him. He frequently confirms this with a strong anointing.

As I minister in the power of the anointing I often ask the Lord to bring this anointing on various parts of a person's body such as their hands or feet or chest in order to demonstrate the presence of God on them.

**A wonderful way to grow in the anointing is to come before the Lord in your prayer time and lie down. Then as you wait upon Him ask the Lord to soak you in the anointing. I have seen many people healed as they have done this.**

When the anointing falls upon us, we can begin to hear the voice of the Lord as we believe for this to happen. It is an immense help when we are ministering healing and deliverance. Also it helps us move in the gifts of the Holy Spirit such as the word of knowledge, gift of faith, discernment of spirits, prophecy and interpretation of tongues. The more open we are to the anointing, the more readily it falls upon us.

**We must also remember to put faith first and not rely on our feelings. As we speak in faith then we will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and the anointing which He brings. Faith in God and His Word comes first, then feeling follows.**

In public meetings I sometimes read a number of scriptures believing for the anointing of God to fall. I then ask those who know the anointing has fallen upon them to stand up. Many do so and the power of God begins to fall on them for healing and deliverance.

If you want to experience the anointing of the Holy Spirit I suggest the following:

- Submit to God,
- Repent from all sin (read the sin list in the article "Keys to God's Healing and Deliverance.")
- Turn to God with all your heart.
- Be baptised in the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues.
- Read His Word aloud.
- Wait upon Him.
- Serve Him with all your heart.
- Love Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

Then you will know the powerful anointing of God.

Don't hesitate to ask another believer who knows the anointing to pray for you by laying hands on you and believing for you to receive it.

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