



THE ANOINTING CAME AT CHRISTMAS

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DAY I – CELEBRATE THE ANOINTING THAT CAME AT CHRISTMAS

To understand Christmas, you must understand the word *Christ*. Jesus was Anointed with the power of God. As the Anointed One, Jesus did mighty, miraculous works. Jesus said we will do greater works than He did with the anointing, because He was going to the Father.

STUDY IT

- I. To understand Christmas, you must understand the word *Christ*.
 - The word *Christ* is the Greek word that was translated from the Hebrew word *Messiah*.
 - *Christ* means “the Anointed One and His Anointing.”
 - The Anointing of God is powerful; it will destroy the yoke of the devil (Isaiah 10:27).
- II. Jesus was Anointed with the power of God.
 - John baptized Jesus in water; then God baptized Him in the Holy Spirit.
 - As soon as Jesus was baptized, He preached peace all throughout Judea beginning from Galilee.
 - Jesus said, “The Spirit of The LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach” (Luke 4:18-19).
 - Jesus was not just a Worker of Miracles; He was a Preacher.
 - That’s what Jesus preached—the anointing (Luke 4:18).
 - Jesus did good and delivered all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him (Acts 10:38).
- III. As the Anointed One, Jesus did mighty, miraculous works.
 - Jesus said, “It is the Father who does the work” (John 14:10).
 - Jesus couldn’t do anything supernatural without the anointing. He said He only said and did what He heard and saw from His Father (John 5:19).
 - He was the first and only man who ever went to hell and got out.
 - He took our place and suffered what we will never have to suffer.
 - Jesus is the first born from the dead.
 - He was made alive in the Spirit in the pit of hell.
 - He defeated satan and all of his workers.
 - That’s what we celebrate at Jesus’ birth.



- IV. Jesus said we will do greater works than He did with the anointing, because He was going to the Father.
- After His resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to anoint us, so believers could do the greater works.
 - Ten years after the Day of Pentecost, Peter was still preaching the anointing (Acts 10:38): recovery of sight to the blind, the deliverance of captives, healing for the broken hearted, liberty for those who are bruised, and the acceptable year of The LORD—the Jubilee, which is supernatural debt cancellation (Luke 4:18-19).
 - He preached the anointing at Cornelius' house. They were just finding out that the Gentiles could be born again and receive the anointing.
 - When we were born again, we received an anointing (an unction) from God (1 John 2:20).
 - Christmas: Christ mass—a celebration of the anointing.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Do you want the same anointing that Jesus had to operate in your life? Read Luke 4:18-19 and Acts 10:38 and think about each point of the anointing. If that's what you want in your life, pray to the Father and ask Him to activate the anointing in you like Jesus was Anointed.

Heavenly Father, I ask You now, In Jesus' Name, to activate Your power and Anointing in me. I want to see blind eyes opened, deaf ears unstopped, and the lame walking and praising God. Anoint me with Your Spirit and with Your power. I receive it now, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Now, it's time to study God's WORD and open your heart to listen to His voice instruct you in this life of the anointing. God BLESS you on your journey!





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DAY 2 – MESSIAH MEANS ANOINTING

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- I. The Jews were waiting for the Messiah, the Deliverer, the Anointed One of God. We know that Jesus was and is the Messiah.
 - The Hebrew word *Messiah* was translated into Greek as *Christ*.
 - *Christ* is not Jesus' Name, nor His title. *Christ*, or *anointing*, has to do with what Jesus preached.
 - Jesus could have said, "The Spirit of The LORD is upon Me," or "the Spirit of The LORD has christened (anointed) Me" (Luke 4:18).
 - The anointing is what Jesus preached.
 - The disciples had attended Sabbath meetings at the synagogue and had heard preaching on the curse of the Law.
 - When they heard Jesus preach the anointing, they were changed, and began to preach the anointing just like Jesus.
- II. The Apostles didn't know they were writing the New Testament; they were just writing accounts and letters sharing the good news of the anointing.
 - The Apostle Paul was very educated in the Law, and as he heard the preaching of Christ, he expounded on the message of the anointing.
 - As Paul preached the anointing, he was severely persecuted.
 - His life of preaching and surviving persecution was to prove that God's WORD, what would become the New Testament, would work against everything the devil would throw at him.
 - Paul went through ridicule, rejection, beating, imprisonment, stoning and even death, believing in his heart and saying with his mouth The WORD of God which was the power of God unto salvation and life.





III. One account of the birth of Jesus is found in Matthew 1:18–2:23.

- Matthew tells us of Joseph and his realization that Mary was to be the mother of God's Son, Jesus.
- At that time, God put it into the heart of Caesar to command the Jewish people to travel to their hometowns to pay their annual taxes.
 - Joseph and Mary had to make the trip to Bethlehem, just when she was due to deliver the baby.
 - The town was crowded with travelers obeying Caesar's command, and all the hotels were full.
 - They made a place with the animals, where Jesus was born and laid in a manger.
- Wise men saw a star announcing the birth of a king and traveled from the east.
 - When the wise men came to Jesus, He had grown into a young child. Joseph and Mary were no longer at the manger; they lived in a house in Bethlehem.
 - The wise men brought three gifts, but there were many more than three men. Notice, these were kings who were accompanied by soldiers and servants.
 - Their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were an offering.
 - The men worshipped Jesus, the Son of God.
 - When Joseph was instructed to leave Bethlehem because King Herod wanted to kill the new king, there was money for the trip and finances to live on until Herod died.
- After the death of Herod, Joseph took his family back into the land of the Jews to Nazareth. Prophecies in the Old Testament said that the Messiah would be a Nazarene.
 - Don't be confused by the terms Nazarene and Nazarite.
 - A person from Nazareth was a Nazarene.
 - There was such a thing as a Nazarite vow. There were certain restrictions that came with that vow.
 - For more information, read about Samson (Judges 13:3-5).
- Mass is a celebration. We celebrate the Anointing on Jesus, and that the anointing has been made available to us.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write why you celebrate the birth of Jesus. What does Jesus being born in the earth mean to you?



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DAY 3 – THE ANOINTING IS PART OF THE GOOD TIDINGS

Another account of the birth of Jesus is found in Luke 1:5-2:20. God's WORD contains the power to make things happen. The angels brought good tidings—the Savior had been born! It was the “pray-ers,” the intercessors, who knew who Jesus was.

STUDY IT

- I. Another account of the birth of Jesus is found in Luke 1:5-2:20.
 - An angel appeared to Zacharias and said his prayers were answered, and that he and his elderly wife would have a son.
 - Zacharias began to speak words of doubt and unbelief. He didn't understand the power of his words.
 - The angel told him to name the boy John and that he would not be able to speak until the child was born.
 - The baby was born, and Zacharias wrote, “His name is John.” Immediately, Zacharias could speak.
 - The child grew up to be John the Baptist, the forerunner and baptizer of Jesus.
- II. God's WORD contains the power to make things happen.
 - Hundreds of years before Jesus' birth, Micah had prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).
 - The power of The WORD of God governs armies, nations and everything on this planet.
 - God's WORD caused Caesar to decide to send everyone back to their hometowns to pay taxes right when Mary was due to give birth.
 - God Almighty, El Shaddai, who knew you before the foundation of the world, has made a lifelong covenant with you, and in that book and in that covenant, it says, “By Jesus' stripes you were healed” (1 Peter 2:24).
 - The God who prophesied where Jesus would be born, speaks with the same certainty that you are healed!
- III. The angels brought good tidings—the Savior had been born!
 - The angels said, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” (Luke 2:14).





- They announced that the war between heaven and men was over! The Messiah has come!
- Notice the angels said, "Good will *toward* men;" not, "Good will *among* men." God was announcing that His good will, not His judgment, was focused toward men.
 - God's wrath was finished. It was prophesied that as the waters of Noah abated, so would the anger of God end (Isaiah 54:9).
- When the Holy Spirit came to indwell believers on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4), angels also came as ministering spirits to the heirs of salvation (Hebrews 1:14).
- Speak God's WORD, and angels will come to perform that WORD.

IV. It was the "pray-ers," the intercessors, who knew who Jesus was.

- Jesus' family brought Him to the Temple at 8 days old as commanded by the Mosaic Law.
- Simeon, who had received the promise that he would not die before he saw the Messiah, came in.
- The angels told the shepherds that the Messiah had been born, but the intercessors knew by the Spirit where to find the Messiah.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God's Word contains the power to change things and make things happen. There may be things in your life that need to be changed. God's ready, willing and able. All He requires from you is that you ask, believe and receive His power.

Make a list of changes you are hoping for. Then add a scripture that gives you the right to ask for, believe and receive each change. Then, the only thing left is to thank God for keeping His WORD to you!

Change requested	God's promise to do it!
Example:	
<u>Children born again</u>	<u>1 Timothy 2:4 – God wants all to be saved</u>
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DAY 4 – YOU CAN FIND THE ANOINTING IN PRAYER

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- I. God has always had His anointed intercessors, His “pray-ers,” on this planet.
 - In the Temple was a man named Simeon who had been promised by God that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.
 - Simeon came into the Temple when Joseph and Mary brought Jesus in to be presented to The LORD (Luke 2:22-24).
 - Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and said, “Now my eyes have seen Your salvation, a light to the Gentiles and glory to Israel” (Luke 2:30-32).
 - Also in the Temple was a prophetess, Anna. She was an intercessor who served God with fastings and prayers night and day.
 - She saw Jesus and praised God because she knew He was the Messiah.
 - God reveals things by His Spirit to the intercessors, those who pray. He wants them to know what He is doing.
- II. When God puts something in the earth, like the gifts of the Spirit, the devil cannot stop it.
 - God empowered people with the gifts of the Spirit in the Old Testament. Those were the same gifts as described in the New Testament (1 Corinthians 12:7-11), except the gifts of tongues and interpretation of tongues. Those two came into the earth on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4-6).
 - In the Old Testament, the prophets and kings operated in the gifts.
 - We qualify to use God’s gifts because we have been made kings and priests unto our God (Revelation 1:6).
 - The Bible says John the Baptist was the greatest prophet (Luke 7:28), yet he was not born again.
 - Now we who are born again are greater than John, because the Spirit of God and His gifts are within us.



- III. It takes time and commitment to be an intercessor.
1. Start your prayer time by praying for governmental leaders and the nation (1 Timothy 2:1-6).
 2. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6).
 3. Pray perseveringly for all saints in the spirit (Ephesians 6:18). Praying in the spirit is the only way you can do it.
 4. Let the Holy Spirit help you (take hold together with you) as you pray. The Spirit of God makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered in articulate speech (Romans 8:26-27). Pray in tongues.
 5. Believe you receive when you pray (Mark 11:24).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

To become an intercessor takes time and commitment, but the rewards are worth it!

If this is your desire, pray with us:

Heavenly Father, I want to work with You in this earth. I want to know and be part of Your plan. Give me the wisdom and strength to follow through as I seek to become an intercessor, a "pray-er" in Your kingdom. Speak to me, and I will hear and obey You. Thank You, Sir, for this honor. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.



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DAY 5 – THE ANOINTING FILLS YOU WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD

Jesus is our example of being filled with all the fullness of God. He reveals His plan to the intercessors. Everything Jesus did on earth, He did by the anointing. We have the anointing to understand God's WORD.

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- I. Jesus is our example of being filled with all the fullness of God.
 - The more you know about the birth of Jesus, the more you know about His life. The more you know about His life, the more you can walk in the light of that life.
 - We are supposed to be as He is in this world (1 John 4:17).
 - We are to act like Jesus, talk like Him and think like Him.
 - Jesus was totally dependent on the anointing.
 - First, He was baptized in water; then He was baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God landed on Jesus like a dove (John 1:32-34).
 - The same Anointing of the Holy Spirit has landed on us.
- II. God reveals His plan to the intercessors.
 - For example: Simeon and Anna were “pray-ers” who recognized who Jesus was. God's Spirit led them to the Temple where Jesus was brought to be dedicated to The LORD (Luke 2:25-38).
 - Fear will hinder you from hearing God.
 - When Jesus was 12, the family went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover (Luke 2:42-49).
 - When they left for home, Jesus was not with them, but they didn't notice until that evening. Joseph and Mary went back to Jerusalem looking for Jesus.
 - After three days, they found Jesus sitting in the Temple talking with the priests. Everyone was amazed at His questions and answers.
 - Jesus' explanation was, “I've been doing My Father's business.”
 - Joseph and Mary should have looked in the Temple first. Fear hindered them from hearing God's Spirit direct them.
 - Jesus increased in wisdom (the principal thing, Proverbs 4:7), stature, and in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52).





III. Everything Jesus did on earth, He did by the anointing.

- Jesus found Himself in God's WORD.
 - Jesus was the suffering substitution for mankind (Isaiah 53).
 - Jesus was the Anointed One who would break the yoke of the oppressor (Isaiah 10:27).
 - Jesus was the root of Jesse, whom the Spirit of God rested upon (Isaiah 11:1-5).
 - Jesus was a descendant of King David, and Jesse was David's father. Therefore, Jesus came from the root of Jesse.
 - We are what has grown from Jesus' roots. He is the vine; we are the branches (John 15:5).

IV. We have the anointing to understand God's WORD.

- We are to be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9).
- Jesus is still a man—a glorified Man. All of His blood is in heaven on the mercy seat.
 - One drop of Jesus' blood is more powerful than any drop of blood that has ever been in existence.
- We are in the whole family of *El Shaddai*. God is our Father. We are named after Him (Ephesians 3:14-15).
 - God gave us a grant (Ephesians 3:16-19). That is:
 - That we be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man.
 - That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith.
 - That we may be rooted and grounded in love.
 - That we may comprehend the breadth, length, depth and height of the love of Christ.
 - That we would be filled with all the fullness of God.
 - God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).
- Jesus said we would do greater works than He did because He was going to His Father (John 14:12).
 - These are the greater works we are to do: Beyond what we can ask or think through the anointing! (Ephesians 3:20).
 - That power is in us now! God is in heaven. Jesus is in heaven. The Spirit of God is in us now!
- God's WORD is ours now, and it's just as much a manifestation of God as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!





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