



**The Anointing Upon
Anointing of the Holy Spirit Series Part-1
March 02, 2025 - Sermon Outline**

During the month of March we will be doing a series of sermon on the “Anointing of the Holy Spirit”. We have touched on this topic in times past, but felt we needed to revisit, explore further, dig deeper and experience more of the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Today, we begin with a simple introductory message to this series.

ANOINTING – BRIEF DEFINITION

Luke 4:18-19

**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."**

anoint = to smear or rub with oil, which by implication refers to consecrate to an office and providing the Spirit's empowerment for that office.

For example, in the Old Testament we see priests (Exodus 28:41), kings (1 Samuel 10:1, 1 Samuel 16:13) and prophets (1 Kings 19:16) anointed with oil, to their office, and often the Scripture states the Holy Spirit came upon that individual, when anointed with oil.

In the Greek the word "*chrio*" is used for sacred anointing, from which we get the word Christ or "*Christos*", "the Anointed One".

As can be seen from Luke 4:18-19, to be “anointed” means to have the Spirit of God upon the person, so that the Spirit of God empowers that person to do what God had assigned them to do.

The “anointing” refers to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit upon a person empowering that person to do what God has assigned them to do.

THE ANOINTING WITHIN AND THE ANOINTING UPON



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We see in Scripture the work of the Holy Spirit within the believer and upon (through) the believer. We draw this distinction as we refer to the anointing within and the anointing upon.

1 John 2:20,27

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

27 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 2:20,27 refer to the anointing within. The presence of the Holy Spirit within every believer. In this passage, the Holy Spirit teaches the believer, all things they need to know and so abide in Jesus. Of course, the anointing within, that is the presence and work of the Holy Spirit within the believer includes so much more: leading, guiding, correcting, transforming, etc.

Let's consider two other Scriptures that have reference to the Holy Spirit upon.

Acts 10:38

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

In both these we note that the Holy Spirit upon had to do with power to do the works of God: "doing good and healing", "be witnesses".

Hence the anointing upon has to do with being empowered by God to do what God has assigned us to do.

THE SPRING WITHIN AND THE RIVER FLOWING OUT

Let's consider two other passages that help us understand the work of the Spirit, within the believer and upon/through the believer:

John 4:14



but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become **in him a fountain of water springing up** into everlasting life."

Here the Lord Jesus is using the picture of a spring of water "in him" or in the believer. This spring or fountain results in eternal life for the believer.

John 7:37-39

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him **come to Me and drink.**

38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."**

39 But this He spoke concerning **the Spirit**, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Later in John 7, the Lord Jesus refers to rivers of living water flowing "out" of the believer. Verse 39 clearly indicates that this reference to rivers of living water, is the Spirit of God flowing through the believer.

Hence, we see the work of the Spirit as a spring/fountain within the believer, and the work of the Spirit as rivers flowing out of the believer.

Note the sequence: Vs 37 we have to "drink", then vs 38, we will have "rivers" flowing. So, we have to be in a constant place of drinking or receiving in, from our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Then we have a constant flow of rivers out of us to bless people around us.

THE SPRING WITHIN AND CLOTHING UPON

Another way to contrast the work of the Spirit within the believer and the work of the Spirit when upon/through the believer is expressed in Luke 24:49

Luke 24:49

Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are **endued with power from on high.**

enduo = to clothe or be clothed with



Here the picture is that of a clothing or mantle. We are clothed or covered with power. The purpose of this enduement of power is to be witnesses for Jesus.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Matthew 3:11

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

In introducing the ministry of Jesus, John the Baptist stated that the Lord Jesus will “baptize” us with the Holy Spirit and fire. The word baptize means to immerse, submerge, overwhelm. When we are immersed and submerged, we are fully covered.

Acts 1:5,8

5 for John truly baptized with water, but **you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**

8 But you shall **receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;** and you shall **be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Later as the Lord Jesus referred to the baptism in the Holy Spirit, He stated this in connection with receiving the Spirit upon and being empowered to be His witness.

Receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the starting point for every believer to have the anointing upon, to be clothed with the Holy Spirit, to have the rivers of living water flowing out, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit being released through their lives.

Today, we will go into a time of prayer, shortly, to help people receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God uses pictures from our world to teach us about Himself. In Scripture we see some symbols used to describe to us some aspects of the Holy Spirit’s work. We mention these briefly.



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Wind (John 3:8): The Holy Spirit moves among us like wind, we don't know everything (where it comes from and where it goes), but we can feel the wind. Sometimes, the wind can be powerful.

Fire (Matthew 3:11): Fire burns. Fire rekindles, revives, reawakens.

Rain (Joel 2:28): Rain brings refreshing, causing fruitfulness.

Oil (1 Samuel 16:13; Luke 4:18 anoint = smear with oil): Oil indicates consecration and empowering for God's call and service.

Dove (John 1:32; Matthew 3:16): He is gentle like a dove and comes upon us.

Water (spring, river) John 4:14; John 7:37-39: He is like a spring within and a river flowing out of us.

Light (Revelation 4:5): Light brings revelation, clarity and also exposes what is otherwise covered by darkness.

[Lead the congregation into receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit]

SUMMARY

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. **Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group.** All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *Luke 4:18-19; 1 John 2:20,27; Acts 1:8*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

#1, Based on Luke 4:18-19, recap the definition of the term "anointing"

#2, Distinguish between the "anointing withing" and the "anointing upon"



#3, Reflect on the symbols of the Holy Spirit and what these teach us about one or more aspect of the Holy Spirit's work: Wind, Fire, Rain, Oil, Dove, Water (spring, river), Light.

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

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FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

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SERMON OUTLINE

The “anointing” refers to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit upon a person empowering that person to do what God has assigned them to do. The anointing within refers to the work of the Holy Spirit within the believer. The anointing upon has to do with being empowered by God to do what God has assigned us to do. We see the work of the Spirit as a spring/fountain within the believer, and the work of the Spirit as rivers flowing out of the believer. We also learn that receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the starting point for every believer to have the anointing upon, to be clothed with the Holy Spirit, to have the rivers of living water flowing out, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit being released through their lives. We also briefly reflect on the symbols of the Holy Spirit and what these teach us about one or more aspect of the Holy Spirit's work: Wind, Fire, Rain, Oil, Dove, Water (spring, river), Light.

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study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

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