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God has sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save all who would believe in Him and His Word.

God desires to reveal Himself and to give us His divine nature in Christ Jesus our Lord through the power of His Holy Spirit.

God is Jealous. He wants us to encounter His presence daily and walk with Him in glory – intimate communion - today, while it is called today, and forever.

It is my prayer that this teaching would so impact the readers that all would come to know and believe JESUS, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our Great God and Savior, and receive the PER-FECT LOVE He has for us all as we grow up into Him and mature as true sons and daughters of God. May you grow in faith and knowledge of your God and Savior and come to know the love that He has for you. I pray for you the Apostle Paul's prayer for spiritual growth:

Ephesians 3:14-21 TLB

"14-15 When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth—16 that out of his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit. 17 And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; 18-19 and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

20 Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. 21 May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the Church through Jesus Christ."

In Christ our Lord, Brandy Helton A child of God

God's Love

God's love is good news! Don't believe the lie that God is distant, unapproachable, and angry!

God is love. He is the only true, eternal God. He is perfect and holy, and He is truth. God is One. He has revealed Himself in three distinct, individual, equal persons: God the Father, God the Son – Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Bible tells the story of God's perfect love. In that love, God created the first family to live on the earth with Him. Through their deep intimate relationship with the Father, Adam and Eve were meant to fulfill all that was in God's heart on Earth just like it is in Heaven, for God's glory and purposes. Adam and Eve were chosen to walk with God, clothed in His glory presence and were perfect, as He is perfect, and they lived in His beautiful garden, the secret place called Eden. He gave them His breath, life and power to have dominion over all He created and wanted them to reproduce that LIFE replenishing the earth with it, until all the earth is filled with His glory.

Genesis 1:26-28

"26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our

image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God created His children in His likeness. He made them spirit beings, with a soul – mind, will and emotions – and placed them in a physical body. He gave His children the choice to love Him and to walk with Him in obedience to His every word. He gave the first family the power to overcome any temptation offered to them through God's adversary, the devil, who had rebelled against the Most High God in Heaven's glory and was cast down to the earth. The devil, Satan, brought great darkness and chaos prior to Adam and Eve's existence.

Adam and Eve were deceived into thinking that God was not perfect in love as Satan, the adversary, tempted them to believe that God would not keep His word to them. Through their own will, Adam and Eve disobeyed the Father by eating from a tree that had the power to open their eyes to both good and evil. Through their choice of disobedience, they willfully gave their inheritance and authority over to the devil and his kingdom. Sin entered mankind, which produced death, eternal separation from a Holy God. Adam and Eve were banished from the dwelling and intimacy of perfection in the garden and were sent into the world as a fallen creation.

Father God knew He had to come Himself and save His family, and in His wisdom, He chose to send His Son, Jesus Christ into the world to save us and restore fallen mankind back to relationship with Him. Through His Son. He destroyed all the works of the devil and the curse of death. Hebrews 9:22 says, "And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission." Remission means to cancel the penalty, so according to the law there must be shedding of blood to cancel the penalty for sin. The Father cancelled the penalty for the sins of His children through the shedding of the blood of His innocent, holy Son Jesus, who was the Sent One, called and chosen to die for all, so all could live.

John 3:16-21 NKJV

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned: but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may

be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Jesus was conceived by God's Holy Spirit in the womb of a young virgin named Mary. He appeared as the second Adam, in the flesh, with the choice to walk in perfect love and obedience, full of God's Spirit, as a man to do the will of His Father.

Jesus grew up as any male child did in the flesh but He had divine fellowship with His Father and Holy Spirit. At the appointed time, He was revealed as being sent from God to save. Jesus went around doing good and healed all who were oppressed by the devil spiritually and physically. He revealed His Father's heart and perfect love to all who believed through His teachings, grace and miraculous power.

Salvation means eternal life, healing, deliverance, protection, peace, wholeness, and forgiveness. Salvation came to all men through the cross, where the Son of God, the perfect One, was slaughtered as a lamb, bearing all sin for all times from a fallen people. Jesus bore the wrath of God against the darkness that separated God's family from Him. Jesus was punished for our sin and died to cleanse us from the guilt, shame and condemnation sin produces. Sin separates. Love restores.

Jesus was crucified, dead and buried, spending three days and nights in the depths of Hades, the realm of the dead fallen race. Jesus took back the keys of death and hell from that old serpent the devil, Satan, and therefore, all authority was restored back to Jesus. Great Holy Spirit breathed LIFE into Jesus and raised Him from the dead. He appeared to His disciples, those who followed Him and obeyed His teachings. He showed them that He conquered sin, death and the grave and now, had the keys of hell and death, and would give ETERNAL LIFE to ALL who chose to believe in Him. King Jesus ascended back to the Father of glory where He ever lives to make intercession for us all, and He is coming again to the earth in power to establish His Father's Kingdom on Earth.

Jesus Christ is the head and Lord over His church, those who have made Him Lord and Savior, by believing He is the Son of the Living God and God in the flesh, who finished the work the Father gave Him to do. He not only died for our sins to save and heal us, He chose to give His authority to those He called and chose to follow Him as His disciples, His family.

Jesus has commissioned His followers to do the same works that He did while He lived on the earth.

John 14:12-14

"12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

God loves us and desires that none should perish. He desires for His family to be with Him where He is. These books are written to inspire all who read them and to reveal the heart of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and Holy Spirit in order that we might RECEIVE THE LOVE HE HAS FOR US and be CHANGED INTO HIS VERY LIKENESS. God desires to dwell with His family forever and ever just as He did in the beginning. How glorious it is to live in His presence and dominion, beholding His goodness, forever and ever, amen.

The book of Revelation describes the time that is coming when all things are made new according to God's heart of love:

Revelation 21:1-7

"1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death. nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said. "Behold. I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."

To understand what is presented in the Bible, you must start by understanding God's love. The good news is that God loves you!

The Heart of It

Briefly, The Anointing is smearing someone with power from the Holy Spirit to do a job God appointed that person to do. It comes from God who has all power and authority. I want it so I can be successful at what God has set apart for me to do.

The Anointing

What is the anointing, where does it come from, and why do I want it?

In our culture, it is common to talk about an individual's talents and strengths as their anointing. This athlete is anointed with speed, or this doctor has a gift in his deft touch. We say, "Wow, you have an anointing to help with these animals," or "Your child has a gift. He's so anointed when he plays the violin." We recognize the talents and unique traits in individuals, some seem even exclusive to individuals, and we distinguish them as anointed. Or as some would say "They are a cut above the rest."

These gifts and anointings are in everyone, we each are a cut above the rest in some ways, and each of these talents are given at once, or in time, by the Lord God of Heaven. He is the most unique and most talented because He is the Creator of all things. His anointings and gifts far outmatch those of any we have seen. Jesus of Nazareth walked in His anointings with confidence, boldness and power, yet with great humility and compassion. The gifts and talents we have as our own anointings are just a small sample of The Anointing of God.

The uniqueness of our talents and gifts equip us to accomplish the plans the Lord God has planned for us in our lives on the earth. We each have a role, a place, an area of influence to which our anointings are needed to accomplish God's plans in our unique ways. No one can do what you do, the way you do it, but we need to be empowered as well. We are created to carry a greater anointing, The Anointing of God.

Anointing means smeared with oil.

The words anoint, anointed, and anointing appear more than a 150 times in Scripture. Mostly from the Hebrew word – mashach – which means to rub with oil, to smear. When one searches the frequency of the anointing act in the Bible, one can see the seriousness God takes in anointing and the frequency it was used with His people the Israelites.

Anointing sets apart.

Oil and anointing go hand in hand. The two are inseparable in Biblical terms and in usage. The insoluble substance of oil allows it to remain and stick to a substance for an extended period of time, keeping a perpetual reminder to the one smeared and a lasting impact on their being. The act of anointing an object or someone is to simply set them apart from the rest. We first see this in Genesis.

Genesis 28:15-19

"Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the

stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and **poured oil on top of it**. And he called the place Bethel" (emphasis added).

After a very stressful journey, Jacob found himself falling asleep on rock, as he slept, he had a heavenly dream. The dream revealed the very place Jacob slept was an open portal between the heavens and the earth. Jacob's actions in anointing the rock and dirt when he awoke was to signify this very dirt is more holy, more distinct, more special than any other place he had been. It was holy to God, so Jacob set it apart from the rest by anointing it with oil. *Bethel* in Hebrew means "*house of God*". Jacob recognized this was a cosmic location inhabited by God and the anointing set apart its significance.

The anointing of God sets places and people apart. It is an act and a declaration of God's power and authority upon the physical. It is taking what is common and making it consecrated. It is taking what is plain and affirming it is now divinely unique. The oil sticks and seals the truth of the Lord's declaration and revelation. The oil is a reminder of the promise and authority of His power.

In this way, the Lord God would set apart individuals to function effectively in a particular office. The Lord instructed the anointings of Israel's kings, priests and prophets.

Exodus 29:6-7

Priest - "You shall put the turban on his head, and put the holy crown on the turban. And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him."

1 Samuel 15:1

Kings – "Samuel also said to Saul, 'The Lord sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the Lord."

Jeremiah 1:5

Prophets – "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I **sanctified** you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations" (emphasis added).

God would also instruct His people to anoint objects that would be used in the service of His dwelling place. In order to set apart the plain and consecrate them to now be used in the holiest places.

Exodus 29:36-37

"...you shall cleanse the altar when you make atonement for it, and you shall anoint it to sanctify it...and the altar shall be most holy. Whatever touches the altar must be holy."

Exodus 29:21

"And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him, and he and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments with him."

Anointing refreshes, restores, and blesses.

The Israelites would also anoint individuals in need of refreshing and restoration.

2 Chronicles 28:15

"Then the men who were designated by name rose up and took the captives, and from the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them, dressed them and gave them sandals, gave them food and drink, **and anointed them**, and they let the feeble ones ride on donkeys..." (emphasis added).

In each of these instances we see the act of anointing as an act of consecration or blessing. When an individual or object was anointed it opened way for the holy God to come and minister upon His people. The holiness of God can not be held with plain, unholy, simple vessels. The act of anointing an individual into the office of king, allowed the greatest ruler of all, God Most High, to come and minister in, and through, the lives of the kings of Israel. Because they were anointed by Him, He could come and minister amongst the kings, priests and prophets and be with them where they were, on Earth.

Anointing gives you authority and protection from God.

The anointing was also a seal of God's authority on an individual. To come against one who was anointed by God was to come against the Lord himself. We see this promise and weightiness of the Lord's warning in Psalms.

Psalm 105:14-15

"He permitted no one to do them wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes, saying 'Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm.""

Psalm 23:5

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over."

When God anoints, it is a declaration of His intentions within an individual, and their destiny in His omnipotent plan. When another comes against the plans and call of God's designated ones, His anointed, He defends and backs them up soundly.

David, who was to be the second anointed king of Israel knew this very well. When Israel's first king, Saul, fell out of favor with the Lord, Saul pursued David to kill him. Twice David outsmarted Saul and was given an opportunity to smite his adversary. But David is quoted saying this:

1 Samuel 24:6

"And he (David) said to his men, 'The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my master (Saul), the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord.""

The Anointing of God is above all.

Now all these examples show how God uses the act of anointing and what it does for an individual or object, but it doesn't explain The Anointing of God, the quintessence of Himself. Until now, we have been giving examples of what His Anointing looks like and how it works, but they are just samples compared to the ever-flowing, ever-pow-

erful, Anointing of God!

The Anointing of God is the burden removing, yoke destroying, power of God. The Anointing of God continuously strengthens, defends and leads believers of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the breakthrough you need when you can't go further, and the oil to keep you moving in the Lord's will. It is a tangible presence and refreshing burning of the soul. The Anointing of God is ever present in believers filled with the Holy Spirit, yet ebbs and flows with the pressing of trials and tribulations.

Isaiah 10:27

"And it shall be in that day that the burden shall be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, And the yoke **will be destroyed** because of **the anointing**" (emphasis added).

Isaiah 9:4

"For You have broken the yoke of his burden and staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor."

Psalms 92:10-11

"But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil. My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies; My ears hear my desire on the wicked, who rise up against me."

Our yokes, and our burdens, are destroyed by The Anointing of the Almighty God. When we are carrying the burden of sin, bondage, weariness, oppression, injustice or lifelessness, The Anointing of God removes it and makes a way for God to come and minister to us body, soul and spirit.

Jesus is the Anointed One – the Christ.

Jesus was, and still is, called The Anointed One. This means He is the one smeared in the favor, blessing and power of God. Remember the Hebrew word, mashach? Which means to rub or smear with oil. This term is where the name Messiah comes from. Messiah means special one, anointed savior. Jesus was, and is, set apart to be the best of mankind. He's the Son of God, and Son of Man. Anointed to fulfill both positions powerfully. The Anointing of Jesus, the Messiah, delivers to save us from our yoke of sin and iniquity.

Let's read this story of Jesus in Luke:

Luke 4:17-21

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

'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; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.'

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. And He began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture is fulfilled in you hearing.'" Jesus fulfilled the prophesies of Isaiah because He was anointed to accomplish these tasks by God. The Anointing of God fell upon Him when He came up out of the water when He was baptized in the Jordan River. Remember, when God anoints one into a specific office, He backs it up with His power and favor. Let's look at all the tasks Jesus was anointed by God to accomplish as the Anointed One from the passage we just read. The Spirit of the Lord was upon Jesus to:

• Preach the Gospel, His good news to the poor in spirit.

- Heal the brokenhearted
- Proclaim freedom to those bound and held captive, spiritually and physically.
- Give new sight to the blind. Open up our eyes to see the truth and light of God.
- Set free those who are facing oppression.
- Proclaim and declare God's acceptance, favor and freedom.

This is extremely good news! This is the office Jesus was anointed to fulfill. Because of God's Anointing pulsing through Him, Jesus has the power to overcome all oppressed by the devil. Many people know the name Jesus Christ, but not all know what or where "Christ" came from. The term "Christ" literally translates as "Anointed One". When one says "Jesus Christ of Nazereth", they are actually saying, "Jesus, The Anointed One of God, from the town of Nazereth". We see this in the following Scriptures:

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."

Hebrews 1:8-9

"But to the Son He says, 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

How do I become anointed by the Holy Spirit?

How do we walk in The Anointing of God? We become disciples of Jesus. When we believe He is our Savior and Lord, and proclaim Him as our most blessed King and Master, we become believers of the Lord God. Then He comes to baptize us with His Holy Spirit, to empower us with The Anointing and fire of God. This is why the Scripture says in Isaiah "the Spirit of the Lord God is *upon me.*" The Holy Spirit fell and baptized Jesus when He came out of the water. In the same way, Jesus wants to empower us. The Anointing comes with the ever-present infilling of the Holy Spirit.

This is why those who believe in Jesus were first called Christians. Early believers taught the truth that the Anointed One, the Christ, by His Spirit, came to dwell within the spirit and body of man. Christ would come to dwell in you! As believers in Jesus, we become the dwelling place for God.

1 Corinthians 6:19

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"

Colossians 1:27

"Christ (The Anointed One) in me, the hope of glory."

1 John 2:20

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

Acts 11:26

"And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch."

When we are believers of Jesus, baptized in the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to do tasks of the Anointed One, the Christ, of Isaiah 61 just like Jesus. He is in us by His Spirit, therefore we become the anointed body of Christ doing what He did. Preaching good news, healing the brokenhearted and oppressed, setting captives free, restoring sight to those blinded by this world, bringing the truth of God.

As we go, sometimes we find ourselves wearied or stressed. Overrun and burdened by the weightiness of running a race in our flesh. It is in these times The Anointing of God is needed by the believer to do the extra bit of the impossible we can't. Sometimes The Anointing is the refreshing needed to remove weariness from our souls. Sometimes it is like the adrenaline of God to bust through an addiction or bondage of the soul to take you up and out into freedom.

Adrenaline in the body kicks into the bloodstream when an individual is stressed, or extra strength

is needed to overcome a challenge. In the same way, The Anointing of God kicks in when we need it most. It is the extra. It is the breakthrough. It is countenance of the Holy Spirit to lift us ever upward to His purposes in our lives. The Anointing is the burden removing, yoke destroying, adrenaline-like presence of the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

To summarize, the Lord God calls us to be His believers, but due to our sin and unholy flesh He must first sanctify and set us apart for God to dwell and minister within us. By the blood of Jesus, and by His anointing, God Himself, the Holy One, can dwell within us. Jesus is The Anointed One, the Christ. Jesus comes to baptize us in His Holy Spirit and fill us in power. This power and presence of the Holy Spirit is His Anointing. It is ever-flowing, ever-available to the believer in Jesus Christ.

When the Lord calls an individual to a specific role, we use the act of anointing with oil to set apart these individuals into the office. This act of setting them apart and anointing them with oil, seals the Lord's declaration and promise in their life. He is faithful to fulfill His promises and defend His anointed ones. In Jesus Christ, all believers are His anointed ones to uphold and defend, and Christ is in us to do all things. This very popular verse should have new meaning to you now:

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Because Jesus Christ, The Anointed One with His Anointing, is within you, you can do all things through the strength The Anointing empowers to you, anytime you need it.

In simple terms, The Anointing of God is the presence of the Holy Spirit being smeared upon an individual. It is the overflowing power of Jesus Christ, which imparts supernatural strength, enabling us to function powerfully in an office, role or task for the Lord God. The Anointing of God makes a way for you to accomplish the Lord's plans for your life in power and strength.

2 Corinthians 1:21 (Amplified Version)

"But it is God who confirms and makes us steadfast and establishes us in joint fellowship with you in Christ, **and has anointed us**, enduing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit" (emphasis added).

Prayer for Salvation

If you have not made Jesus Christ your personal Lord and Savior, and you desire this with all your heart, then please, join me in prayer:

"Heavenly Father, I choose to believe with all my heart, Your love for me. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, the Son of God, and that He is God in the flesh. I believe that You sent Him to this earth to save me. Thank You. I believe He died on the cross for my sins and He was dead and buried three days, and then rose again from the dead and that He ascended to Heaven and is now seated at Your right hand and is returning again.

Father, please forgive me for all my sin and iniquity and I choose to forgive others who have sinned against me. I give You all my heart and choose to live with You forever. I believe I have been born again according to Your Word and that I have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light. I declare I am forgiven and healed! Now, I ask for Holy Spirit to fill me. Jesus, baptize me in Holy Spirit and fullness in order that I may know You intimately and serve You all my days. Thank You, Lord, for loving me. Amen."

Scriptures:

John 14:6

"6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Romans 10:8-13

"8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 3:3-7, 16-18

"3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born [a] again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

II Corinthians 5:17

"17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

I Corinthians 15:3-5

"3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve."

II Corinthians 5:21

"21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteous-ness of God in Him."

Colossians 1:13-14

"13 He has delivered us from the power of dark-

ness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

Luke 11:9-13

"9 'So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Acts 1:8

"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."

I Timothy 3:16

"6 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory."

Fresh Infilling of Holy Spirit

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If you have been born again and filled with Holy Spirit and you desire MORE and want to encounter the Lord's presence afresh and anew, please join me in prayer:

"Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for loving me and I ask according to Ephesians 1:17-19, that You would give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, Jesus, and the eyes of my understanding would be enlightened; that I may know what is the hope of His calling and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places. Amen. Father, according to Colossians 3:9-12, I ask in Jesus name, that I would be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that I would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power. Amen.

I surrender and yield my life to the fullness of Holy Spirit; His power and anointing; the spirit of wisdom and revelation; counsel and might; the spirit of the fear of the Lord and knowledge according to Isaiah 11:2, in Jesus name. Amen."

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