

What is the Anointing of the Holy Spirit?

There are some circles of Christianity that feel they have a corner on the market when it comes to the Holy Spirit. I'm gonna have to say a big no on that one, the Holy Spirit is offered to every one who chooses Option A: Christ as their propitiation for sin.

Some circles call this the "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" which as I understand it is a separate event from water baptism or belief. Others call it an "Anointing" and by this my understanding is that it means a special gift of the HS for a special gifting or special holy calling. For the majority of Christian-dom these terms mean something different that it does to those circles. We need to get to the bottom of this... because if you need a special anointing and don't have one, then you might need that right?

Ok, so let's look at this from a Biblical perspective, truth from the Bible being the only measuring rod. I really have little interest in man's traditions at this point. I just want to make sure I am always within the lines as far as God sees it.

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.

The language that anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit is not new. There are dozens of Anointing throughout the Bible, typically with oil. In the Know Your God series we shoed the the Holy Spirit is symbolized at times and referred to as Oil... so it is not a far reach to see the God's anointing, which is supernatural would mirror the instructions he gave to the hebrews with physical oil.

Anoint: (gk) *chrío-* (kree-oh) it properly means to touch with the hand, or to besmear; it is used exclusively of two related things:

1) the consecration and delivery of powers via the Holy Spirit of God necessary for Jesus Christ for all he needed from God to have all he needed to preach the gospel & deliver people from sin.

2) it is also used of providing Christians with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

This word was only used 5x in the Bible, of course there is a Hebrew counterpart... but since we are under the New Covenant, we are going to stick with this one for now. Here are the 5 with emphasis to help us define what this anointing is:

Luke 4:18 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.

*This is a quote from Is 61:1- in the Heb the word in greek for anoint in the hebrew is *epi*-which mean upon, to come over, against, like smooth breathing onto a superimposition, a touching at or beside, *masah*: to smear, anoint to consecrate, to ordain

Acts 4:27 For truly against **Your** holy Servant Jesus whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered there.

*this was part of a prayer... against = is a preposition *epi*: translated upon, against, to be over; in old language against meant next to so close it is touching.

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2 Cor 1:21-22 Now He who establishes us with you **in Christ** and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Hebrews 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore **God, Your God**, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than your companions.

*this verse is regarding Jesus: so Jesus had the maximum anointing

The other word used for anointing is *chrisma*. This is only used 2x in the Bible both related to a religious anointing for priests. Remembering that Christians are referred to as a Royal Priesthood, this applies to all true Christians.

chrisma: an anointing of an ointment, oil, typically by the hebrews mixed with herbs, for an inaugural ceremony for priests

*Ps 45:7-8 describes the herbs: myrrh, aloes, cassia (which is a powdered bark like cinnamon)

1 John 2:20 But ye have an **anointing** from the **Holy One**, and you know all things.

*the know all things in context is referring to the reason for the entire letter, to clarify the deceptions of the last hour, and reinforcing the truth they already know, pointing out the lies.

How can we KNOW if we have this anointing?

1 John 2:3-6 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we re with Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

*abide- *meno*: to remain, to not depart; to last, to endure; to not become another;

1 John 2:27 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.

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So, if you are keeping his commandments, and abiding, it is because the Holy Spirit has anointed, which will cause you to abide.

Ok from these 8 verses let's recap what the Bible has said.

1 The Spirit of the Lord is from God

2 The Various Names for the Holy Spirit in just these verses:

- The Spirit of the Lord
- The Holy Spirit
- The Spirit
- The Oil of Gladness
- The Holy One

3 Specific to Jesus~ But we can glean functions and source

Anointing:

- from God
- comes upon/so close next to leaning on
- Jesus has the maximum anointing (so there must be levels of filling right?)
- means God is with Him

Reason for the Anointing:

- preach the gospel/poor
- heal/broken hearted
- proclaim liberty/captive
- recover sight/blind
- liberty/oppressed

4 For the Christian

- God establishes us with Christ
- God anoints us
- God seals/guarantees us with The Spirit

The Anointing of the Spirit:

- gives believer all knowledge of the truth
- causes God to abide in You
- teaches you
- cases you to abide in Him

So this anointing,... not according to man, but according to the Bible, and focusing on 1 John 2:25-29 says anyone with the Holy Spirit is securely held unto eternal life. Anyone that is filled with the Holy Spirit, has a secure salvation, and from that point on everything they do is in the Spirit and not in the flesh. So if you pray in the Spirit that is like saying a real Christians praying and the Holy Spirit is inspiring and interpreting what you say to God. It's not a special ecstatic state. I sometimes hear people say things like "Oh that was my flesh..." Sorry, but for a person who is indwelt with the Holy Spirit that is not possible. Can you sin yes, but the Bible is explicit about being in the flesh and that is only related to those not saved. Since words actually mean things let's look at what being in or walking in the flesh looks like.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh the law of sin.

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Rom 2:28-9 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

Rom 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were around by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death

We know from

Rom 9:8 That is, those the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of promise are counted as the seed.

Rom 8:8 So then the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His

The big theological trouble is that people argue if salvation is secure or not right? Salvation is 100% secure, for a person indwelled with the Holy Spirit. The real question is are you indwelled with the Holy spirit

Rom 13:4 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

How do we "put on" Christ?

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

SO to put on Christ is to have faith in Him.

And how do we know what the lusts of the flesh are? to be sure we are not walking in them?

Gal 5:16-21 I say then: walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murder, drunkenness, revelries and the like; of which I told you before hand just as I told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

This verse is capped off by the fruit of the Spirit, simplified in this chart,

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you John 15:16

fruit of Holy Spirit	works of the flesh	addy
love	adultery	Galatians 5:19-23
joy	fornication	
peace	uncleanness	
patience	lewdness	
kindness	idolatry	
goodness	sorcery	
faithfulness	hatred	
gentleness	contentions	
self-control	jealousies	
	outbursts of wrath	
	selfish ambition	
	dissensions	
	heresies	
	envy	
	murder	
	drunkenness	
	revelries	
	and the like	
Rom 8:15 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God	not inherit the Kingdom of God	← Consequences

and a few verses later it makes this whole question of anointing and how to walk crystal clear when it says in

Galatians 5:25 if we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

Basically those that are actually filled with the Holy Spirit will be pressed to obey by the Holy Spirit and will stay clear of the "big no-no" list and the HS will develop the fruits in their life. This does not mean everyone will me at the same levels of maturity though. We are only expected to bear the fruit we have been coached through by the Holy Spirit, and a bit why we have no perspective to judge others, because we do not know what their path is with the Lord. The way to test is as it says in 1 John

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So it goes back to observing a person, or yourself, do they or you look like the fruit from the correct tree? Do they produce Godly fruit? Are they aiming at walking in Christlikeness? If so they are walking by the Spirit, if so they are anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and no one can snatch that person away from God.

John 10:28-9 And I give eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

So if God is the one who gives you the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and God has promised that His Spirit will keep you secure, and when you have that Spirit you walk in the Spirit,

Summary of "In the Spirit"

1 In the spirit synonyms:

- filled with
- by the
- come upon
- rest upon

2 What Value Does it Have?

- Lord's hand is upon
- the Lord's love is declared through
- the Lord fills us with life, joy, peace, believing wisdom, through the HS
- Keeps us from judgement via the law
- Builds believers together for eternity
- circumcises the heart
- allows us to worship God and Jesus
- justifies us to godliness

3 For Our Day to Day:

- You can call to him,
- pray to him without ceasing
- Can be heard
- speaks mysteries

4 Unique Works:

- can allow to see dreams and visions
- can give prophecy
- can bring interpretation
- gives authority
- gives understanding
- gives knowledge
- provides mighty strength
- provides skills for all manner of workmanship
- produces fruit

5 How to tell if one is in the Spirit:

- rejoicing in the HS = thanking the Lord
- is equivalent to living according to God
- have fruit and traits ever changing toward being Christlike

6 Or not in the Spirit:

- fulfill the lust of the flesh
- in the flesh

"In the Spirit"

As we walk in the Spirit(Gal 5:16) and stay in step with the Spirit(Gal 5:25) He will strip away our love for sin and make us more like Jesus(Gal 5:16,18)

addy	key words
Ezk 37:1	Lord's hand upon brought him out in the Spirit; set in the midst of the valley
Matt 22:43	call to Him saying
Luke 10:21	rejoiced in ; said "thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth..."
Rom 2:29	inwardly; circumcision of the heart ; in the spirit not the letter; praise from God not men
Rom 8:8	not in the flesh but in the Spirit , if indeed the Spirit dwells in you; anyone not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His (ie. can't say oh that was the flesh)
1 Cor 14:2	in the Spirit he speaks mysteries
Gal 5:16	walk in the spirit; you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh
Gal 5:25	live in the Spirit; walk in the Spirit
Eph 4:22	being build together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit
Eph 6:18	praying always with prayer and supplication in the Spirit
Phil 3:3	we are the circumcision; who worship God in the Spirit; rejoice in Christ Jesus
Col 1:8	love declared in the Spirit
1 Ti 3:16	mystery of Godliness; justified in the Spirit
1 Peter 4:6	live according to God , in the Spirit
Rev 1:10	was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, heard behind me...
Rev 4:2	Immediately I was in the Spirit; a throne set in heaven...
Rev 17:3	so he carried away in the Spirit into the wilderness, and I saw....
Rev 21:10	and he carried me away in the Spirit to a great high mountain...
Ex 31:3	filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge and in all manner of workmanship
Numb 11:25	the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him ; when the Spirit rested upon them- they prophesied
Numb 11:26	the Spirit rested upon them; they prophesied in the camp
Numb 27:18-20	take Joshua, a man in whom is the Spirit and lay a hand on him; inaugurate him ; give him some of your authority ;

addy	key words
Judges 14:6	Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him; tore apart a lion (when a lion came against him in vs 5)
1 Sam 16:13	Samuel anointed David with horn of oil ; the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward
1 Sam 19:23	the Spirit of the God upon him; prophesied
Is 48:16	the Lord God and His Spirit have sent me ; come near and hear this
Ezk 3:14	the Spirit lifted me up and took me away ; the hand of the Lord was strong upon me ;
Ezk 8:3	the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem; to the door ...
Ezk 11:24	the Spirit took me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea...
Ezk 37:14	I will put my Spirit in you and you shall live ;
Dan 4:18	for the Spirit of the Holy God is in You ; able to interpret
Dan 5:14	the Spirit of God is in you ; light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you
Luke 1:41	babe leapt in her womb: and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
Luke 2:25 f	man was just & devout; waiting for the consolation of Israel; revealed by HS that he would not see death before he has seen the Lord's Christ; Holy Spirit was upon him ; he came by the Spirit into the temple; took Jesus in arms; blessed God; My eyes have seen your salvation; Joseph & Mary marveled at this; prophesied what Christ would do.
Luke 4:14	after Satan tempted; him in desert of Jerusalem; returned in the Spirit to Galilee
Rom 15:13	God of hope fills ; all joy , and peace in believing ; abound in hope by power of the HS
Rom 8:4	that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit

Walking In the Spirit & The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

We do know that the Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to those who are under his guardianship.

What is the ultimate goal of these gifts? 1 Peter 4:11...that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ and for the body as ween in 1 Cor 12:7 But the manifestation of the the Spirit is given to each on for the profit of all.

manifestations: *phanerosis*; manifestation, disclosure, a "coming to light", an exhibition, bestowment, or expression of

(2 Cor 4:2 re: the manifestation of truth- is the only other user the NT)

Gifts (Manifestations) of the Holy Spirit

Rom 12:6-8	1 Cor 12:1-31	Eph 4:1-16	1 Peter 4:7-11
prophecy	prophecy	prophets	speak
ministry	wisdom	apostles	ministers
teaches	knowledge	teachers	
exhorts	faith	pastors	
gives	healing	evangelists	
leads	miracles		
mercy	discerning of spirits		
	tongues		
	interpretation of tongues		

Why These Gifts?

1 To Equip God's People

- apostles
- prophets
- evangelists
- pastors
- teachers

2 To Explain God's Truth to People

- prophecy
- teaching
- exhortation
- word of wisdom
- word of knowledge
- speaker

3 To Enable God's Work through People

- serving
- giving
- leadership
- showing mercy
- showing hospitality
- faith

4 To Establish God as The Authority

- language interpretation
- speaking languages
- miracles
- healings
- discerning of spirits

Spiritual Gifts Defined

gift	greek	defined
prophet	<i>prophetes</i>	one moved by the Holy Spirit of God and hence his spokesperson that solemnly declares to men what he has received by inspiration, especially concerning future events and in particular as they relates to the cause and kingdom of Gos and to human salvation;
minister	<i>diakonon</i>	a servant, one rendering dementing services, to wait upon, one who supplies the food and necessities of life, especially by collecting alms and distributing things needed to sustain life ; a deacon in a church ; figuratively a teacher
teacher	<i>didaskalos</i>	a teacher; in the NT now who teaches the things of God and the duties of man
exhorter	<i>parakaleo</i>	to beseech, comfort, call for; summons; beg; strengthen with encouragement; to instruct or teach; to speak or address
giver	<i>metadidomi</i>	to impart; to share a thing with, to give over;
leader	<i>proistemi</i>	to set or place before or over; a protector a or guardian; the preside over; to rule
mercy	<i>eleeo</i>	to have compassion on, to help an afflicted one; to bring help
word of wisdom	* <i>logos</i> * <i>sophia</i>	*speech, a word uttered with a living voice that embodies a concept of idea; the sayings of God; a decree; moral precepts given by God; doctrine for teaching *wisdom- broad and fun of intelligence; esp for devout and prudent discussion with men not the disciples of Christ by using broad education and intelligence to help smart Christian truth; also the act of interpreting dreams with sage advice
word of knowledge	* <i>logos</i> * <i>gnosis</i>	*(above) *knowledge that signifies general intelligence and understanding; general knowledge of the Christian religion; moral wisdom for right living ; an advanced understanding of the mature regarding the deeper knowledge of Christianity
faith	<i>pistis</i>	Conviction of the truth after learning about a thing or person; a conviction tat God exist and is creator and ruler of all things and the provider of salvation through his Son Jesus Christ the Messiah; fidelity of the character of the one who can be relied upon
healing	<i>iama</i>	the means of healing; the remedy; the cure; sometimes includes medicine(herbs)
miracles	<i>dynamis</i>	strength, power, ability over the power residing a thing; the power to perform miracles

gift	greek	defined
discerning of spirits	* <i>diakrisis</i> * <i>pneuma</i>	*a distinguishing, a judging; a discerning *the Holy Spirit, the efficient source of nay power; the movement of aria spirit higher than man but lower than god like angels, demons, evil spirits, many who have been known to inhabit the bodies of men
kinds of tongues	* <i>genos</i> * <i>glossa</i>	*offspring, family a tribe or national decent of a particular people *the tongue; a language or dialect used by a particular people distinct from that of other nations; always used of a distinct known language
interpretation of tongues	* <i>hermeneia</i> * <i>glossa</i>	*interpretation of what has been spoken mostly because of vague use of language, in order to clarify; to translate a foreign langue in to the local vernacular and explain or expound upon in words the locals understand
apostles	<i>apostolos</i>	a delegate, a messenger sent forth with orders
pastors	<i>poimen</i>	a shepherd or herdsman; the presiding officer, manager or director of any Christian assembly
evangelists	<i>euangelistes</i>	a bringer of good tidings, a NT herald of salvation through Christ who were not apostles; a preacher of the gospel
speak, oracles of God	* <i>laleo</i> * <i>logion</i>	*to speak declaring the thoughts of the mind , to tell, to make oneself heard *a brief utterance, a divine oracles, utterances of God , all the contents of the Mosaic Law

God loves His children and wants us to have every needed tool, gift, fruit and interaction in order to have success to stay faithful and war against team satan. Walking in the Spirit brings us full circle to spiritual warfare, in that only those with the Holy Spirit war in the Spirit against team satan... the fighters, all of them are by definition, anointed and secure in their salvation.

2 Cor 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

I hope this helps clarify what many of the confusing concepts are around being Anointed with and Walking In the Holy Spirit refer to Biblically.