**The Anointing of Christ**

**Luke 4:18 – The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.**

**Have you ever wondered what Jesus was preaching when he was speaking about the Kingdom of Heaven?**

* Matthew 4:23 – Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. (Luke 4:43, 8:1)
* It was a message of hope – Luke 4:18; He would heal, deliver, restore and give grace.
* It was a message of humility and moral character – Luke 18:16-17
* Christ was anointed to preach the good news of the kingdom

**His message was the words he spoke, the works he performed, and the life he lived**

* Notice: He didn’t use a bunch of “religious speak” and he broke his message down into easily understandable parts… Many times he said, “The Kingdom is like…” and then proceeded to give a story or a parable to illustrate his point.
* The kingdom is like…
* The parables of Matthew 13
* Three examples of serving in Matthew 25
* He was anointed to preach:
* Healing to the sick
* Deliverance from oppression
* A day of Grace

**Then He Went Away**

* Disillusioned, and feeling abandoned, the disciples gathered in a locked room, hiding out of fear for their lives.
* They had not understood the message of his resurrection, that he must go away but that he would return with an anointing for them.

**Believers anointed: 2 Corinthians 1:18-21** – For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. ***He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come***.

* Luke 9:1-2 – When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

**Speaking of the indwelling Holy Spirit which is the anointing of the believer Apostle John wrote:**

**1 John 2:27** – As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit – just as it has taught you, remain in him.

**“Clothed” with, or anointed with power:**

Luke 24:49 – I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

**Being “anointed” to do a task is synonymous with being “commissioned” to a task.**

* The Great Commission – Matthew 28:19
* The Empowering Commission – Acts 1:8
* The Training and Equipping Commission – Ephesians 4:11-13, 2 Timothy 2:1-2
* The Enduring Commission – 2 Timothy 2:3, 1 Timothy 6:11-12, Hebrews 12:1,7, Revelation 3:11

**Believers Have Been Anointed/Commissioned As Ambassadors of Reconciliation:**

**2 Corinthians 5:11-21, Luke 6:19**

**Go Tell It On The Mountain And Everywhere!** Jesus said you would be anointed to be Power Witnesses of the glory of God, beginning in your own neighborhood, out into the entire community, the county and as far as your influence reaches. (Acts 1:8)

You are not here by accident. You are here because God has called you here.God has a special purpose for this congregation and he has called you here to anoint you to accomplish his purposes.

**You are a special people. 1 Peter 2:9-10 –** You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Jesus says “Come” (Matthew 11:28). Then He says, “Go” (Matthew 28:19**)

* He calls us to come to him and be refreshed, revitalized and become equipped to serve.
* Then he sends us out to minister the kingdom to the world around us.

**Are you ready to use the anointing he has placed in you?**