

ANOINTED IN THE VINE (identified, sanctified, baptised, commissioned, nourished)

(a) WOUNDED, BRUISED AND INJURED

Isaiah 53:5

"But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed."

The physical wounding, bruising, and suffering of Christ carried profound spiritual significance. It was the price paid for our forgiveness, freedom, peace, and healing, and it opened the way for our union with Him through grafting into the True Vine.

From a medical perspective, tissue grafting is preceded by wounding and injury at the recipient site. The wound creates access for the graft and allows the establishment of a new blood supply, enabling the graft to become one with the recipient tissue.

This provides a powerful picture and symbolism of what happened to our Saviour. His body was wounded, bruised, and pierced on our behalf. Through His sufferings, the way was opened for our adoption into the family of God and our incorporation into Christ. His wounds became the place through which we could be joined to Him and partake of His life.

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches."

The wounded Christ became the True Vine into whom we have been grafted, sharing in His life, His Spirit, and His inheritance.

(b) THE HEAD IS ANOINTED

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."

Jesus Christ is the Anointed One. The Spirit did not merely come upon Him symbolically but rested upon Him in fullness. He is the Head of a new and eternal priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. Every grace, gift, and ministry flows from Him.

The anointing begins with the Head. Before it can flow to the Body, it must first rest upon Christ, the One chosen and commissioned by the Father.

(c) THE BODY IS ANOINTED

Romans 11:17

"...and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree."

Psalms 133:1-2

"It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments."

The anointing upon Aaron's head was beautiful, but it was only a shadow of a greater reality. Aaron represented an earthly priesthood; Christ is the Head of the heavenly and eternal priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

The Spirit was poured upon Christ without measure. Having been grafted into Him, we now partake of that same life and nourishment. As the oil flowed from Aaron's head to his garments, so the anointing flows from Christ the Head to His Body.

Yet the New Covenant reality is even greater than the picture given in Psalm 133. The anointing does not merely run down over us; it soaks, permeates, and saturates us through the baptism (immersion) of the Holy Spirit. The life of Christ fills every member of His Body. Same anointing, same Spirit.

(d) CONCLUSION

Matthew 10

⁷Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!

Acts 5

¹²The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon's Colonnade.

In Christ, the anointing is alive. May Christ glorify the father through the body through healings and miraculous signs so that those yet to believe can believe.

Prayer

Father, we thank You for Your great love and for the plan You prepared for us before the foundation of the world. Through your son, you raised us up from a life that had been put to death by sin. We were utterly dead, helpless, desperate, and bound by the enemy.

But at just the right time, Your Son took upon Himself a human body, was born under the law, and lived without sin. In doing so, He broke the power of sin, fulfilled all righteousness, and triumphed even over death itself. Now, in Him we live and move and have our being.

Through His death, burial, and resurrection, He grafted us into Himself and gave us a new identity through the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of adoption. Having ascended on high, He led captivity captive and set the prisoners free. He poured out upon us the anointing that rests upon Him and distributed gifts for the building up and edification of His body.

Lord, help us today and in the days ahead to yield ourselves fully to Your Spirit. Teach us to walk in step with You, allowing Your anointing to flow through us and to work effectively according to the grace You have given each one. May Your gifts operate in love for the strengthening of Your Church and the glory of Your name.

In Your name, we pray that the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the mute speak, the weak be strengthened, and that all that is veiled be unveiled.

By the power of God, we tear down strongholds and every lofty argument that exalts itself against the knowledge of God—whether manifest in cancer, mental distress, family conflict, or any other work of darkness. We mark these territories with the banner of the Spirit, proclaiming the victory and reign of Christ, who fills all in all.

We proclaim every blessing stored up in the heavens to be manifested upon the earth. As it is in heaven, so let it be here—your kingdom come, your will be done.

And we pray this believing and trusting in the name of our saviour Jesus Christ.