

Women & More

Oil of Anointing

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The Holy Spirit is the oil—He makes our sanctification happen as we allow Him room and rule; **He does the anointing**—He makes us holy. Remember that we are as far away from the devil, today, as we choose to be (James 4:7); and we are as close to God as we want to be (James 4:8). If we're in the family of God—through faith in Christ—**we have an Anointing!**

“The Holy Spirit makes men penitents long before he makes them divines...the change wrought is too marvelous not to be perceived.

He who believes what he knows shall soon know more clearly what he believes.”

—Charles H. Spurgeon

“I don't think we would ever die to self if He (the Holy Spirit) were always showing us what He is doing within.”

—Francois Fenelon

“Growth can be a lonely place, but it is a necessary place.”

—Ken Gire

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

1 Chronicles 16:22

David's **Psalm** of Ascent **133:1-3** “*How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!*

²“It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes.

³“It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.”

1 Corinthians 6:11 (after wicked-workers list)

1 Thessalonians 4:3a “*It is God's will that you should be sanctified....*”

James 4:7

James 4:8

Scripture to Memorize:

1 John 2:20 “*But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.*”

NOTES on Speaking Session:**Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:**

1. After completing the front side of this worksheet, what do you believe the ‘anointing’ to be about? (For the serious student, read: **1 John 2:20, 26-27**)

2. Other phrases in Scripture which relate to the meaning of being **holy**, are, being **pure**, being **blameless**, being **godly**, and being **free from willful sin**. Since God desires this for us—“*be holy even as I am holy*”—and because He will do the work of making us holy, we are not arrogant in acknowledging it. On a scale of 1 to 10, below, mark where you feel you are in this sanctifying **walk toward holiness**.

Saved 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Sanctified

3. Scripture tells us that all of those who have been saved—who call Jesus Savior—have been further **called to holiness**. Place a check mark before the five statements below which are involved in this call.

- Allow the Holy Spirit within to conform you to holiness—the image of Christ
 - Pray to be made holy, pure, blameless—free from willful sin
 - Recognize that you cannot become holy on your own
 - Get real busy working for the Lord—anything will do
 - Make your Savior also your Lord—Master
 - Read God’s Word daily, and let its truth soak in
 - Try harder to do everything right
 - Go on a mission trip—anywhere

Recommended Reading:

Incredible Moments with the Savior, Ken Gire

Seeing What is Sacred: Becoming More Spiritually Sensitive to the Everyday moments of Life, Ken Gire

Broken Vases

by Ken Gire

The aroma of extravagant love.
So pure. So lovely.
Flowing from the veined alabaster vase
of Mary's broken heart—
A heart broken against the hard reality
of her Savior's imminent death
Mingled with tears, the perfume became—
by some mysterious chemistry of Heaven—
Not diluted, but more concentrated,
Potent enough behind the ears of each century
for the scent to linger to this day.

Doubtless, the fragrance, absorbed by his garment,
as it flowed from his head,
Accompanied Christ through the humiliation of his trials,
the indignity of his mockings,
the pain of his beatings,
the inhumanity of his cross.

Through the heavy smell of sweat and blood,
A hint of that fragrance must have arisen
from his garment—
Until, at shameful last, the garment was stripped
and gambled away.

And maybe, just maybe, it was that scent
amid the stench of humanity rabbled around the cross,
that gave the Savior the strength to say:
“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

And as Mary walked away from the cross,
The same scent probably still lingered in the now-limp hair
she used to dry the Savior's feet—
A reminder of the love that spilled
from his broken alabaster body.

So pure. So lovely.
So truly extravagant.

It was a vase he never regretted breaking.
Nor did she.

The Blessing of a Storm

I did not know His love before,
The way I know it now.
I could not see my need for Him,
My pride would not allow.
I had it all, without a care,
The "self-sufficient" lie;
My path was smooth, my sea was still,
Not a cloud was in my sky.

I thought I knew His love for me,
I thought I'd seen His grace,
I thought I did not need to grow,
I thought I'd found my place.
But then the way grew rough and dark,
The storm clouds quickly rolled;
The waves began to rock my ship,
I found I had no hold.

The ship that I had built myself
Was made of foolish pride.
It fell apart and left me bare,
With nowhere else to hide.
I had no strength or faith to face
The trials that lay ahead,
And so I simply spoke His name
And bowed my weary head.

His loving arms enveloped me,
And then He helped me stand.
He said, "You still must face this storm,
But I will hold your hand."
So through the dark and lonely night
He guided me through pain.
I could not see the light of day
Or when I'd smile again.

Yet through the pain and endless tears,
My faith began to grow.
I could not see it at the time,
But my light began to glow.
I saw God's love in a brand new light,
His grace and mercy, too.
For only when all self was gone
Could Jesus' love shine through.

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A New Testament word, SANCTIFIED, means Christlikeness
(Sanctification is the process—to make holy)

SANCTIFIED

- John 17:19 “that they too may be truly **sanctified**”
 Acts 20:32 “an inheritance among all those who are **sanctified**”
 Acts 26:18 “and a place among those who are **sanctified** by faith”
 Romans 15:16 “**sanctified** by the Holy Spirit”
 1 Cor 6:11 “but you were washed, you were **sanctified**”
 1 Thess 4:3 “It is God’s will that you should be **sanctified**”

SANCTIFY

- John 17:17 “**Sanctify** them by the truth; your word is truth”
 1 Thess 5:23 “God of peace, **sanctify** you through and through”
 Hebrews 9:13 “**Sanctify** them so that they are outwardly clean”

SANCTIFYING

- 2 Thess 2:13 “to be saved through the **sanctifying** work of the Spirit”
 1 Peter 1:2 “through the **sanctifying** work of the Spirit”

SONG: *I Come Broken to be Mended*—

(to be sung after *Just As I Am*):
by Travis Cottrell

I come broken to be mended.
 I come wounded to be healed.
 I come desperate to be rescued.
 I come empty to be filled.

I come guilty to be pardoned
 By the blood of Christ the Lamb.
 And I’m welcomed with open arms,
 Praise God, just as I am!

The following are just a few uses of the word CALL in Scripture:

CALLED

Exodus 3:4	“God called to him (Moses) from within the bush”
1 Samuel 3:4, 6, 8	“Then the LORD called Samuel”
Isaiah 41:9	“from its furthest corners I called you”
Isaiah 42:6	“the LORD, have called you in righteousness.”
Isaiah 43:7	“everyone who is called by my name.”
Isaiah 48:12	“O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called ”
Isaiah 48:15	“I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him”
Isaiah 49:1	“Before I was born the LORD called me”
Isaiah 61:6	“And you will be called priests of the LORD.”
Matthew 2:15	“Out of Egypt I called my Son (Jesus)”
Matthew 4:21	“preparing their nets, Jesus called them”
Matthew 10:1	“ called his twelve disciples to him”
Luke 1:76	“(of John) will be called a prophet of the Most High”
Luke 6:13	“He called his disciples to him and chose twelve”
John 1:42	“you will be called Cephas (which means Rock)”
John 15:15	“Instead, I have called you friends”
Acts 13:2	“for the work for which I have called them”
Acts 16:10	“concluding that God had called us to preach”
Romans 1:1	“(Paul) called to be an apostle and set apart for preaching”
Romans 1:6	“also are among those who are called to belong”
Romans 1:7	“in Rome who are loved by God and called to”
Romans 8:28	“who have been called according to His purpose”
Romans 8:30	“And those he predestined, he also called ;
Romans 8:30	“those he called , he also <u>justified</u> ,
Romans 9:24	“even us, whom he also called ”
1 Corinthians 1:1	“ called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by”
1 Corinthians 1:2	“to those <u>sanctified</u> in Christ Jesus and called to”
1 Corinthians 1:9	“who has called you into fellowship”
1 Corinthians 1:24	“but to those whom God has called ”
1 Corinthians 1:26	“think of what you were when you were called ”
1 Corinthians 7:15	“God has called us to live in peace.”
1 Corinthians 7:17	“to him and to which God has called him.”
1 Corinthians 7:20	“which he was in when God called him.”
1 Corinthians 7:24	“should remain in the situation God called him to”
1 Corinthians 15:9	“and do not even deserve to be called an apostle.”

CALLING

1 Samuel 3:8	“Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy (Samuel)”
Isaiah 40:2	“ calling him in righteousness to his service”
Mark 6:7	“ calling the twelve to him”
Luke 7:18	“ Calling two of them”
Ephesians 4:1	“live a life worthy of the calling you have received”
2 Thess 1:11	“our God may count you worthy of his calling ”
Hebrews 3:1	“holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling ”
2 Peter 1:10	“be all the more eager to make your calling sure”