

#### Are You a Christian?

I have a quick question for you:

Are you a Christian? Yes? What makes you a Christian?

If you said because you have received Jesus in your heart as your Savior and made Him your Lord... *Ding! Ding! Ding! Ding! Ding!* Right answer!

If you said because you have been down the Roman Road: you have believed in your heart and confessed with your mouth that God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day and that Jesus is Lord... *Ding! Ding! Ding! Ding! Ding!* Right answer!<sup>1</sup>

### What Does it Mean to be a Christian?

Christian = Christ-like

Christ = New Testament word that means the same thing as Messiah.

• See Strong's Greek Dictionary of the New Testament, Word 5547

Messiah = Old Testament word that means "anointed one". By virtue of speaking of one who is anointed, you also speak of or refer to the anointing that one carries.

• See Strong's Hebrew Dictionary of the Old Testament, Word 4899

### Therefore:

Christ refers to Jesus and means The Anointed One and His Anointing.

- A describing word that refers to a function and attribute of Jesus.
- Not Jesus' last name.

<sup>1</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12, NIV).

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me (John 14:6, NIV).

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9).



### What Does this Mean for Us?

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- ➤ We are Christ-like. Therefore, we have qualities of The Anointed One and His Anointing.
  - We are anointed.
  - We are anointed ones.
  - **♣** We have an anointing.

### Is it Sacrilegious to Call Ourselves Anointed?

Let's build the foundation:

If you are a born-again believer, Christ – the Anointed One and His Anointing – is inside of you.

It is our premise that Jesus is the Anointed One. Let's go through the Bible to establish through scripture how it is possible for us to be like the Anointed One. Remember, a Christian is one who is Christ-like.

- Jesus is the Word (John 1:1)
- Jesus is the Word made flesh (John 1:14)
- The Word is the incorruptible Seed (I Pet. 1:23)
- Seed brings forth fruit after its own kind (Gen. 1:11-12)

Let's put this all together:

IF

we have Jesus, Who is the Word -i.e., the Incorruptible Seed -living on the inside of us

**AND** 

seed brings forth fruit after its own kind,



#### **THEN**

we bring forth the same kind of fruit that Jesus brought forth!

We operate under the same anointing as Jesus.

We are Christ-like: like the Anointed One operating under the anointing!

# Jesus didn't come to be an example *for* us. He came to be an example *of* us.

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What are we anointed to do and what does that look like?

I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

John 14:12 KJV

When we receive Jesus as our Savior, Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us. Every born-again believer has the Holy Spirit living on the inside. It is the Holy Spirit who empowers us through the anointing to do what God has called us to do.

### I John 3:8 KJV

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Elevation Point: For this purpose the Son of God was manifested IN YOU - that He might destroy the works of the devil.

#### Isaiah 10:27 KJV

And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed <u>because of the anointing</u>.



*Elevation Point:* The anointing *IN YOU* removes burdens and destroys yokes.

- ➤ Christ IN YOU, the hope of glory (KJV)
- ➤ Christ lives IN YOU. This gives you assurance of sharing His glory. (NLT)

Because the Anointed One and His Anointing dwell in you, you are a carrier of the anointing!

Because of the anointing, you can cause things to change in your life and in your sphere of influence.

Everywhere you go, the anointing is present to remove burdens and destroy yokes.

You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world! People need you! They may not see Jesus without you!

Partner with Christ – the Anointed One and His Anointing - by aligning yourself with His Word. Agree and cooperate with Him to accomplish what He wants to accomplish in and through you.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Confession:**

**↓** I am a Christian.

♣ I have Christ – the Anointed One and His Anointing – dwelling inside me.

- **↓** I am a carrier of the anointing.
- **♣** The anointing *in me* causes situations to change.
- ♣ The anointing *in me* removes burdens and destroys yokes.
- ♣ I release the anointing to bring about supernatural manifestation in my life and in my sphere of influence.
- ♣ Because I am a carrier of the anointing, I can do the same works that Jesus did and greater works besides.
- **↓** I choose to partner with Christ the Anointed One and His Anointing.
- I align myself with His Word.
- I agree with Him and cooperate with Him, allowing Him to accomplish all He wants to accomplish in me and through me.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Yes, everywhere you go, the anointing is present to remove burdens and destroy yokes – because the anointing is in you. Yes, people need you. You may be the only Bible they read. HOWEVER, it is important to realize that you cannot operate in the anointing on your own or apart from God's will (see John 15:4-5). It is important to come into alignment with the Anointed One and the Anointing that dwells within you, agreeing and cooperating with Him to accomplish what He wants to accomplish in and through you.