

ANOINTING

John is writing to the church at a time when there was great deception and division.

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

John is writing this letter to the church to bring great clarity.

He wanted believers to have full assurance of their eternity.

Do you have full assurance of your eternity with Jesus?

Are you carrying an anointing on your life?

Life is short, eternity is real and people matter most!

(NKJV) 1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 2:18-28 AMP “Children, it is the last hour [the end of this age]; and just as you heard that the antichrist is coming [the one who will oppose Christ and attempt to replace Him], even now many antichrists (false teachers) have appeared, which confirms our belief that it is the last hour. They went out from us [seeming at first to be Christians], but they were not really of us [because they were not truly born again and spiritually transformed]; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out [teaching false doctrine],

so that it would be clearly shown that none of them are of us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One [you have been set apart, specially gifted and prepared by the Holy Spirit], and all of you know [the truth because He teaches us, illuminates our minds, and guards us from error]. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie [nothing false, no deception] is of the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed)? This is the antichrist [the enemy and antagonist of Christ], the one who denies and consistently refuses to acknowledge the Father and the Son. Whoever denies and repudiates the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses and acknowledges the Son has the Father also. As for you, let that remain in you [keeping in your hearts that message of salvation]

which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you too will remain in the Son and in the Father [forever]. This is the promise which He Himself promised us—eternal life. These things I have written to you with reference to those who are trying to deceive you [seducing you and leading you away from the truth and sound doctrine]. As for you, the anointing [the special gift, the preparation] which you received from Him remains [permanently] in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you. But just as His anointing teaches you [giving you insight through the presence of the Holy Spirit] about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as His anointing has taught you, you must remain in Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him].

When we remain in Him there is a life of God that flows in and through us.

The ideal of remaining is that there is a supernatural strength that comes when you remain in Him.

John 15:5-8 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

The anointing is divine enablement.

3 reasons we need the anointing!

1. The anointing is the antidote for deception.

God wants us to have discernment;

Jesus is concerned with the details of our lives.

John 14:26 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Ephesians 4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

2. The anointing enables us to fulfill our calling.

We all have a life calling!

You cannot accomplish divine tasks without divine enablement.

2 Corinthians 4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

Ephesians 4:8 Therefore He says:“When He ascended on high,He led captivity captive,And gave gifts to men.”

Your gifting will enable you to do great things.

But when the anointing is on your gifting it will produce supernatural results.

John 16:13 “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.”

3. The anointing brings freedom in our lives, “it breaks the yoke.”

Zechariah 4:6 So he answered and said to me: “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 10:27 It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

James 5:14 Are any of you sick? You should call for the leaders of the church to pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord.

Life is lived in seasons, and we can't live off of yesterday's oil.

Isaiah 43:18-19 “Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.

A new thing requires a new anointing and a fresh authority.

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim recovery of sight for the blind, and to set the oppressed free!