Basic Christian Doctrines Bible Study

"Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment."
Hebrews 6:1-2 NIV

Lesson Six – Anointing

1. What is an anointing?

   An anointing is when God wants to give a person His power to do works of righteousness. This can be for leadership, for ministry, for healing powers, for prophetic utterance and many other reasons. It is usually released through the laying on of hands in the New Testament.

   a) Saul was anointed King over Israel with having oil poured over him.

      "Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, 'Has not the LORD anointed you leader over his inheritance?' " 1 Samuel 10:1 NIV

   a) Aaron and his sons were anointed and ordained to serve as priests.

      "After you put these clothes on your brother Aaron and his sons, anoint and ordain them. Consecrate them so they may serve me as priests." Exodus 28:41 NIV

   b) Christians have an anointing by which we can know God's truth.

      "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. … 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." 1 John 2:20, 27 NIV

      "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." 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NIV

   c) Jesus was anointed by God

      "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him." Acts 10:38 NIV

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