

# The Spirit's Anointing

1 John 2:12-28  
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# Anointing

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# Christ's anointing

**Messiah = Christ = anointed**

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me. (Luke 4:18)

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. (Acts 10:38)



# Christians' anointing

God anointed us, put his seal on us and gave us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

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## Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 12

**Q. 31** Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief **prophet** and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance;

our only high **priest** who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal **king** who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

**Christ: anointed prophet, priest, king**

**Q 32** But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so **I share in his anointing**. I am anointed to confess his name [**prophet**], to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks [**priest**], to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity [**king**].

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- You resist the world.
- You reject antichrists.
- You know the truth.
- You abide in Son & Father.

# Live and grow up

## Stages of spiritual maturity

- **Children:** forgiven for Jesus' sake, trust God as Father.
- **Youth:** strong in the Lord, defeat Satan with God's Word within
- **Fathers:** know Jesus deeply, are eager to see his face

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Do not love  
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# Resist the world

## Three meanings of world

- **Physical universe:** enjoy and tend
- **Human beings:** honor and love
- **Evil system:** resist its pleasures and its pressures.

# Resist the world

- **Lust of the flesh:** inner urges without God
- **Lust of the eyes:** outer attractions without God
- **Pride of life:** success without God, living to impress others



He proffered to give him that crown for his muckrake; but the man did neither look up nor regard, but raked to himself the straws, the small sticks, and the dust of the floor. (Pilgrim's Progress)



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# Reject antichrists

- Christ launched new covenant era, anointed believers with the Spirit.
- Christ will return, defeat Antichrist, end fallen world, and bring heaven to earth.
- Between Pentecost and Jesus' return is "last hour," "last days," "last times."  
Christians advance; antichrists attack.

# Reject antichrists

- There are many, not just one.
- They seem Christian at first but abandon apostolic truth.
- They deny the real Jesus.
- They lose. Last, worst one will lose. So will all others.

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# Abide in Son, Father

- Spirit, Son, and Father are one.
- Spirit is in you, and you in Him.
- Fake spirituality lacks real God.
- Abiding in God is eternal life.
- Abiding prepares for Jesus' return.

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