

Christian Privilege, Part 2

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Opening Summary

There's a lot of discussion about who has or has not privilege. Webster's 1828 dictionary defines "privilege" as follows: *any peculiar benefit or advantage, right or immunity, not common to others of the human race.* Today we will see that the anointing is a privilege God has given Christians.

- I. Your privilege is joy in the kingdom of God (Rom. 14:17).
- II. God is currently active and efficiently working out His will in us (Eph. 1:11).
- III. Anointing is a smearing or special endowment. When we were born again, we received God's anointing; and that anointing is in us now (1 John 2:27).
 - A. Eph 1:18-19 can be paraphrased like this with the Greek meanings: *The eyes of your mind being brightened up; that ye may know what is the expectation of his invitation, and what the wealth of the glory of his privilege in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding magnitude of his supernatural ability to us-ward who believe, according to the efficiency and operation of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.*
 - B. That highest privilege of all is in you now, if you are born again.
 - C. The anointing/privilege is in Christ. Therefore the privilege is inside us.
 - D. The anointing will do the same for us as it did for Jesus.
- IV. We're not trying to get the anointing; we already have it in us (1 John 2:27).
 - A. The anointing can be put upon us, on the outside.
 - B. The anointing can teach us all things: cause us to perform at a higher level on our job, in our marriage, family, relationships, etc.
 - C. The anointing taught me how to repair vending machines. I knew nothing about vending machines, but I needed the job while I was in Bible school. Under pressure, the anointing taught me how to repair the machines.
- V. In John 2:27, unction means wisdom. The anointing causes us to know.
 - A. Know (Gk. ido) means to *be aware, perceive, see, and understand.*
 - B. With the anointing, we are privileged with understanding, if we tap into it.
 - C. The anointing is the power of God to get results.
- VI. A yoke ties two beasts together; they are bound to one another (Isa. 10:27).
 - A. Satan can yoke us to sickness, poverty, fear and death.

- B. Jesus destroyed satan's yoke. We are privileged.
 - C. A believer should not marry an unbeliever; it is an unequal yoke (2 Cor. 6:14-17).
- VII. Jesus said to take His yoke and He will give us rest or *ease* (Mat. 11:28-30).
- A. His yoke is His teachings.
 - B. Meek means humble.
 - C. We shall find rest or *recreation*.
 - D. *Soul* (Gk. *psuche*) means *doubt* (John 10:24).
 - E. The more we hear His teachings the more doubts leave and faith comes.
- VIII. The hand of the Lord, the anointing, is our Christian privilege.
- A. Zacharias had to receive God's word from the angel (Luke 1:59-66).
 - B. The hand of the Lord, the anointing, was on John.
- IX. The hand of the Lord, the anointing, was on Elijah (1 Kings 18:41-46).
- A. The anointing causes us to think clearer, run faster, jump higher.
 - B. God provides a whole table of blessing for us (Ps. 23:5).
 - C. Focus on the anointing that is on you, Christian.
- X. Satan could take the Word from that person because of their pride (Mark 4:13-14).
- A. Pride says, "I think..."
 - B. Pride lowers the Word and raises man's thoughts to God's level (Isa. 55:9).
 - C. Pride doesn't receive the Word, because of "I think..."
 - D. Decide to choose God's ways only.
- XI. James 4:6-8: The Spirit of Grace is the anointing (Heb. 10:29).
- A. God opposes the proud.
 - B. God gives anointing to the humble (Mat. 11:28-29). Jesus is meek.
 - C. Submit means to lower or to humble oneself.
 - D. A double-minded man receives nothing (James 1:8).
- XII. God resists the proud and gives anointing to the humble (1 Pet. 5:5).
- A. Humble yourself under the "hand of God" that He may elevate you.
 - B. Instead of "I think..." we should find out "What did God say?"
 - C. Resist the devil; stand firm on the Word; and don't move away from it (1 Pet. 5:7-9).
- XIII. The Holy Ghost comes upon us, like a tent that covers us (Luke 1:27-35).
- A. When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon Him like a dove, graceful.
 - B. God permitted me to see that anointing in last night's service. It was glorious and beautiful. It looked like red sky. It came down so graceful.
 - C. Acts 10:38 tells us what Jesus did with the anointing.

Closing Summary

Born-again believers have the greatest privileges of all. We are privileged to have the anointing in us and upon us, because, that anointing makes the impossible possible. We are privileged to have the anointing.