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1 John 2:20-21

Anointing and Truth

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The Anointing and the Christian

1John 2:20a (NASB)
But you have an anointing from the Holy One

- The false teachers claimed a special anointing
- John assures the Christians that they are anointed
- Christ is the Holy One (John 6:69)
- Our anointing is a derived anointing from Christ (Acts 10:38; Hebrews 1:9)

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Anointing and Anointed

1. "Christ" is "*christos*"
2. "Antichrist" is "*antichristos*"
3. "Anointing" is "*chrisma*"
4. Jesus is "*ho christos*" "The Anointed One"

- Isaiah 61:1a "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because **the Lord has anointed Me** to bring good news to the afflicted . . ."
- Luke 4:18a "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because **He anointed Me** to preach the gospel to the poor . . ."

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All Christians Know the Truth

1John 2:20b (NASB)

and you all know

- What we know is “the truth” (vs. 21)
- We know what is revealed; we are not omniscient
- Knowing God and His truth is a new covenant promise (Jeremiah 31:34)
- This implies that we do not need what the antichrists (false anointed ones) offer

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Christians Have the Tools to Identify the True Gospel

1John 2:21a (NASB)

I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it . . .

- John wrote to reassure the flock about Christ and the gospel
- Antichrists distorted the doctrine of Christ
- John’s “little children” are anointed, do know the truth and truly love it

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The Lie and the Truth Are Incompatible

1John 2:21b (NASB)

and because no lie is of the truth.

- The antichrists are not of us because they are liars about the person of Christ
- Falsehood cannot be legitimately derived from the truth
- See John 18:37

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Implications and Applications

- All lies cannot be validly implied from the truth
- Understand what we gain from Scripture through being anointed
- The Holy Spirit testifies about Christ
- The gospel IS the truth

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How a Lie Cannot Be From the Truth

Genesis 6:8 (NKJV)

But Noah **found grace** in the eyes of the LORD

- The LXX has “*charis*” (grace) (“found grace”)
- Living Bible: “Noah was a pleasure to the Lord”
- Most translations: “Noah found favor”
- Rick Warren: “God said, ‘This guy brings me pleasure. He makes me smile.’”
- The truth is what God did for Noah, the lie is what Noah did for God-- “make God smile”

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The Anointing and Our Needs

2Peter 1:3a (NASB)

seeing that **His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness . . .**

1Peter 2:2 (NASB)

like newborn babies, long for **the pure milk of the word**, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

- Peter speaks of regeneration and the needs of the regenerate
- Newborns have all they need in milk so by analogy we have all we need in the Bible

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The Anointing and the Bible

- The meaning of the Bible is fixed by the Spirit-inspired authors
- Regeneration by the Spirit means we are anointed
- We now appreciate the significance of God's Word
- We now submit to the authority of Scripture
- We now know the sufficiency of Scripture
- An unbelieving scholar can derive the meaning from the text, but is not anointed, does not care about significance, will not obey, and does not find the Bible to be sufficient

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The Holy Spirit Testifies About Christ

John 15:26 (NASB)

When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify about Me,**

- This enables us to test the spirits (1John 4:1)
- The Holy Spirit causes a love for Christ and the true doctrine of Christ

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The Gospel IS the Truth

Ephesians 1:13 (NASB)

In Him, you also, after listening to **the message of truth, the gospel** of your salvation having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

- We must not merely hear the message, we must believe (Heb. 4:1, 2)
- Those who believe are sealed, safe, and secure in the promises of God

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