

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

### *The Purpose of the Anointing ... by Antish*

- As we continue with the message on Anointing, I recall these two things: Firstly, the Scriptures say we are all anointed in Christ (1 John 2:27) by the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 1:22) and secondly, the anointing transform us into a new creation through the impartation of the divine characters and gifts into our spirit. The life in Him becomes the life in us through the transformational action of the anointing.
- There is also a purpose, an objective and an expectation when God anoints us in the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures demonstrate that the primary expectation of God when He anoints us is to use our lives to demonstrate Himself in the world or in creation. His aim is to use us as an interface of His image and glory, power and wisdom. Anointing us is the only way God works through us and it actually allows the deposit of Heaven in us to be manifested outside. Jesus asked for this manifestation in Matthew 5:14-16, asking: *'let your light shine before men, that they may see your goods and glorify your father in Heaven'*. Jesus was not talking about our natural light nor was He asking us to make religious efforts to bring our light out. In Ephesians 5: 8-10, Paul wrote, *'for you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord...'* This is a light we received from God because we were ourselves darkness. Jesus asked that we shine this light...In other word, let it come out ...and at the end, seeing its works, they will glorify the Father in Heaven.
- This intent is revealed by Paul to the Ephesians in chapter 3 vs 10, whereby he said that *'now through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to powers and principalities in heavenly realms, according to His eternal purpose which He accomplished in Jesus Christ our Lord'*. This mystery is great, as we the church are carriers of the anointing we have in Christ to demonstrate God's manifold wisdom to entire powers and principalities. Anointing thus manifest the light and wisdom of God through us and leads to the glory of the Father. The words of Paul state this, because we are no more darkness, but now light in Christ, we need to live as children of light...further clarifying that, if we live in darkness, we would sleep, and be with the dead...But now he stated: *'Wake up O' sleeper, Rise from the dead and Christ shall shine on you'* (Ephesians 5:14). This is the light that makes everything be seen from us. Thus, Anointing works at bringing the things hidden in to be manifested out.
- Again Paul explained this thought in 2 Cor. 3: 7-10, where he explained the work of a 'veil' over the deposits of Heaven in our lives. Taking Moses' example, Paul wrote that although he had a ministry of Glory, yet he needed to veil his face before the people to prevent the light in his life be exposed to them. A veil, is anything that hides God in us, put him in an inferior place in our life to show something else. A veil hides the light of Christ and obstruct the Father's glory. Are we living our lives behind a veil? Are we projecting the light of Christ? Are we releasing the gifts and fruits He gave us, or are we showing ourselves. Paul explained the we have received more than Moses, the Ministry of the Spirit which lasts. We are anointed in the Holy Spirit and the veil is taken away (v15) and now our unveiled faces reflect the glory of Christ and are being transformed into His likeness. Paul said in verse 18 that we reflect God like in a mirror. There is nothing better than a mirror to reflect something. Anointing is the mirror God placed in our lives to reflect Himself. A mirror never lies. God's anointing in us never lies. Our Anointing shows us exactly how God is, teaches us exactly what the Truth is and reflect exactly the glory of God through our lives.
- In anointing us with the Holy Spirit, God has removed all veils and barriers that can prevent us to reflect Himself. This is the purpose of our anointing: Reflecting God and in doing so, His reflection itself will transform us *'just as by the Spirit of the Lord'* (2 Cor. 3:18).

## WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

### Events /Notices

- **LATE NIGHT PRAYER** will be on **Saturday 27th August 2016 from 08pm to 11:30 pm**. You are all invited to join us to spend time devotionally in prayers for yourselves, your families and others. We invite you to express your hearts concerns before God as the Spirit might lead you in all freedom.

### Extra Services

*If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:*

#### ► *Crèche and Pre-school Praise*

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 2-5 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

#### ► *Sunday School*

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

*Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)*

#### ► *Tea and Coffee*

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2).