

## H.C. Lord's Day 12 – The Christian Anointed in Christ (part 3) – Sermon Outline

**Intro:** Christ was appointed by the Father to be anointed with the Spirit as our prophet, Priest, and King.

**Need:** As members of Christ, united to Him with a true, saving faith, we share in Christ's anointing and serve as prophets, priests and kings.

**Theme:** What Christ has done as Prophet, Priest, and King, we now partake of by His Spirit.

1. Christ anointed as our eternal King.
2. Christians anointed in Christ as kings.

### I. Christ anointed as our eternal King.

A. Luke 1:32-33, Christ is the Son of God whom God gives the throne of His father David to rule forever.

1. **2 Sam. 7:12-14** -- *"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son."* The LORD spoke this to Nathan the prophet, to tell David, which Nathan did.
  2. While the Kingdom reached great heights in David and further in his Son Solomon, Solomon did sin and turn to idols, and eventually the kingdom of Israel was torn apart, due to David's sin with Bathsheba as well. It is Jesus Christ the King, the Son of God, who would reign on David's throne forever.
  3. Christ is currently ruling on David's throne, at the right hand of the Father in heaven, and the first blessings He poured out after ascending to the Father was the outpouring of His Spirit in Acts 2.
  4. The fullness of Christ's Spirit poured out on His people is a kingdom blessing, a result of the present rule of Christ's reign on the throne of David, from the Father's right hand, which will last forever.
  5. We are in the Millennial reign of Christ. It began at Christ's first coming, though many churches today sadly preach and teach that Christ will not be ruling and reigning in power until He comes again.
  6. The fullness of His kingdom and rule, its culmination, comes at His return, but began at Pentecost.
  7. **Luke 1:67-75**, Zacharias, John the Baptist's father, was filled with the Holy Spirit to prophesy that the Lord God of Israel has visited and redeemed His people, by raising up a horn of salvation for us, in the house of His servant David, to save us from our enemies, to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, to remember His holy covenant, sworn to our father Abraham, to grant that we, being delivered from our enemies, would serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness in His presence all the days of our life.
  8. This is the heart of Christ's kingdom, His rule, is to set us free from sin, death, and the devil, to serve Him in holiness and righteousness in all that we think, say, do, and all that we are.
  9. Christ riding into Jerusalem on a donkey is also fulfillment of the King coming to His people.
- B. Christ the King is ruling and governing us by His Word and Spirit, defending and preserving us in Him.
1. **Matthew 28:18-20**, *"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."*
  2. Because of Christ's present Lordship, ruling and reigning at the Father's right hand as King, given all authority in heaven and on earth, He says to His Apostles to then go & make disciples of all nations.

3. Nations cannot be disciplined or baptized. Christ is not saying nations are to be disciples, but that sinners in all the nations of the world are to be made disciples by being baptized and taught all that Christ commands, as they submit to his Kingship/Lordship by repentance and being baptized.
  4. But as nations are comprised of peoples in particular places with common cultures/heritages, the Gospel is to leaven these nations, these peoples, all over creation, to the ends of the earth.
  5. But baptism occurs by households, believers and their children. We do not baptize unbelievers, nor their children. We cannot, then, go around baptizing all peoples in a given nation, unless they first come to Christ in faith and repentance, receiving baptism, presenting their children for baptism.
  6. All of God's Word is to be taught, for it is Christ's Word, and He is King with authority over all, and this is what He commands. This obviously includes instruction beyond the church walls, but in government, society, culture, labor, recreation, business, everything. All of life for Christ.
  7. But of course, the chief thing that Christ has taught us, and God's Word teaches us, is how to live holy lives, knowing Him and His will for us. What Christ taught was not particularly business strategy, or how to build a house, govern North Carolina, throw a baseball, or make homemade bread.
- C. **John 10:27-29** – *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."*
1. Christ leads us by His Word, His voice, and gives us Himself, eternal life, so that we never perish, and no one, neither sinners nor Satan, can take us out of Christ's hands, or the Father's hands.
  2. Paul in **2 Thess. 2:13-17** brings together Christ's present rule and reign over us by His Word and Spirit beautifully: *"But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because **God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth**, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. **Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.**"*
  3. God from the beginning chose His elect, to be saved through the hearing of the Gospel, set apart by the Spirit in order to believe the Truth, to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself!
  4. Knowing this great salvation, we are exhorted to stand fast, holding to the traditions of the Apostles, with the encouragement that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God the Father, will always love us, console us, comfort us, and establish us in all good words and works, whatever our calling is.

## II. **Christians anointed in Christ as kings.**

- A. **As Kings we fight a holy war against sin and Satan in this life, in order to reign in heaven forever.**
1. **1 Tim. 1:18-19**, Paul urges Timothy to fight the good fight of faith, to wage warfare.
  2. **2 Tim. 2:12**, Paul says if we endure, we shall also reign with Him.
  3. As Christ is presently ruling and reigning, we in Him strive by His ruling power in us to fight sin and live for holiness. But that battle is fierce for us, and requires endurance. We don't go through this life in ease and comfort, but constant difficulties and trials and worries and burdens. But God is with us.
  4. Christ called us to take up His cross and follow Him. We must do that, in order to then be crowned.

5. Christ has entered into glory, only after taking up the cross, and has been enthroned, only after first atoning. The Apostles would suffer greatly, and to one degree or another all faithful Christians do.
  6. After **Hebrews 11** lists the journeys of faith of godly men and women in Scripture, Hebrews 12 addresses us thusly: *"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." If we endure, we will sit with Him upon His throne as well.*
  7. **Rev. 3:21**, *"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."*
- B. But this whole life is one marked by overcoming, striving against the flesh, the world, the devil.
1. Thank God, we fight as those forgiven of all our sins, filled with Christ's Word and Spirit, who indwells us, who makes His home within us, as we are His holy temple, to live holy lives by His Word/Spirit.
  2. So **Gal. 5:16-26**, *"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*
  3. *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."*
  4. The walk of a Christian has everything to do with living by the Spirit, it isn't really a new set of duties, but rather, doing all that are unbelieving friends do, in our jobs, homes, families, friends, etc., with the fruit of the Spirit, for the glory of God, and not ourselves. And of course, gathering for worship, etc.
  5. All mankind, believer and unbeliever alike, are called to be fruitful and multiply, to fill the earth and subdue it. By God's grace, in salvation, by His Word and Spirit, we are enabled to truly do that.
  6. We do that, not for man's glory, but the Lord, for the sake and goal of His kingdom, not ours.
  7. We can pray, as Scripture says, that the Lord would give us neither poverty nor riches, so that we do not curse God in poverty, or forget Him in luxury. We can pray for contentment with our daily needs.
  8. We know that life is more than food and clothing and fun, but glory and honor for Christ the King.
  9. We know that the slack hand brings to poverty and ruin, a loose tongue is dangerous, but also that overworking to be rich is folly, and that a good word makes the heart glad and is like medicine.
  10. We do all of life, in submission to Christ, seeking first His kingdom and righteousness. All must be oriented around that, which means we must live with the full armor of God always on:
  11. **Eph. 6:10-11**. *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."*

12. This means we live in the Truth, with righteousness, upon faith, going with the Gospel of peace, protected in salvation, armed with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. We are continually praying in the Spirit, watchful, persevering in prayer for fellow believers, etc.
  13. Those who do this, by God's grace, throughout their lives, are Christ's true disciples, and so we read of this in **Matt. 25:31-34**, "*When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'*" The fruit identifying the sheep is that they served Christ through loving His body/the Church.
- C. There are many disciplines and skills and endeavors that are not even mentioned in Scripture.
1. Quite obviously, little if anything is said about rockets, or electronics, or modern medicine, etc.
  2. We must apply the wisdom of God's Word to all things, but God's Word does not teach us how to do all things. You cannot say you are qualified to be a doctor, or a chef, or a musician, etc., because you've read your Bible a lot, and attend church every Sunday, and truly love your wife and children.
  3. This is true from plumbing to politics, but how we ought to conduct ourselves in these callings and endeavors, God's Word guides us. Christ tells tax collectors not to take more than they are told to take, and soldiers to be content with their wages, and not to threaten others, etc. (**Luke 3:14**).
  4. **Exodus 31:1-11**, "*Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship. "And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you: the tabernacle of meeting, the ark of the Testimony and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle— the table and its utensils, the pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense, the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base— the garments of ministry, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests, and the anointing oil and sweet incense for the holy place. According to all that I have commanded you they shall do."*
  5. Imagine God giving to Moses on the mountain the plans for the tabernacle, but Moses is no architect, no builder, has no skill in that. Just as he feared when he could not speak well, he probably feared he could never build the tabernacle. Or imagine if Noah was incapable of building the ark.
  6. God by His Spirit gifts us even in things like making or building things, but undoubtedly Bezalel and Oholiab still had to learn by experience, study, etc. God's Spiritual gifting is broader than we think.
  7. Serve the Lord by doing what you are good at and interested in, because what God has naturally gifted us in, and given us an interest in, are the things He has called us to do for His glory.
  8. But there are many who, made in God's image and even gifted by Him/His Spirit, are unbelievers, and may be great at building or making things, or speaking with real wisdom of this world, etc., but have no love for God or neighbor in their hearts, and so use their gifts unto their own destruction.
  9. They also harm others with their talents. This is what we might call an evil genius.

10. God's rule at the Father's right hand doesn't destroy or subvert the natural goods of various jobs and occupations. Redemption does not make meaningless or value-less the varieties of life's callings.
11. Rather, we are able to do whatever we are called and gifted to do, now in righteousness and with integrity, for God's glory and man's good, not out of sinful or selfish motivations and ambitions.
12. Make your priorities God's, to serve and seek out His kingdom. Whatever you do, do for the Lord, and do with wisdom, in proper proportion to maximally serve God and benefit His people.
13. True Kings must have wisdom, ruling, speaking, acting, with such. Such wisdom comes from God's Word, and such will to carry out that wisdom from God's Word, such power, comes by His Spirit.
14. So live by God's Word and Spirit, in wisdom and power, and you shall reign with Him forever.
15. **Let us pray.**