

Christ The Anointed One Has Come.

The Beginning

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi were discussing the controversial question: "When does life begin?" The priest said life begins at conception. The minister said it was at "quickening," or possibly even birth. The rabbi said life begins when the kids leave home and the family dog dies.

Jones, G. C. (1986). 1000 illustrations for preaching and teaching (p. 212). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

The Good News of Deliverance

61 *The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;*

2 *to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;*

3 *to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.*

4 They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;

6 but you shall be called priests of the LORD,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.

7 Because their shame was double,
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

8 For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

**10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Notes on Anointed or Anointed One

4899 מָשִׁיחַ (mashiach) NASB Dictionaries (5×) (H4899)

מָשִׁיחַ mashiach (m 4886; anointed:—Anointed(1), anointed(34), anointed ones(2), Messiah(2).

Isaiah 45:1 The Lexham Textual Notes on the Bible (4×) (Is 45:1)

45:1 מָשִׁיחַיִּי The LXX has “my anointed one” instead of “his anointed one.”

The Anointed One Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible (12×) (p 116)

Anointed One. In the NT, Jesus Christ is portrayed as fulfilling the three offices of prophet, priest, and king.

He is, supremely, God’s Anointed One. Messiah is the term for “anointed one...”

B4a Anointed by God Collins Thesaurus of the Bible (13×)

Filtered Light

The painting *A Trail of Light* by Colorado Springs artist Bob Simpich shows a grove of aspen trees with golden leaves lit by the autumn sun. The topmost leaves are brilliantly illuminated while the ground beneath the trees is a mixture of sunlight and shadows. The painter said of this contrast, “I can’t resist the light filtered through to the forest floor. It weaves a special magic.”

The apostle Paul wrote to the followers of Jesus in Corinth, “For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Cor. 4:6). Paul goes on to describe the reality of life in which “we are hardpressed on every side, yet not crushed; . . . perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed” (vv.89).

There are times when it seems that the light of God’s face is dimmed because of our difficulty, sorrow, or loss. Yet, even in these dark shadows, we can see evidence of His presence with us.

If we walk in filtered light today, may we discover anew that God’s light—Jesus—is always shining in our hearts.

Lord, shine the light of Your face on us that we may
find our way to Your salvation. Shine Your light into

the darkness that envelops our world that we may see who You are and show others the way to You. In dark circumstances, God's light is still shining in our hearts.

Insight

Despite the high price Paul paid to remain faithful to God (2 Cor. 11:23-28), he remained resilient and did not lose heart (4:1,14). He had been sustained by God's sovereign power and sufficient grace (vv.79) and Christ's resurrected life (vv.10-12)

John Prophesied and Prepared Hearts To Receive The True Light. (The Anointed One)

John 1:6-13

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.**

" I AM " the Light of the World.

John 8:12-14

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." 13 Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

This Light who has come into the world to reveal the way of the Lord in our hearts. Is at work through us by the power of the Holy Spirit within us. Who does not just come to us to let us know that he has come to reveal in us His Divine nature through the Spirit, but so much more. For he wants us to understand like he did, where we have come and where we are going. No doubts, no fears, no apprehensions. He wants to reveal to us that the Light can reveal what is before us, so that we don't have to grope around in the darkness of this world. For Light and Life has been revealed.

It's In This Light We Have Fellowship One With Another.

1 John 1:7-9

7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When we allow the Light of Christ to truly show us the path of life, we see ourselves and everything upon life's pathway differently. It also liberates us to walk in Holiness as we allow ourselves to see sin,

transgression, iniquity or guile for what it is; which is something that separates and hinders us from fellowship with God and our brothers and sisters in Christ.