Laying On Hands
(The rest of the story)

Anointing
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1 John 2:18-29  (Anointing - John is saying that we have an anointing.)
18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even
now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.
19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have
continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were
of us.
20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. 1 John 2:20
   But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.  KJV
   (The New Ungers Bible Dictionary says, 'see Anointing.')
21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and
that no lie is of the truth.
22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father
and the Son.
23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has
the Father also.

24 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from
the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.
25 And this is the promise that He has promised us--eternal life.
26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.
27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that
anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is
not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and
not be ashamed before Him at His coming.
29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born
of Him.

Prov 28:5  (Aludes to us ‘knowing all things’)
Evil men do not understand justice,
But those who seek the LORD understand all.

John 14:26  (Jesus confirms what John says)
26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all
things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
John 16:13-15  (Jesus says all that God has is available to us)
13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.
14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.
15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Luke 4:18-19  (This makes it clear what God has given Jesus)
18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me (God anointed Jesus)
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

Acts 10:36-38  (The anointing is from God, even upon Jesus)
36 The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ--He is Lord of all--
37 that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

1 John 4:13  (It is all because of ‘His Spirit’)
13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
ANOINTING

*** Meaning 1 ***

Anointing the body with oil was an ancient and widespread custom common among Egyptians, Hebrews, and inhabitants of the Far East, as well as among Greeks and Romans. The purpose was, doubtless, to keep the skin supple and to moderate the evaporation that is so great in hot climates. In Scripture the usual Heb. word for anointing is mashah; the Gk. term is chrio, to "rub." See the second article Anointing (below).

Cleansing. The allusions to anointing as part of ordinary washing are numerous, both in the OT and NT (Ruth 3:3); as expressive of joy (Ps 23:5; Heb 1:9); its disuse indicative of grief (2 Sam 14:2; Ps 92:10; Dan 10:3). It was reckoned among the civilities extended to guests (Luke 7:46), although the ointments used on such occasions seem to have been perfumes rather than oils. It was also used medicinally (Isa 1:6; Mark 6:13; James 5:14). See Oil.

The practice of anointing the bodies of the dead is referred to in Mark 14:8 and Luke 23:56. This ceremony was performed after the washing of the body and was doubtless intended to check decay. See Embalming.

Consecration. The first instance of the religious use of oil is the anointing of the stone by Jacob (Gen 28:18; 35:14), evidently designed to be a formal consecration of the stone, or spot, to a sacred purpose. Under the Mosaic law persons and things set apart for sacred purposes were anointed with the "holy anointing oil" (Ex 30:23-25,30-33). See PRIESTHOOD, HEBREW.

Coronation. It was a custom among the Jews to anoint with oil those set apart as kings, which custom was adopted by the Christian church.

Figurative. The anointing with oil was a symbol of endowment with the Spirit of God (1 Sam 10:1,6; 16:13; Isa 61:1) for the duties of the office to which a person was consecrated (Lev 8). See King; Priest.

*** Meaning 2 ***

ANOINTING (Grk. chrisma, "ointment," "anointing"). The gift of the Holy Spirit as an efficient aid in getting a knowledge of the truth (1 John 2:20). Not that the work of Jesus was imperfect, but the Spirit helps us to understand the truth He taught and thus to glorify Him (John 16:14) in whom the full revelation of God had been given (v. 15).

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