

What Do You Know?

Part III

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1John 2:20-21

20 ...ye have an unction from the Holy One,
and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye
know not the truth, but because ye know it, and
that no lie is of the truth.

Good morning Lighthouse; what do you know
this morning?

Because we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us,
we have something called an 'unction' from the
Lord.

This very interesting word is:

chrisma

khris'-mah

From [G5548](#); an *unguent* or *smearing*, that is,
(figuratively) the special *endowment* ("chrism")
of the Holy Spirit: - anointing, unction.

Just because this word is not the
sensationalized, Benny Hinn show type miracle
magic thing false religion tries to claim that it is,
does not mean that it is not real and wonderful.

This word appears again in verse 27 and here
it is translated 'anointing';

1John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

As I shared with you last week, the Holy Spirit has gone a step further in the latter days of this New Testament age by literally anointing us with the written Word of God; THE truth-in-writing that can be read and studied and reread and checked and rechecked and used as the resource of all resources.

This Bible which the Holy Spirit wrote; when studied properly by a real Born Again Believer who is indwelt with the same Holy Spirit who wrote it; who is genuinely seeking truth from God without some ulterior motive...**will produce** understanding and power that is truly amazing!

So, 'What Do We Know?' For Part I, 'we know that we are saved'. For Part II, 'we know we are of the truth'; we had some fun with that one.

Today, in Part III; 'we know that Jesus is coming again.'

The second coming of the Lord is a sensational subject with many differing opinions about

when and how and under what circumstances He will come.

One of the sad aspects of this differing of opinions is that some would break fellowship over this.

Whatever you may think you know about the second coming; that which we Believers do know is:

I. The Fact; He is coming again!

A. All the prophecies of the Bible, (hundreds of them) except for a select few that still remain, have been fulfilled exactly as predicted.

1. The Word declared that Jesus would come.

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.

2. And so He did:

Luke 2:4-7

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because (he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

3. The Word declared that Jesus would die and then rise from the grave.

Mark 8:31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

4. And so He did:

John 19:30-31

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was a high day,) [this particular Sabbath was not the weekly Saturday Sabbath, but rather the Sabbath of Unleavened Bread which in that year was on Wednesday, not the so-called 'Good Friday'] besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.

John 19:32-42

32 Then came the soldiers, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.

33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they broke not his legs:

34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

35 And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

36 For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

37 And again another Scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

38 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound *weight*.

40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein was never man yet laid.

42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation *day*; for the sepulcher was nigh at hand.

5. Jesus's body was placed in Joseph's new tomb just before 6:00 pm on Wednesday Nisan 14 in the year A.D. 33;

From Wednesday at 6:00 pm to Thursday at 6:00 pm, then from Thursday at 6:00 pm to Friday at 6:00 pm, then from Friday at 6:00 pm to Saturday at 6:00 pm – Jesus's body was in the grave!

At 6:00 pm on Saturday which is the beginning of the first day of the week, Jesus rose from the dead and came out of the tomb without opening it.

The next morning at dawn when the women came to anoint His Body, the Angel rolled back the stone; not to let Him out, but to show them that the grave was empty!

B. It is simply a matter of credit; Jesus has fulfilled everything He said He would do; thus we know He is coming again!

1. We have overwhelming scriptural and historical evidence that Jesus came and lived and died and rose again; just like He and the Scriptures said He would...

1John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

2. For the next 40 days, Jesus dwelled with and taught His Church; meetings with individuals, dozens and hundreds for a month and 10 days; then:

3. **Acts 1:7-11**

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

3. I may not know the time or the season, but I know Jesus is coming again!

Something else we Believers know something about is:

II. The Fulfillment; what we really do know about the second coming.

A. Let me point out that God has placed limitations on what we do know about this.

1. When we read in

1John 2:20 ...ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

2. That statement is qualified by other scripture.

2Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us **all things that pertain unto life and godliness**,...

3. We do not automatically know everything nor is our unction or anointing infallible; we must study and do so with right motives and proper methods.

4. Remember what Jesus said just before He left?

Acts 1:7 And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.**

5. I believe that God has left this particular subject just vague enough that no one can pin it down exactly; thus explaining all the varying viewpoints from various good scholars of the Bible.

That said, however:

B. What do we know for sure about the Second Coming? We know:

1. The Rapture is coming:

1Thessalonians 4:14-17

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

2. The Glorious Appearing will take place:

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

C. The New Body: There is more written about this aspect of the second coming than perhaps any other.

1. The promise:

John 14:1-3

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Notice two facts:

- a. The mansions are already there.
- b. Where Jesus went next was to the cross; it was there he made a place in heaven for us.

2. What is he talking about? Paul tells us:

2Corinthians 5:1-8

1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing *is* God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

6 Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

8 We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Those mansions Jesus speaks of are not walls and roofs; they are our new bodies!

3. Our two bodies:

1Corinthians 15:36-44

36 *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*:

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

39 All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.

40 *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.

41 *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.

42 So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:
 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:
 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. [Fact] There is a **natural body**, and there is a **spiritual body**.

Every believer owns two bodies, this natural one and our spiritual one that is waiting for us in our Father's house.

4. The transition.

1Corinthians 15:49-55

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave,
where *is* thy victory?

5. What happens to our old body?

a. **Matthew 24:38-41**

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

b. **Luke 17:34-37**

34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

35 Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

36 Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body *is*, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

Matthew 24:28 For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

c. The born again spirit is taken and the body is left...aha, now you understand.

Something else we Believers understand is:

III. The Function; the Second Coming serves an extremely important function. It provides motivation for change like nothing else can.

A. Motivation for planning.

1. Hebrews 11:8-10

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

2. Just like Abraham of old, I may be occupying here on earth by building and working and planning; but I am not living for what is here!

3. I am looking for a new City and I live for that day that I take on my citizenship in New Jerusalem.

4. Every plan that we make ought to be made in light of what is coming; not just what is here.

5. **Colossians 3:1-4**

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

B. Motivation for purity.

1. Continuing in Colossians, reading on:

Colossians 3:5-10

5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

2. **1John 3:2-3**

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we

know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

In Conclusion:

Will the Rapture occur prior to the Great Tribulation so that we Believers will be spared the suffering?

I think so; however, Believers are being tortured and killed in other parts of the world right now.

God does not guarantee our being spared from suffering; as a fact, just the opposite is true.

Will He come mid-tribulation as some believe?

Will He come post-tribulation as others believe?

The reality is that it doesn't matter.

What matters is that He IS coming and what the knowledge of that is motivating you to do.

The predestination, God is sovereign Calvinist crowd are so smart they don't need to win souls; how sad.

Some of the mid-trib post-trib crowd are waiting on the anti-christ to be revealed before they start getting ready; how sad.

I am no prophecy scholar but I know this; when we see Him; not when He actually sets foot on the Mount of Olives, but when we shall see Him; THEN, right then... we shall be like Him.

The truth is that if you are not ready and about the Father's business every day; maybe you don't really believe He is coming at all.