



Phil. 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him **a name which is above every name:**

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

Prov. 18:10 **The name of the LORD is a strong tower:** the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Last week, we considered the name of “Jesus” which means “Jehovah saves” or “Jehovah is salvation.” Now, we consider the common title, “Christ.” John’s Gospel gives a synonymous explanation: Messiah equals Christ.

Jn. 1:41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, **We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.**

❖ *The word “Christ” comes from *Christos*, a Greek word that means “the anointed one,” or “the chosen one.”*

Original Word: Χριστός **Transliteration:** Christos

Definition: the Anointed One, Messiah, Christ

Usage: Anointed One; the Messiah, the Christ.

Xristós (from *xríō*, "anoint with olive oil") – properly, "the Anointed One," the *Christ* (Hebrew, "*Messiah*").

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❖ The term "*Messiah*" is in both the Old and New Testaments.

Jn. 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that **Messias cometh, which is called Christ:** when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am *he*.**

In the Old Testament, the term “Messiah” is found in Dan. 9:25-26 in the prophecy of the *70 Weeks*:

Dan. 9:25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto **the Messiah the Prince** *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall **Messiah** be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Original Word: Μεσσίας **Transliteration:** Messias

Definition: Messiah, the O.T. title corresponding to

Christ **Usage:** Messiah, the Anointed One.

Messías – literally, "the *anointed* one," referring to Jesus as *the Christ* – supremely empowered by the *Holy Spirit* to accomplish all of the divine plan.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3323.htm>

❖ The Hebrew word meaning the same thing is *Mashiach*, or as we know it—*Messiah*.

Original Word: מָשִׁיחַ **Transliteration:** mashiach

Definition: anointed <https://biblehub.com/hebrew/4899.htm>

❖ The term *Christ* is more a title than it is a name, although the Bible uses it both ways. For example, the Bible often refers to Jesus by name as “Jesus Christ.” Here are a few:

Mt. 1:1 The book of the generation of **Jesus Christ**, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ...

18 Now the birth of **Jesus Christ** was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of **Jesus Christ**, the Son of God;

Jn. 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by **Jesus Christ**.

Jn. 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and **Jesus Christ**, whom thou hast sent.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of **Jesus Christ** of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Rom. 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in **Christ Jesus**:

❖ When Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was, Peter answered:

Luke 9:18 And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?
19 They answering said, John the Baptist; but some *say*, Elias; and others *say*, that one of the old prophets is risen again.
20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, **The Christ of God.**

- ❖ At Jesus' interrogation by the Jews just before His crucifixion, the high priest demanded that Jesus answer whether or not He was "the Christ."

Mt. 26:63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou **tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.**

- ❖ Jesus gave an affirmative answer:

Mt. 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said:** nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

❖ Luke records that on one occasion when Jesus cast devils out of individuals, the devils cried that they knew and acknowledged Jesus as “*Christ.*”

Luke 4:41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, **Thou art Christ the Son of God.** And he rebuking *them* suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

What is the significance of Jesus being “*the Christ*?”

- ❖ As Jesus Christ, He is the *Incarnate Anointed One*, the “*Promised One*” or “*Chosen One*.”
- ❖ As early as the Garden of Eden, God told Adam and Eve in the “***Protoevangelium***,” that a “seed” of the woman (a descendant) would come someday and destroy Satan and sin (Gen. 3:15).
- ❖ The psalms of David and the prophecies of Daniel described the work and coming of the Messiah whom God would send to save His people from their sins (Psalm 16; 22; 45; 110; Daniel 9).

- ❖ The Jewish people knew the Messiah was coming, but they misunderstood what He was coming to do.
- ❖ They believed the Messiah—the Christ—would come to set up a kingdom on earth and deliver them from their Roman masters.
- ❖ Jesus Christ came to deliver them from a bondage much worse than their bondage to Rome. Jesus came to deliver them—and us—from the terrible bondage to sin.

❖ The Lord Jesus was “the Anointed One” who came to set the captives free.



- ❖ At the beginning of His ministry on earth, Jesus went to the synagogue in Nazareth on the Sabbath and read the Scripture for the day – Isa. 61:1:
- ❖ He closed the book and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. “And He began to say to them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**” (Luke 4: 21).
- ❖ Jesus read these words from Isaiah 61, a prophecy of the coming Messiah, and then He said that He was the One to whom this prophecy referred. That He had been anointed to preach the gospel of salvation, stating that He was the Christ, the anointed One.

Isa. 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me;
because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good
tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the
brokenhearted, **to proclaim liberty to the captives**,
and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the
day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that
mourn;
3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give
unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for
mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of
heaviness; that they might be called trees of
righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might
be glorified.

Luke 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, **to preach**

deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Summary

In the Old Testament, those who were set apart by God for positions of spiritual or political leadership were anointed with oil as a symbol of their authority. Oil was poured on the heads of priests, kings, and prophets to indicate that God had chosen them and consecrated them for the work He had given them to do.

The Bible records two times that Jesus was anointed with oil (Matthew 26:6, 7; Luke 7:37, 38). But more importantly, Jesus was anointed by God for His role as “the Christ.” The Bible says, “God anointed Jesus:”

Acts 10:38 How **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power:** who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

As “the Christ,” Jesus was God’s anointed One who fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies, the chosen One who came to save us from sin, and the One who has promised to come again to usher in His everlasting kingdom.

Conclusion

Heb. 1:8 But **unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is for ever and ever*:** a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom.
9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, **hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.**