

Amen

Scripture Reading — 2 Corinthians 1:18-2:4

Through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. — 2 Corinthians 1:20

The word Amen means “Let it be so.” We often say this word at the end of a prayer.

As the apostle Paul shows us, this little word can even help us celebrate our anointing. He reminds us that all God’s promises are fulfilled in Christ and that our lives are like an Amen! to that fact as we live out the anointing he has given us.

All Christians have been anointed by the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament, the only persons anointed by God were prophets, priests, and kings. Their anointing equipped them for service. As we yield to the work of the Spirit in us, he enables us to serve God and to live godly lives. The Spirit gives us the discernment and wisdom we need in order to serve God faithfully. And in the New Testament we see that we share in Christ’s anointing as prophets, priests, and kings and queens. Why is the Bible so full of this talk of anointing? It all has to do with the glory of God. We are to use our spiritual anointing to God’s glory, honor, and praise.

Though you may not usually think of yourself as anointed, or as a prophet, priest, or ruler in God’s kingdom, you are. And hopefully you have found a place to serve and use your gifts for the Lord. As you bless others with your time, talent, and treasure, you carry out your anointing.

How are you serving God today as an anointed servant?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to accept my spiritual anointing. May it inspire me to give glory to your name and to share with others all the goodness of your kingdom. Let it be so; Amen!

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