How does the Anointing break the Yoke?

Well I guess I need to clarify something...and please hear my heart, it is easy from my end to stand as I don't get the desperate phone calls and emails asking for help a pastor would so I really do sympathize.

Reader's Digest Version of the email:

Col 1:27b "...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:" <-no need of an external anointing. "Christ" comes from the Greek word χριστός (chrīstós), meaning "anointed one".

The word is derived from the Greek verb χρίω (chrī́ō), meaning "to anoint." In the Greek Septuagint, χριστός was a semantic loan used to translate the Hebrew מָשִׁיחַ (Mašíaḥ, messiah), meaning "[one who is] anointed". From Wikipedia meaning of Christ (title).

Tom's Digestion Version and not indigestion I hope:

I believe, and believe the Lord has shown me, that the "word of faith" ministry usage of Isaiah 10:27 in saying "the anointing breaks the yoke" is taken out of context and worse it shortchanges the believer's authority by not having them believe Jesus and His Word. It has become a quick fix, almost like inviting some mystic feeling to come upon them... DING Red Flag!

So if I may ask a simple question: what is this anointing everyone refers to in Isaiah 10:27? By the way I have the different versions at the end. Almost hilarious.

My guess, the response would be the anointing of the Holy Spirit - correct?

Problem is Isaiah 10:27 refers to the restoration of Israel and points (as most prophesies do) to Jesus doing that to us and He fulfilled it in Luke 4 and Acts 10. So we got a misinterpretation and forces the focus away from faith/trusting in Jesus and His Word to some feeling aka "anointing".

But but but, it speaks of the Holy Spirit anointing! OK, let's go with that misinterpretation...

Luke 4:18&19 - 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, vs19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

(Note this is before the Holy Spirit was given and the reference being quoted is Isaiah 61:1&2.)

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.

OK let us notice in:

Luke 4 Jesus is speaking of Himself and what the anointing is for: to preach the gospel to the poor (and what is the result of that anointed preaching:) to heal brokenhearted, deliverance, sight to the blind ($\tau u \phi \lambda o i \varsigma$ -mentally blind or without sounding New Age: enlightenment), liberty, and to warn of the acceptable year of the Lord.

And notice what the 'anointing' did:

Luke 4:32 And they were astonished at His doctrine: for His Word was with power, Luke 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power He command the unclean spirits, and they come out. Luke 4:39 And He stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

And in Acts 10 Jesus anointed by the Holy Ghost went about doing good and healing all oppressed of the devil.

- Jesus with the Holy Ghost, and with power, who went about doing it.

Jesus has given us the same authority:

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (*or in Jesus name...*Acts 10:48) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, Io, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Finally...

Jesus (the Word) is in us, so we need encourage believers that the anointing is in them and not some external thing that has to come upon them.

- Romans 8:10 Christ in you;
- Galatians 2:20 It is Christ who lives in me;
- Ephesians 3:17 Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith;
- **2Cor 4:7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Colossians 1:27 - To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you,** the hope of glory:

Colossians 2:8-10 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. **And you are complete in Him,** which is the Head of all principality and power:

Addendum:

Of course "the anointing" can be physical act, like as being anointed by oil, but Isaiah wasn't referring to that.

- Mark 6:13 "And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them."
- **James 5:14** "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:"

Now before I get counterpointed by good things that happened to people who got physically anointed and were healed or delivered - God will honor their level of faith, not because of Isaiah 10:27, but because the oil is a point of contact for faith. Plus the anointing was for healing like in James 5 as well; not to cast out demons or break 'yokes'.

Then there is this: all yokes aren't bad. Jesus said for us to take His yoke upon us...whoops!

- Matthew 11:29&30 Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

Ironically Paul addresses about going backwards to OT ways:

- Galatians 4:9&10 But now, after that you have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn you again to the weak and beggarly elements, where unto you desire again to be in bondage? You are observing special days and months and seasons and years!
- Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Oooh another yoke!

The problem I see in using Isaiah 10:27 as a cute confession is we have to assume the yoke is spiritual bondage:

- 1. that must mean demon possession notice Jesus went about healing all those oppressed of the devil <- as well notice the order in Mark 6:13 cast out, oil, healing...
- 2. that must mean the yoke can't broken by faith in prayer and fasting (Mark 9:29) <- but getting people to fast is hard, so let's have a quick fix I know Isaiah 10:27!
- 3. that must mean a special olive oil from Israel <- because you know we sell it in small bottles 10x the price.

So to me, all this is akin to some mystic marketing thing giving people an easy way out. The only thing that sets people free is faith in the Word of God, and that being preached.

Different version or translations:

If we look at Isaiah 10:27 is it more about prosperity and yoke breaking and probably why the Word of Faith preachers push it:

KJV "And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."

NIV "In that day their burden will be lifted from your shoulders, their yoke from your neck; the yoke will be broken because you have grown so fat."

YLT "And it hath come to pass, in that day, Turned is his burden from off thy shoulder, And his yoke from off thy neck, And destroyed hath been the yoke, because of prosperity."

NLT "In that day the LORD will end the bondage of his people. He will break the yoke of slavery and lift it from their shoulders."

These all are speaking of the Day of the Lord to liberate Israel and return from captivity have to read more than one verse to get context:

- Isaiah 10:20 "And it shall come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel,"

- **Isaiah 10:33&34** "Will lop off the bough with terror; Those of high stature will be hewn down, and the haughty will be humbled. He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

In Conclusion:

I don't have anything against anointing, if done in the proper context, and if anyone keeps quoting Isaiah 10:27 I won't have a bird. Just I know there is a better way.

Sorta like the Logos Rhema error thing.

Be happy in Jesus!

- Hebrews 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Oh I hope your vehicle has anointed 10W30 oil running in it...of course the Godly Quaker State brand and not the carnal Mobile1 type...

Blessings

Tom

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Smile :-) God loves you!

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