



## CELL GUIDE

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<b>TOPIC</b>	Pentecost Sunday: The Spirit-Empowered Church	<b>SPEAKER</b>	SP Daniel Foo
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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## A Spirit-Empowered Church

Pentecost Sunday commemorates the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early followers of Jesus Christ, marking it as the day the Church was birthed. As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, recognising that it dwells within us, we must also seek to understand how the Holy Spirit works. SP Daniel Foo shares with us two broad ways to understand the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

## Understanding the Anointing

- I. The anointing **in/within** is the **Presence** of God in the believer since Pentecost. His presence never leaves the believer, and the anointing within the believer is permanent and abides forever. The Holy Spirit can dwell in the believer because the blood of Jesus covers the believer perfectly. By comparison, the Holy Spirit could not do so in the Old Testament, as the blood covering of animal sacrifices was temporary.

The presence of God is in the spirit of the believer, and is with the believer whenever he is, whatever he may be doing, and whether he senses God or not. The Holy Spirit is in us to instruct and guide us to know God, hear Him, and walk with Him in our lives and our decision-making.

- II. The anointing **on/upon** is the **Power** of God working in and through the believer. Generally, the term “anointing” refers to the anointing on/upon the believer. This is also known throughout the Bible via various terms such as the *infilling* of the Holy Spirit of Power (Eph 5:18), *baptism* with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5), being *endued-clothed* with power (Luke 24:49), etc.

We see the anointing on/upon in the Old Testament when the Holy Spirit came on/upon a man of God to enable and empower him to accomplish a work of God. Examples include Gideon who was empowered with boldness-courage (Judg 6:34), Jephthah with leadership to war (Judg 11:29), Samson with supernatural strength (Judg 15:14), and King Saul to speak the oracles of God (1 Sam 10:6).

The anointing continues in the New Testament up to today (Acts 1:8). Pentecost made a difference in the anointing on/upon, which is now available to all believers through the new

covenant with God, instead of to just a few men as in the Old Testament.

The anointing on/upon is the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the believer to enable and empower him:

- i. **for himself to live victoriously overcoming** the power of sin, free from bondages of the past and present (Rom 8:15), the pull of the world (*kosmos*) (1 Jhn 2:16), the evil one (Luke 10:19), and sickness and infirmities (Rom 8:11).
- ii. **to minister the grace of God to others** in the routines of life, especially to those outside of the church (Acts 10:38). We have been saved to do good works and impact the lives of others, being stewards of the manifold graces of God (1 Pet 4:10).
- iii. **with different anointing for believers to fulfil their specific assignments/ministries**, thereby enabling each person in the body of the Church to be a functioning member and believer.

In order to be empowered by the Holy Spirit, there are four major postures required of us:

**1. To obey** – We must not grieve Him through disobedience. Eph 4:25-32 – 5:4 lists the ways in which we may grieve the Holy Spirit.

**2. To flow with the Holy Spirit**– Flowing with the Holy Spirit occurs when we do not suppress the Holy Spirit’s fire (1 Thes 5:19).

**3. To surrender** – His presence should be acknowledged and welcomed in every area of our lives (Eph 5:17-18).

**4. To seek God earnestly** – There must be an expressed thirst to worship and connect with God (Jhn 7:37-39a).

## Conclusion

We are assured that the anointing of God’s presence in/within us abides forever regardless of whether we sense Him or not. However, in order to always have the anointing of God’s power on/upon us, we must continually be filled with the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 offers us this encouragement, “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit!”

# QUESTIONS

**What is the Anointing Within/In and the Anointing Upon/On? How are they different?**

**In what ways do you recognise God's anointing in your life?**

**SP talks about four postures we should adopt to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. What are the areas in your life that needs reposturing? Share it with the group.**