Purifying our foundational knowledge

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9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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Examination of our foundation

1. Before salvation we only have 3 sources of knowledge available by which we can process information. Our own ability to reason, To take in empirical data, and (Mysticism our opinions & intuition)

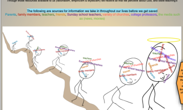
2. Man's knowledge base

a. **The development of our core beliefs**

All the information we process is corrupt, due to the lack of God's system for mankind to perceive all knowledge; which is Faith

Through those resources available to us (rationalism, empiricism & Mysticism) we receive all that we perceive about God, and Bible teaching's

The following are sources for information we take in throughout our lives before we get saved
Parents, family members, teachers, friends, Sunday school teachers, variety of churches, college professors, the media such as (news, movies)



After salvation the believer still has many of those corrupt thought processes, that need to be straightened out, through the process of taking in biblical truths

b. **Most believers assume their understanding to be the best way to think, or at least adequate!**

My mind's made up, don't confuse me with facts!

i. **Proverbs 16:2 (ESV)**
2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit.

2 Corinthians 10:4–7 (ESV)
4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.
5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and **take every thought captive to obey Christ**,
6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.
7 **Look at what is before your eyes**. If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ's, so also are we.

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)
6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

c. **After salvation the goal of the word of God is to totally change the way we think about all the information we have taken in and will taken**

James 1:21–25 (ESV)
21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.
24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.
25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Now that we are saved, it is the responsibility of the individual, to discover the flaws in the foundation of his thought processes, through looking into the perfect law of liberty and seeing ourselves as the word of God sees us.

Proverbs 2:1–12 (ESV)
1 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,
2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;
3 yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,
4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,
5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.
6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
7 he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,
8 guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.
9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path;
10 for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
11 discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,
12 delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech,

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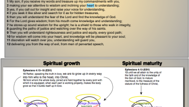


Spiritual growth **Spiritual maturity**

Ephesians 4:15–16 (ESV)
15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,
16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:13 (ESV)
13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

4. **We have the word of God**
And we have Translations of the word of God

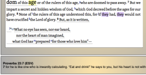
a. **The Bible doesn't say that translation's are divinely inspired**

Nevertheless many godly men have taken great care to translate, so that we have quality Bibles to study.
King James only???
King James Version otherwise known as the Authorized Version was first published in 1611.
Many of the words have changed meaning over time, to the point that today those words do not at all mean what they meant to the readers in 1611

However as with the following example, not everything is brought out from the original text into the translations.
This is where it is the job of the pastor and teacher to search out the meaning of the original text, and to answer the questions from the translations.

5. **God brings knowledge to mankind, beyond the natural man's capability to understand (reason or empirical data)!**

1 Corinthians 2:9 (ESV)
9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—
1 Corinthians 2:1–9



Proclaiming Christ Crucified
2 And I, when I came to you, brothers,[1] [x]did not come proclaiming to you [y]the testimony[2] of God with lofty speech or wisdom. **2** For I decided to know nothing among you except [z]Jesus Christ and him crucified. **3** And [a]I was with you [b]in weakness and in fear and much trembling, **4** and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of [c]the Spirit and of power, **5** so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men[3] but [d]in the power of God.

Wisdom from the Spirit
Teach God's truths
6 Yet among [e]the mature we do **impart wisdom,** although it is not [f]a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, [g]who are doomed to pass away. **7** But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, [h]which God decreed before the ages for our glory. **8** None of [i]the rulers of this age understood this, for [j]if they had, they would not have crucified [k]the Lord of glory. **9** But, as it is written,

[l]"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has [m]prepared [n]for those who love him"—

6. **Proverbs 23:7 (ESV)**
7 for he is like one who is inwardly calculating. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you.

7. **God is involved in the revelation of his word to mankind.**

God is capable of communicating in a way that is understandable to mankind.

People make the assumption through a surface reading of scriptures, that God's words are so mysterious, they can only be understood through some higher level of spirituality, a subjective mystical approach. Based on the impressions that come to that individual in an emotional high, through excitement in prayer and reading the Scriptures.

8. **God's thoughts are not random & inconsistent**
Unlike man God's thoughts are not random. Rather they are consistent organized rational and logical.
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Pneuma: Breath-Human Spirit-Holy Spirit, Wind, thinking, immaterial part of man & synonym for soul.

9. **Man's thoughts consistently change due to the lack of foundational truth.**
We should not associate man's jumbled inconsistent thinking with our misunderstanding of Scripture.
Due to our misunderstanding of Scripture, we make the assumption that there are certain inconsistencies and then we say "that's okay because God can do whatever he wants to do"

10. **1 John 2:18–29 (ESV)**
18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.
19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

a. **us = John uses this word in the (first person, plural, pronoun) consistent with how he starts chapter 1, of whom use referring to.**

i. **1 John 1:1–5 (ESV)**
1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and **was made manifest to us**—
3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.
4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.
5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Infusion of power ?

b. **Obtaining an understanding of anointing, as the Bible defines anointing:** **We do not want to add our idea to the meaning of words such as anointing**

To Anoint:
ceremonial anointing occurred in the Old Testament at the initiation of the persons ministry or office
The Old Testament most commonly uses *mashach* to indicate "anointing" in the sense of a special setting apart for an office or function. Thus, Elisha was "anointed" to be a prophet (1 Kings 19:16). More typically, kings were "anointed" for their office (1 Sam. 16:12; 1 Kings 1:39).
1 Kings 19:16 (ESV)
16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi **you shall anoint to be king** over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.

Samuel anoints David
1 Samuel 16:12 (ESV)
12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."
1 Kings 1:39 (ESV)
39 There Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!"

The pattern in the Old Testament was, anointing occurred only once at the initiation of a person's ministry or office!!!

Objects were anointed one time only:
Exodus 28:40–42 (ESV)
40 "For Aaron's sons you shall make coats and sashes and caps. You shall make them for glory and beauty.
41 And you shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him, and shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests.
42 You shall make for them linen undergarments to cover their naked flesh. They shall reach from the hips to the thighs;

c. The significance of anointing: to be set apart for the service of God at the beginning of the ministry

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i. **Only once at the initiation of a person's ministry or office**
Exodus 29:21 (ESV)
21 Then you shall take part of the blood that is on the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and his garments, and on his sons and his sons' garments with him. He and his garments shall be holy, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

The tabernacle and its instruments were anointed Only once, so that they would be set apart for God's service alone
Exodus 40:9–15 (ESV)
9 "Then you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and consecrate it and all its furniture, so that it may become holy.
10 You shall also anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar, so that the altar may become most holy.
11 You shall also anoint the basin and its stand, and consecrate it.
12 Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall wash them with water
13 and put on Aaron the holy garments. And you shall anoint him and consecrate him, that he may serve me as priest.
14 You shall bring his sons also and put coats on them,
15 and **anoint them**, as you anointed their father, **that they may serve me as priests**. And **their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood** throughout their generations."

This is analogous to **Positional Sanctification**

ii. There is a unique case where David is anointed two times: **both times indicate the beginning point of his ministry**
1. **1 Samuel 16:12 (ESV)** **Samuel anoints David**
12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."
2. **About 20 years later The tribes of Israel recognize David as their King and he is anointed. Once again at the beginning of his ministry**
2 Samuel 2:4 (ESV)
4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. When they told David, "It was the men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul,"

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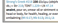
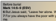


מָשִׁיחַ *māšîaḥ* the anointed one; Messiah
TO ANOINT A. Verb. *mashach* (מָשַׁח, 4886), "to anoint, smear, consecrate." A common word in both ancient and modern Hebrew, *mashach* is also found in ancient Ugaritic. It occurs approximately 70 times in the Hebrew

e. **Other uses and other meanings for the word anoint:**

i. Take a shower:
Matthew 6:16–18 (ESV)
16 "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,
18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.



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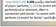
ii. Medicinal:
Mark 6:13 (ESV)
13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.



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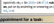
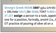
iii. Before burial
Mark 14:6–9 (ESV)
6 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.
7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me.
8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial.
9 And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."



Louw Nida 6.206 **6.206** μυρίζω (derivative of μύρον 'perfume,' 6.205) to anoint with perfumed oil or ointment, often in connection with burial—'to anoint with perfume, to anoint for burial.' προέλαβεν

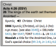
iv. To smear on:
John 9:6 (ESV)
6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud



Strong's Greek #2025 **2222** ἐπιχρίω (epichriō): vb.; = Str 2025—LN 47.15 **rub on**, put on by anointing or smearing on (Jn 9:6, 11+)

f. **Appointment for a task:**

i. **Luke 4:18–19 (ESV)**
18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."



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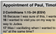
ii. Christ:
Acts 4:26 (ESV)
26 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'—



Χριστός Christos Christ
5986 Χριστός (Christos), οῦ (ou), ὁ (ho): n.pr.masc. [see also 3549]; = DBLHebr 5431; Str 5547; TDNT 9.493—**1.** LN 53.82 **Messiah** a title for the Anointed One, *i.e.*, God's special choice (Mt 2:4; Jn 1:41; 4:25);

iii. **Appointment of Paul, Timothy and Silvanus**

2 Corinthians 1:15–24 (ESV)
15 Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a second experience of grace.
16 I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea.
17 Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say "Yes, yes" and "No, no" at the same time?
18 As surely as God is faithful, **our word to you** has not been Yes and No.

Us & We: first-person plural pronoun
19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, **Silvanus and Timothy and I**, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes.
20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

Established us through his word, that we have given to you:
21 And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has **anointed** us,
22 and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
23 But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth.
24 Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.

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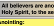

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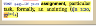
iv. **All believers are anointed at salvation through the in-filling of the Holy Spirit, to the service of God:**

g. **Anointing:**

This word chrisma is only found in the book of 1 John 2. It's found no other place in the New Testament



5984 χρῖσμα (*chrisma*), ατος (atos), τό (to): n.neu.; = Str 5545 TDNT 9.493—LN 37.107 **assignment,** particular task, formally, an anointing (1Jn 2:20, 27(2×)+)

abide in him: Maintain the obedience to the commands of the His word.

i. **20** But you have been **anointed** by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.
21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.
22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.
23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.
24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.
25 And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.
26 I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.
27 But the **anointed** that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his **anointed** teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.
28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.
29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.