

When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, we receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

➡ God has anointed us for a purpose.

- In the Old Testament, the practice of anointing -- the pouring of holy oil -- was exercised on those chosen to be **priests, prophets and kings**.
- In the New Testament, Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit to become **Priest, Prophet and King**.
- Today, God anoints His people with the Holy Spirit that we may assume the roles of **priests, prophets and kings**, i.e. we are a priestly people, a prophetic people and a kingly people called to:

**W**orship,  
**W**itness and  
**W**arfare.

In the **priestly** role, we are called to worship the Lord and to bring others to experience the power of praise and worship.

In the **prophetic** role, we are called to be witnesses of God's love to the world through prophecy, through preaching and sharing the Word of God, through our testimonies and through our service.

And in the **kingly** role, we are called to spiritual warfare: to fight and win the spiritual battle, to reclaim and to spread the kingdom of God, and to help others to live victorious Christian lives.

#### **Isa 61:1-4**

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

They will **rebuild** the ancient ruins and **restore** the places long devastated; they will **renew** the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

God has entrusted us with the work of **rebuilding, restoring and renewing** His Kingdom.

Let us to take up our rightful roles as **priests, prophets and kings**.