

Paul writes his letter to the church at Ephesus in the New Testament and he says this, “In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.” (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Have you ever stopped to think what has become yours since you put your faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? This God who is the author of your faith is also the author of your salvation. None of us can come to Him without partaking of the salvation that He, Himself, provided. It is the only way we can please Him. In addition to this faith and this salvation, He has given to us His Holy Spirit as a down payment of the inheritance to come. What is this inheritance? Study on!

Day 1 – The Holy Spirit Upon the Messiah – Isaiah 61, Luke 4:16-21

Please read Isaiah 61:1-4 and Luke 4:16-21 and compare them in the space below.

Isaiah 61:1-4	Luke 4:16-21

Who is the “me” of Isaiah 61:1?

What does it mean to be “anointed?” Check out your Bible dictionary or even a secular dictionary.

Dictionary.com says this for two of its definitions for “anointed:” “to put oil on during a religious ceremony as a sign of sanctification or consecration,” and “to choose by or as if by divine intervention.”ⁱ

According to Unger’s: *anointing as consecrating* – “Under the Mosaic law, persons and things were set apart for sacred purposes by anointing them with the ‘oil of holy ointment.’” They were sanctified or made holy or set apart.ⁱⁱ

According to Unger’s: *anointing as coronation* – “It was custom among the Jews to anoint with oil those set apart as kings.”ⁱⁱⁱ

Figuratively, “the anointing with oil was a symbol of endowment with the Spirit of God”. See King Saul’s and King David’s anointing.^{iv}

What was God’s stamp of approval on the Messiah in Isaiah 61:1?

Was He set apart?

What was He set apart for?

Did the Messiah accomplish what He was set apart for in His First Coming?

Now that you have done the comparison above between Isaiah 61:1-4 and Luke 4:16-21, what will He need to accomplish in His Second Coming that was not accomplished in His First Coming?

Why did the Messiah stop His reading in the middle of Isaiah 61:2 and say, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing?”

How long is the favorable year of the LORD compared to the day of vengeance of our God?

What will He accomplish for His own in the Millennial Kingdom according to Isaiah 61:3-4?

**Days 2 – 5 – Inheritance for the Jews and Gentiles – Double-spaced Worksheet
Isaiah 61**

Days 2 – 3 - Please mark the following words or ideas in your own unique way:

the Spirit of the Lord GOD

oil

references to God

references in the margin where all three persons of the Godhead are found in same verse

mourn, mourning

any word that has to do with light, i.e., as in Isaiah 58, 60

Zion, Jerusalem

Foreigners, strangers, nations and pronouns with same marking used for Gentiles

covenant

descendants/ offspring and pronouns

righteousness

references to clothes, i.e., mantle, robe of righteousness, garland

salvation, bride, bridegroom

Make lists for the following in the spaces below and in the margins of the double-spaced worksheet for Isaiah 61:

What is in the future for the inhabitants of Zion?

What is in the future for the strangers, foreigners (the Gentiles)?

Now compare the future for the inhabitants of Zion and the inhabitants of the Gentile nations according to Isaiah 61.

Zion	Gentile Nations

Day 4 – Questions

Who will be called the priests of the LORD and ministers of our God in Isaiah 61:6? What has God made the Body of Christ, the Church, to be according to Revelation 1:6? How is this like the Jews of the Isaiah 61:6 reference? Has He also made a covenant with the Gentile nations who turn to their Messiah?

Who of the nations surrounding Israel does Isaiah say that God will save in the end times? If you don't remember, go back to Isaiah Part 2 or look through Isaiah 13-23. Who are those who mourn, and faint, but will receive comfort, gladness, and praise in stead in Isaiah 61:3?

Who or what is the "oil of gladness" in Isaiah 61:3?

Who are the Gentiles in relationship to those of Zion above? See Isaiah 61:5.

Who will eat the wealth of the other nations and boast in their riches?

Who will have a double portion of the inheritance instead of shame? What is this double portion? Again, look in your Bible Dictionary or other sources. Double portions went to the firstborn.

God told Abram in Genesis 12:1-3 that in him, all the families of the earth would be blessed. Are the Gentile nations among the families of the earth who will be blessed by God because of God's covenant with Abram?

We've already determined that God had the salvation of the Gentiles as well as the Jews in mind from the beginning.

The Jews are seen in Scripture as the adulterous wife of the LORD. Whom is the church compared to in the Scripture in relationship to the LORD? Pull this information from your previous knowledge and then find verses to back up your answer. Hint: for references use your concordance for the word used to describe this relationship.

Now, read Isaiah 61:10-11. Who can join in this praise of God?

Day 5 – Personal Application

Did God’s Spirit anoint the Messiah to bring good news just to the Jews or to you, too?

Did God’s Spirit anoint the Messiah to bind up just the Jews’ wounds or your wounds, also?

Did God’s Spirit anoint the Messiah to proclaim liberty and freedom just to the Jews or to you, as well?

Did God replace the Jews with the church when the Jews rejected His Messiah, Yeshua? Write your thoughts below.

Did the Jews lose out on God’s blessings when they rejected the Messiah and were those blessings given to the church in the Jews’ place?

If the church received the blessings that originally belonged to the Jews, then did they receive the cursing(s) also? See Deuteronomy 27 and 28.

Now, I would like you to read Deuteronomy 30:1-6. This passage of Scripture was written before the Israelites crossed over into the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua. This was all still in the future. In history looking back, have the Israelites been banished to other nations and have they been returned to the land? Have they been returned to the land in obedience to the LORD? Write your thoughts below.

I am bringing up all the dredge questions that I’ve contemplated throughout the years, so that we can face these questions and their corresponding false doctrines head on together.

The church was hidden in the Old Testament Scripture. Paul called it a mystery and in deed it was. Was it not mentioned to hide it from Satan? Or was it not mentioned because some in the church would fall into the false doctrine that the church would replace Israel? From what we have studied in Isaiah 61, we can understand that we the Gentiles have not replaced Israel, but we have been extended the same grace as Israel and have been grafted in to the root. Read what Paul wrote about Israel and the church in Romans 11:1-32.

Now, I ask you again, did the Church replace the Jews? Write your thoughts below.

The Jews and the Christians have different origins, different purposes, and different destinies on this earth. Those Jews and Christians who have been true believers throughout the ages have eternity with God in common. Those Jews and Gentiles who have not believed because of their own willfulness in “doing it” their way, will have the commonality of an eternity away from His presence in hell. A partial hardening of the Jews has occurred for this time dispensation until the fullness of the Gentile population comes into the fold. Notice that it is a partial hardening of the Jews. There will always be a Remnant of the Jews and that is true in this dispensation (time period) called the church age. When Christ comes back for His Bride, the church (Jews and Gentiles in one body), the remaining Jews will then take center stage on the world scene.

After studying all that we have this week and from what you have been taught in the past, consider the inheritance that you received when you first believed. Use the rest of this page to write your thoughts on what all has been given to you by the indwelling Holy Spirit of God.

Please record the theme of Isaiah chapter 60 on the respective double-spaced worksheet and on the Isaiah-Theme-Summary chart found in the Appendix.

My Inheritance in Christ by the Indwelling Holy Spirit

ⁱ Lexico Publishing Group, LLC, “Dictionary.com” online, 2008.

ⁱⁱ Merrill F. Unger, Unger’s Bible Dictionary, Chicago, Moody Press, 1966. P.67.

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid.

^{iv} Ibid.

INHERITANCE FOR BELIEVING JEWS & GENTILES

1 Peter 1:6-”Behold I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious cornerstone and He who believes in Him shall not be disappointed.”

Jewish Remnant			
On the Earth	In Heaven	In Millennial Kingdom	In New Jerusalem
<p>Good news preached-<u>Is</u>.61:1 Broken-hearted bound up-61.1 Captive set free-61:1 Grace extended-61:1 Those who morn will be comforted-61:2 Zion & other cities will be rebuilt-61:4 Everlasting joy given to them-61:7 God will make everlasting covenant-61:8 Offspring known by nations as blessed-61:9 God will cause righteousness & praise to spring up before all nations-61:11 The land, the “seed” of the Messiah, the nation-<u>Gen</u>.15 Adoption as sons, the glory, covenants, Law, temple service, promises, the fathers, the Christ-<u>Roms</u>.9:4 Salvation for the Gentiles-11:11 Gifts & calling of God-11:29 God has blessed w/ every spiritual blessing-<u>Eph</u>.1:3 Chosen to be holy & blameless-1:4 Predestined to adoption as sons-1:5 Redeemed & forgiven-1:7 Made known mystery of His will-1:9 Predestined to conformity with Son-1:11-12 Set aside inheritance-1:11-12 Sealed in the Holy Spirit as pledge of inheritance-1:13 Riches of His glory, greatness of His power-1:18 Qualification to share in inheritance of saints-<u>Cols</u>.1:12 Delivered from domain of darkness & transferred to kingdom of Christ-1:13 Redeemed & forgiven-1:14 Presented before Him as holy, blameless-1:22 Caused us to be born again to living hope-<u>1Pet</u>.1:3 Caused us to obtain imperishable, undefiled, unfading inheritance reserved in heaven-1:4 Protected by power of God for salvation-1:5 Saved our souls-1:9 Jesus Himself-<u>Rev</u>.22.12</p>	<p>Everlasting joy given to them-<u>Is</u>.61:7 Everlasting Covenant in force Every spiritual blessing-<u>Eph</u>.1:3 Sonship-15 Conformity to His Son-1:11-12 Kingdom of Christ-<u>Cols</u>-1:13 Inheritance reserved for them-<u>1Pet</u>.1:4 Marriage to the Lamb-<u>Rev</u>.19:9</p>	<p>Those who mourn in Zion will rec’v comfort, gladness, and praise-<u>Is</u>.61:2 Zion & other cities will be rebuilt-61:4 Gentiles will be Zion’s servants-61:4-5 All in Zion will become priests-61:6 All in Zion will eat the wealth of other nations & boast in their riches-61:6 All in Zion will have a double portion instead of shame-61:7 All in Zion will shout over their portion-61:7 Everlasting joy given to Zion-61:7 God will faithfully give Zion her wages-61:8 Everlasting covenant in force Zion-61:8. See also Jeremiah 31, Ezekiel 36 Zion’s offspring known among nations as blessed by God-61:9</p>	<p>Everlasting joy given to them-<u>Is</u>.61:7 Everlasting Covenant in force</p>

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Isaiah 61

Part 7

Lesson 5-2

1 Peter 1:6-”Behold I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious cornerstone and He who believes in Him shall not be disappointed.”

Gentile Believers			
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