

5 Graces to the Gentile Church



As Gentile Christians we are:

Rom 11: 17. "But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree,"

Rom 2: 29. "But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God."

Rom 4, Rom 3: 7. "Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham."

Gal 3: 13. "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree" 14. in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Jewish Customs passed onto us Gentiles

Anointing with Oil: Exodus 30:22-33 Old Testament; Mark 6: 12. "And they went out and preached that men should repent. 13. And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them." I will use Old and New Testament scriptures throughout this entire teaching.



The act of anointing was significant of consecration to a holy or sacred use; hence the anointing of the high priest (Ex. 29:29; Lev. 4:3) and of the sacred vessels (Ex. 30:26). The high priest and the king are thus called "the anointed" (Lev. 4:3, 5, 16; 6:20; Ps. 132:10). Anointing a king was equivalent to crowning him (1 Sam. 16:13; 2 Sam. 2:4, etc.). Prophets were also anointed (1 Kings 19:16; 1 Chr. 16:22; Ps. 105: 15). The expression, "anoint the shield" (Isa. 21:5), refers to the custom of rubbing oil on the leather of the shield so as to make it supple and fit for use in war. (Easton's Bible Dictionary). To anoint means to "rub in." It was used to set apart a person, place, or object as holy unto God.



Communion (The Lord's Supper): Exodus 12:1-32, 42-5, Lev 23:5 Old Testament;

Matthew 26: 26. And while they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 27. And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; 28. for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. 29. "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from

now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." 30. And after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." 1Cor 11: 23. "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24. and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25. In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 27. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. 28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly. 30. For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. 31. But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged."

In scripture there seems to be these blessings connected with this "cup of blessing" (1Cor10:16): After eating it, we are made so holy even what touch becomes holy (Lev 6:18), Applies the blood to the doorpost of our lives (Ex 12:12-13) thus putting a hedge of protection around us and all tied to us (Job 1:9-11), seems to release a deep intimacy and revelation of the Lord (John 6:44-58, Luke 24:30-32), "keeping the feast" seems to purge out yeast out of us and our churches (1Cor 5:7), releases what Jesus paid for on the cross (healing, deliverance, veil ripped, blessings of Abraham to name some (1Peter2:24), releases strength for battle (1Sam21), taking communion and having an authority figure bless us can release us into our destiny (Gen 14:7-15:21), and "not forsaking our 'first love' (supreme love feast in the Greek)" will cause us to not lose the flow of a fresh anointing (Lampstand is symbolic of the anointing) (Rev 2:4).



Water Baptism (Ceremonial Cleansing): Ex 19: 10. The Lord also said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments; 11. and let them be ready for the third day, for on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. 12. "And you shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, `Beware that you do not go up on the mountain or touch the border of it; whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. 13. `No hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot through; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the ram's horn sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain." 14. So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people, and they washed their garments. 15. And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman." 16. So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17. And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

Anointing of Priesthood

Ex 29:1. "Now this is what you shall do to them to consecrate them to minister as priests to Me: take one young bull and two rams without blemish, 2. and unleavened bread and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil; you shall make them of fine wheat flour. 3. "And you shall put them in one basket, and present them in the basket along with the bull and the two rams. 4. "Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and **wash them with water**. 5. "And you shall take the

garments, and put on Aaron the tunic and the robe of the ephod and the ephod and the breast piece, and gird him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod; 6. and you shall set the turban on his head, and put the holy crown on the turban. 7. "Then you shall take the anointing oil, and pour it on his head and anoint him. 8. "And you shall bring his sons and put tunics on them. 9. "And you shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and bind caps on them, and they shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute. So you shall ordain Aaron and his sons.

Laver

Ex 30: 17. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 18. "You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base of bronze, for washing; and you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it. 19. "And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet from it; 20. when they enter the tent of meeting, **they shall wash with water**, that they may not die; or when they approach the altar to minister, by offering up in smoke a fire sacrifice to the Lord. 21. "So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they may not die; and it shall be a perpetual statute for them, for Aaron and his descendants throughout their generations." Let me emphasize that we are NOT SAVED by water baptism, but there is power in it!

Cleansing of Leprosy

7. "He shall then sprinkle seven times the one who is to be cleansed from the leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the live bird go free over the open field. 8. "The one to be cleansed shall then **wash his clothes** and shave off all his hair, and bathe in water and be clean. Now afterward, he may enter the camp, but he shall stay outside his tent for seven days.

New Testament water cleansing

Matthew 3: 11. "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Matthew 28: 19. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit," Acts 2: 38. And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

There were vats of water at the entrance of the Temple in Jesus' day. This was for ceremonial cleansing. People would dip themselves to be ceremonially cleansed. When John the Baptist began his ministry, this was nothing new to the Jewish community. Jesus was baptized yet without sin, but the office of High Priest John the Baptist carried in a literal way (his parents being direct descendants of Aaron), and the prophetic mantle of Elijah were passed to Jesus. High Priests would pass on their office through water baptism as the "washing of water" was part of the cleansing ritual. I say that to say, there is much more to this than just a dunking. The same waters that baptized the children of Israel into Moses (1Cor 10:2) were the same water that separated them from Egypt (symbolically the world), and destroyed their pursuing enemies. There have been times when I have been through serious warfare, or God was about to release me into something new, that the Lord would tell me to take communion, water baptize myself, and then anoint myself with oil for cleansing. 1John 5:7. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth. 8. For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit (anointing) and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement."

These things I am discussing are outside the box of western gentile Christianity. When doing these things, there was a powerful “setting myself apart as holy” that opened me up to receive from God in an awesome way. I know this is new to some, but I am not bound by religion and traditions of men. My obedience to God has released me to have some very powerful times with him, and made me able to receive from him powerfully. I heard of a man driving out evil beings from property that was dedicated to satan’s kingdom. They prayed, anointed, and warred to get that place free. Finally, they took communion and then buried some into the land. By faith they released the power of the cross into the land. After that, the land was totally cleansed. That probably sounds way off to some, but it does not go **against scripture**, and by faith, the power of the blood cleansed the land. I said that to say, sometimes things are outside the box of American Christianity, but as long as they do not go AGAINST scripture, they can be very powerful when done at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The Shofar (Warfare and Jubilee)



Ps 150:3 Praising him with the Shofar Blast is a commandment of God; Psalm 81: 3. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, At the full moon, on our feast day. 4. For it is a statute for Israel, An ordinance of the God of Jacob. Gideon’s Victory (**confusion of the enemy**) Judges 6:11-7:25; Jericho (**strongholds of the enemy destroyed**) Joshua 6; **Brought in God’s Presence** (revival) 2 Sam 6; and **Jubilee** was decreed at the shofar blast Lev 25.

1Thess 4:13. But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. 14. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

17. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18. Therefore comfort one another with these words. Matthew 24: 31. "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. 1Corinthians 15: 51. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52. in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

Babylonian Talmud (Tractate Rosh Hashana, 16b)....Rabbi Isaac says “If the shofar is not sounded at the beginning of the new year, evil will befall at the end of it. Why so? Because the ‘Accuser’ (satan) has not been confused...”



The Prayer Shawl (Tallit)



Numbers 15:37. The Lord also spoke to Moses, saying, 38. "Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue. 39. "And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the Lord, so as to do them and not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot, 40. in order that you may remember to do all My commandments, and be holy to your God."

Deut 22:12 "You shall make yourself tassels on the four corners of your garment with which you cover yourself." This was a command of God to make prayer shawls just like the 4 other subjects I have just mentioned were commandments of God.

Prayer Shawl or Tallit in the Hebrew: Tall (tent) it (little): Day of Pentecost shows we are now the Tabernacle of God as those in prayer had their little tent, and then a pillar (tongue) of fire came over their heads. They became the Holy of Holies. A literal "tongue or pillar of fire" came over their little tents they were wearing.

The tabernacle was never a place of warfare, but was known as being a place of peace, worship, and God's manifest presence. Many times the enemy tries to hinder God's people in their personal prayer lives. Taking communion (cleansing by the blood of the lamb) and anointing with oil can certainly help to clear this problem up, but I do believe there is a covering provided by God in the prayer shawl. The anointing can rest in garments:

Acts 19: 11. And God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12. so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out.

The Apostle Paul was known as a tent maker. There is a possibility that the "tents" he was making were prayer shawls or "Little-Tents." Regardless, we can see that the anointing can strongly rest into garments. I had an experience after having a powerful service one night when I ministered. The next day I experienced terrible warfare as a backlash. During prayer, the Lord told me to put on the shirt I wore the night before while ministering in the service. I did, and the same anointing from that night came on me again. I believe there is a hidden place in prayer under the prayer shawl where God's manifest presence can dwell and the enemy cannot find you. This is the secret place.

A little about the Prayer Shawl

Ruth and Boaz

Jewish Weddings are sometimes performed under a prayer shawl held up during the ceremony by four poles called a chupa or huppah. In Mid East cultures they cast a garment over one being claimed for marriage. In Numbers 15:38 the word translated border or corner is a Hebrew word which can also be translated wings as it is some 76 times in the Biblical text. For this reason, the corners of the prayer shawl are often called "Wings." In Ezekiel 16:8, the Lord speaks to Jerusalem and likewise says, "and I spread my wing over thee, and covered thy nakedness," and in Psalm 91 we are able to "abide under the shadow of the almighty" and "under his wings." In Ruth 3:9, she found herself at the feet of Boaz as instructed by her Jewish mother-in-law Naomi. As Boaz awakened, he was moved with her vulnerability, as women were not to do things of this nature in those days, but in complete honesty and openness she said to him, spread the corner of your garment (prayer shawl) over me; for you are a kinsman redeemer." Ruth was asking him to take her in marriage under his wings, mantle, and to cover her. The prayer shawl is also seen as a mantle.

The prophet Elijah had a mantle (prayer shawl) that he passed to Elisha in 2 Kings 2. Elijah wore his prayer shawl and new God's voice which was not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but rather in the whisper. The Bible says he wrapped his face with his mantle (prayer shawl) and stood before the Lord in 1Kings 19:11-13. When people died, they were wrapped in their prayer shawl as a death shroud. When the mantle comes on our lives, God will take us to a place of death, burial, and then unto resurrection.

John 12: 24. "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

A Status Symbol

The hem of a Jew's garment was not, as in modern clothes, a simple fold of the cloth, sewn down to prevent the edge from fraying. It was a decorative feature that made a statement about the status and importance of the wearer. The people of other nearby nations also had this custom. In texts found in Mesopotamia, references indicate that the removal of the fringe of a man's garment was the equivalent of removing part of his personality. To cut off the hem of a wife's garment was regarded as divorcing her. Tablets have been found with the impression of a fringe as the mark of the individual, a personal seal or signature.

When David spared Saul's life, he took away evidence that he had him in his power. "Then David arose, and cut off the hem of Saul's robe" 1Sam 24:4. Why did David do this, and why did his conscience smite him for having done it? Was there some special significance in what he had done? In fact the act of cutting off the hem of Saul's robe was a very great significance, which Saul was not slow to recognize. When the shouting began the next day Saul said: "And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. 1Sam 24:20" David had robbed Saul of his status symbol, the hem of his robe that identified him as king.

Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for enlarging their fringes (Matt 23:5), the inference being that they were trying to magnify their importance. Jesus wearing his prayer shawl had a woman with an issue of blood (hemorrhage that made her ceremonially unclean under the law of Moses, thus ruining her life) touch the tas-

sel on one of the corners, for she knew the law demanded these tassels and that they represented the law and promises of God. This was a great act of faith in God, and touching the corner of Jesus' prayer shawl released healing to her. Why would she stoop to touch a hem? Why didn't she just touch his shoulder, arm, or hand. Remember as the Prayer Shawl was over the head, it formed a tent over the person. The "wings" of the garment were formed when the arms were held out. The tassels were on the four corners of the "wings."

Mark 6: 56. And wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and entreating Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured."

This fringe of his cloak was the tassel of his prayer shawl. Remember the Bible says the Word became flesh and dwelled (literally translated "Tabernacled") among us John 1:14. Jesus wearing his prayer shawl was the fulfillment of God "tabernacle" among us.

Malachi 4:2 "But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in his wings"

During the first century there were some traditions associated with the tassels concerning the Messiah. One was that these knotted fringes possessed healing powers because there would be "healing in his wings." Certainly the woman with the issue of blood knew of these traditions, which would explain why she sought to touch the hem of Jesus' prayer garment. With this understanding in mind, an ancient Jew under the prayer shawl could be said to be dwelling in the secret place of the Most High and under his wings like mentioned in Psalm 91:1-4. The lady with the issue of blood knew that Jesus was the promised Messiah, and that he would have healing in his wings. Many knew this truth and sought to just touch the hem of Jesus' prayer garment.

Matthew 14: 35. And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were sick;

36. and they began to entreat Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were cured. (some of this text was derived from Hope of Israel teachings).

I sometimes wonder how much real power is in the wearing of the prayer shawl? I can feel God's presence in an awesome way as I soak covered up in my prayer shawl. I wonder if there isn't healing released through this avenue for today as well? What has the gentile church been robbed by because of our ignorance. I believe there are traditions of Jews that are just their culture and have little if any power to them, but these five things I have listed above are not just traditions of men, but rather have been established by God himself. If people will be willing to break out of the box of religion, there is so much waiting on the other side. Anyone can make any of these things discussed in this teaching idols by worshipping them, putting their faith in them instead of God, or putting too much emphasis on them. We must not do that, but also we must not completely ignore them and think we are spiritual in doing so. I believe these 5 things have been stolen from the gentile believer and God is restoring them back to the church in these end times because we need them. I pray this has been a blessing to you, and has helped you see things in a new way you have maybe not seen them before.

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