

## ANOINT

While preparing for a study of James, I came across something rather interesting. We run across the word ANOINT all through scripture. In translating in to English there are two different Greek words that we translated as *anoint*. The first is the Greek word *chrío*. This word carried sacred or religious meanings. A derivative of the word *chrío* is the word *Christos* meaning 'Christ anointed by the Holy Spirit' as at His baptism by John the Baptist

So *chrío* is translated *anoint*.

Also, the Greek word *aleipho* is translated to English as *anoint*. *Aleipho* means to apply or rub with oil or ointment for appearance or medical reasons. When Hezekiah suffered an outbreak of boils, God heard his prayer. Isaiah the prophet prepared an *aleipho*, a medicine, and *anointed* the boil. Hezekiah was healed.

So, *aleipho* is also translated as *anoint*.

Now read James 5:14-15. The word *anoint* used here was translated from the Greek word *aleipho*, remember now that this means for appearance or medical purposes. James is saying if you are ill, pray yes, but go to the doctor, get medicine and then pray for speedy healing.