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AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR A CONTEMPORARY MINISTER (ACT 10:38).

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5:2 CONCLUSION

An understanding of the anointed ministry of Jesus is essential to Christian community and humanity at large. If Christ was not empowered by God's Spirit, he would never have been able to do all the good works he did for humanity to the extent of his sacrificial death on the cross, then there would have been no basis for salvation in Christ. The empowerment of Jesus enabled him to overcome opposition and exercise authority over the Devil, delivering those oppressed by him. His proclamation of God's kingdom (teaching and preaching ministry) was result oriented because he did it in the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus by his anointing performed priestly, kingly and prophetic functions.

The Christian minister, therefore, should aspire to be empowered by the Spirit of God like Jesus was and seek to expand the kingdom of God through it; overcome oppositions, destroyed satanic activities and show God's love and care to suffering humanity. As stewards of God's grace, he must serve humanity without the pursuit of personal gratification as the basis.

5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

On the basis of this study on the impact of the anointing on the ministry of Jesus and its implications for the contemporary minister's, the following recommendations are, therefore, given.

1. The Church should teach its ministers the necessity of empowerment for effective evangelistic work and that ministers of the gospel should trust God only for power: the *anointing oil*, water, handkerchiefs or any other symbol is not the source of the anointing. It is the Spirit of God that anoints.
2. Christians in contemporary times should beware of those who make merchandise of the anointing. Ministers of the gospel should not use the anointing to amass material wealth or exploit others, for freely they have received and freely they should give.
3. The Christian community should encourage theological institutions to emphasise the anointed ministry of Jesus in their curriculum on Christology and Missiology as a basis for successful ministry.
4. Further research work should be carried out on the gifts of grace (Charismata) received by those anointed and its impact on Christian ministry from the perspective of New Testament writings such as the Pauline epistles and the General epistles.

5. Contemporary ministers should explore avenues of showing sacrificial love and care for suffering humanity as an effective strategy of evangelizing the contemporary church – through provision of food for the hungry, education for those who cannot afford it, health care services for the sick and other social care services, with the aim of spiritual restoration. This is because Jesus' love and care for the people is the basis for all his miracles and wondrous acts.