HELEN SANDERS 3-16-2024 FRESH OIL

If you have ever done any cooking, then you know that oil that gets old often turns rancid. It smells and tastes horrible.

When it comes to spiritual symbols, oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. We are told in Ephesians 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit. [Holy Spirit]"

The correct rendering of be filled is "<u>be</u> being filled" which indicates it is a continuous process and not a one-time filling.

As Christians, we often sin which causes us to "leak" spiritually. We repent, and then get refilled with the Holy Spirit. This is the fresh oil that keeps us continuously "lit with the fire of God." This ongoing filling keeps us fresh with the Lord and never rancid.

This fresh supply of oil will sustain us when the "heat" is turned up in our lives. It will sustain us when we have no one to turn to with our problems. The Holy Spirit comes and brings his comfort. Hebrews 1:9 says, "*Thou hath loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*"

We cannot go a day without fresh oil, my friends. It is what keeps us burning for the Lord. Allow the Lord to pour it into you.