

## 1. Vine's Expository Dictionary

**“The passage teaches that the gift of the Holy Spirit is the all-efficient means of enabling believers to possess a knowledge of the truth. ... the noun [anointing] standing by metonymy for ... for the Holy Spirit in 1 John 2.”** under “Anoint, Anointing” B. Noun, *chrisma* [bold mine, srf]

While Vine's is a good tool, this shows the *danger* of using Vine's indiscriminately. It is not only a dictionary, but a *commentary*. Mr. Vine's comment is *not* supported by the text nor other Scripture.

## 2. “Protestant Principle”

“The truer Protestant principle is that there is an *external* principle (the *inspired* Scripture) and an **INTERNAL PRINCIPLE (THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT)**. It is the principle of an objective *divine* revelation, with an **interior divine witness.**” Bernard Ramm, *The Pattern of Religious Authority* (Michigan: Eerdmans Pub. Co., 1965), p. 29 . ... **“Westminster Confession:** ‘...our full persuasion and assurance of infallible truth, and divine authority thereof, IS FROM THE INWARD WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.’ ... (Ramm, p. 30) ...“Nevertheless, we acknowledge the INWARD ILLUMINATION OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE SAVING UNDERSTANDING OF SUCH THINGS AS ARE REVEALED IN THE WORD.” **Confession of Faith (of English Baptists,** London, 1677) (Ramm, p. 31). ... “Here is a perfect blend of the requisite objective and SUBJECTIVE factors in religious authority, a blend which Bromily speaks of when he writes: ‘Ought we not to seek the authority of the Bible in the balanced relationship of a perfect form (the objective Word), and a perfect content (the Word applied SUBJECTIVELY by the Holy Ghost)...’” G. W. Bromily, “The Authority of the Bible: The Attitude of Modern Theologians,” *The Evangelical Quarterly*, 19:136 (April, 1947) (Ramm, p. 36-37) [caps & bold mine, srf]

While taught in seminaries, preached from pulpits, and believed widely, the Bible does *not* teach this principle.

## 3. Roman Catholicism

Even Roman Catholicism, which assigns the “teaching authority” to the Church because it is guided by the Holy Spirit, here makes the “anointing” the Holy Spirit one receives at baptism granting him “knowledge” by “a Divine instinct.”

**“You as ‘Christians’ have the ‘chrisma’ or anointing by the Holy Spirit at Baptism, and hence know by a Divine instinct.”** *The Layman's New Testament* (Edited with introduction and notes by Father Hugh Pope, O.P., S.T.M., D.S.S. Sheed & Ward Inc., New York, 1934. Has both Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur.)

If this interpretation is correct, why does a Catholic have to rely on the church for assurance of the truth and knowledge?