#### SDA PILLARS OF TRUTH

### WHO DID ELLEN WHITE SAY

### **THE THIRD PERSON IS?**



Some believe that Ellen White became a Trinitarian based on a handful of quotes that relate to the Holy Spirit. They mistakenly believe these quotes say the Holy Spirit is a third being when in fact she actually taught the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God coming to us through His Son.

In the 100,000 pages Ellen White wrote, she called the Holy Spirit the "third person" in four quotes and called the Holy Spirit a "person" twice. This is unfortunate as it has caused many to wrongly conclude that she was a Trinitarian.

Ellen White taught that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, and so it was actually the Spirit of Christ she called a person. Now do not get confused by this next statement. Ellen White revealed "3 PERSONS," but only "2 BEINGS."

Did you get that? Are you confused? Because there is no need to be. There is no confusion once you know what else she wrote and taught in regards to the Holy Spirit.

Do not miss this next extremely important point. Ellen White demonstrated a distinction between the words "PERSON" and "BEING." While she speaks of three "persons" or "personalities" and "powers" in the Godhead, she consistently identifies "ONLY" two beings -- the Father and His Son.

So the words "PERSON" and "BEING" have different meanings to Ellen White. If you miss this you could end up thinking the Holy Spirit is another "BEING" as the Catholic Church made up over 200 years after the Bible was written and hence could never have come from the Bible anyway.

Since the Holy Spirit is the "third person," then whoever Ellen White says is the Holy Spirit has to be the "third person." So who is the "third person" according to Ellen White? Who did she say is the Holy Spirit?

"<u>The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ</u>; it is His representative." — (Ellen G. White, 13MR 313.3, 1895)

"<u>Christ has left His Holy Spirit to be His representative in the world</u>," — (Ellen G. White, Lt84, October 22, 1895)

"<u>The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ</u>", which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency," — (E.G. White, 14MR 84.3)

"<u>We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ</u>." — (Ellen G. White, Lt66, April 10, 1894)

"but it is the leaven of <u>the Spirit of Jesus Christ, which is sent down from heaven, called</u> <u>the Holy Ghost</u>," — (Ellen G. White, Ms36-1891) As you can see the "third PERSON" is not a "third BEING" but the Spirit of Christ, and hence the Spirit of Christ is the "third person" by her terminology. The quote further below also verifies the above information conclusively.

Note that the trinity doctrine teaches three gods as follows:

1st Father 2nd Son 3rd Holy Spirit But since Ellen White states the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, she taught: 1st Father 2nd Son 3rd Holy Spirit of Christ

And so the following quote on its own confirms this conclusively. If you can count to three then you should have no trouble verifying who the third person is. ONE + ONE + ONE = "the Spirit of Christ."

"They have **ONE** God <u>and</u> **ONE** Saviour; <u>and</u> **ONE** Spirit--**the Spirit of Christ**--is to bring unity into their ranks." — (Ellen G. White, 9T 189.3, 1909)

But why did Ellen White frequently call the Holy Spirit the Spirit of Christ when the Holy Spirit is also called the Spirit of God or the Spirit of the Father?

Because the Holy Spirit is the mind, power and personal presence of the very life of God that the Father sends through His Son to us. This is not a separate person of the Godhead who is being sent, it is the very life of God coming to us through His beloved Son. But again, how can this be?

Ephesians 4:4 says there is "one Spirit." And yet the Bible speaks about the "Spirit of God" and the "Spirit of Christ", which involves "two" Divine beings. If the Father has a Holy Spirit, the Son must too. So how then is there only one Spirit?

Paul explains in Romans 8:9 where he uses the terms Spirit of God and Spirit of Christ interchangeably. Being indoctrinated with a lie most people miss this and more. Note that Ellen White endorsed the following works by Waggoner and Romans 8:9 is quoted:

"Finally, we know the Divine unity of the Father and the Son from the fact that both have the same Spirit. Paul, after saying that they that are in the flesh cannot please God, continues: "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8:9. Here we find that the Holy Spirit is both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ." — (E.J. Waggoner, CAHR, p. 23, 1890)

John also explains that it is through their Holy Spirit that both the Father and Son make their abode in you. "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23

*Ellen White confirms giving further clarity to John 14:23 above.* "<u>BY the SPIRIT the FATHER and the SON</u> will come and make their abode with you." — (Ellen G. White, *The Bible Echo*, January 15, 1893)

So how can the Holy Spirit be both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ?

*Because Christ inherited everything from His Father including His life.* "For as the Father has life in himself; so has he given to the Son to have life in himself." John 5:26

As Ellen White said, "<u>All things Christ received from God</u>, but He took to give." — (Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, p. 21)

And so God gave not only His self-existent Life but also His Spirit, as the Father gave "all things" to His Son.

"<u>The Father gave HIS Spirit without measure to HIS Son</u>," — (Ellen G. White, *RH*, November 5, 1908)

And so the Father and Son are one in Spirit and share the same Spirit.

"They were two, yet little short of being identical; two in individuality, <u>yet one in spirit</u>, and heart, and character." — (Ellen G. White, *Youth's Instructor*, December 16, 1897)

The Holy Spirit is therefore not another being but the very presence of God Himself coming to us through His Son.

"In giving us HIS Spirit, God gives us HIMSELF," — (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies Volume* 7, p. 273, 1902)

So as Ellen White said, the Spirit of God comes to us through His only begotten Son and why the Holy Spirit can rightfully be called the Spirit of Christ.

"<u>The Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the only begotten Son of God.</u>" — (Ellen G. White, RH, April 5, 1906)

And since the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God coming to us through His Son, this means that the Comforter is also Christ by His Spirit as Ellen White states many times. Below is one of many examples proving this.

"This refers to the omnipresence of the <u>Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter</u>." — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 179.2)

Speaking of the Comforter, Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18

And so we find, "The Holy Spirit [of CHRIST] is the Comforter, in Christ's name. <u>*He*</u> <u>**PERSONIFIES CHRIST**</u>, <u>yet is a distinct **PERSONALITY**</u>." — (Ellen G. White, 20MR 324.2). Parenthesis are added.

So CHRIST's own Holy Spirit "PERSON-IFIES" Himself and thus could be likened to a "PERSON" with a "PERSON-ALITY" but it is NOT a literal person and hence it is NOT a "BEING" which Ellen White ONLY called the Father and Son.

Thus Christ's very own Spirit personifies HIMSELF and yet has a distinct personality. What has a "person-ality?" A "person!" Is the Holy Spirit of Christ a literal person? Of course

not. This is the language of Ellen White which ONLY confuses those who are prejudiced or do not look at what else she wrote.

Do not forget this next very important point which also verifies the truth. Ellen White calls Christ by His Spirit a "PERSON."

"When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of <u>CHRIST</u>, remember that <u>HE</u> is an unseen presence in the <u>PERSON of the Holy Spirit</u>," — (Ellen G. White, DG 185.2, 1897)

"Lift up <u>**CHRIST** in His power in the **PERSON** of the Holy Spirit. He is waiting for them to open the door and admit Him." — (Ellen G. White, Lt59, March 29, 1899)</u>

Some wrongly conclude that the Holy Spirit is another being because Ellen White wrote that the Holy Spirit represents Christ and so assume it must be someone else. But not so. Below Ellen White states that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ and that His OWN Spirit represents Himself in the world. And therefore, the quote under that is also saying that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ which she calls a "PERSON." She is saying that because His Spirit can represent Himself, it is like it is a person. But obviously the Spirit of Christ is not a literal person and definitely not a third being as per the trinity doctrine.

"<u>CHRIST has left HIS Holy Spirit to be HIS representative in the world</u>," — (Ellen G. White, Lt84, October 22, 1895)

"JESUS is present in the PERSON of His representative, the Holy Spirit, reviving the hearts of the humble and contrite ones." — (Ellen G. White, 12MR 145.2, 1898)

And so from the above two quotes we find another reason Ellen White called the Spirit of Christ a person which is because Christ's Spirit can function independently of Himself. Do not miss that Christ's very own Spirit represents Himself. Thus it is like His Spirit in you is "another" person with a separate "personality" even though it is Christ Himself by HIS Spirit. And so we know that word "PERSON" in this context has a different meaning to her. Speaking of "another," John 14:16-23 tells us five times who the Comforter is, but the moment Christ says "another Comforter," most become blind to the fact He is referring to Himself despite His clear words that follow. The Greek word for another is "allos," which means another of the same kind and hence means another as the same kind as Christ. Jesus was present with His disciples in physical form but after His ascension He comes back in another form, that is, by His Spirit. Hence the "another" is His Spirit. Since Christ's Spirit can function independently of Himself, it is like His Spirit is "another." And because it is His Spirit, it is "another" of the same kind. If the Comforter was someone different then, John would have used the word "heteros" meaning another of a different kind. Easy to understand once you know. Most also fail to notice that Jesus often speaks of Himself in the third person as He did in this passage. See John 17:1-3 for one such example.

If the Holy Spirit really was a third "BEING," then the Holy Spirit would be the third highest being in heaven according to the trinity doctrine. And if Ellen White was teaching that the Holy Spirit was a third "BEING," then she would have said the Holy Spirit was the third highest being in heaven. But not so. Before the fall of man she said that it was <u>the Father, Son and Satan</u>.

"<u>Satan, next to Christ</u>, was ... <u>highest in power and glory</u>." — (*Signs of the Times*, July 23, 1902)

After the fall of man. "<u>It was Gabriel, the angel next in rank to the Son of God</u>," — (*Desire of Ages*, p. 234)

Here is one more quote for even more clarity on this truth revealing point.

"Satan, who was once a beautiful angel in the heavenly courts, became a fallen angel because <u>he did not want to occupy a secondary place</u>, <u>but to be next to God</u>. <u>He would have the Lord</u> <u>Jesus become second to him</u>, for his own glory was very precious in his own sight. <u>He was</u> <u>jealous of Christ, the Saviour</u>. Study the Word of God, and see what this jealousy led to in the end. There is nothing to be gained by jealousies. Although in the beginning Satan was an exalted angel of great glory in the heavenly courts, <u>that glory became extinguished through</u> his craving to be the highest one next to God." — (Ellen G. White, Ms74, March 20, 1910)

So Ellen White did <u>NOT</u> teach and was <u>NOT</u> teaching that the Holy Spirit was a third "BEING" like the Father and Son.

We find that Ellen White reveals in many ways that the Spirit of Christ is what she called the "third person," and did NOT mean a third "BEING." For example. Count to see who Ellen White says is the "third person." So simple and so clear!

"They have **ONE** God <u>and</u> **ONE** Saviour; <u>and</u> **ONE** Spirit--**the Spirit of Christ**--is to bring unity into their ranks." — (Ellen G. White, 9T 189.3, 1909)

*Ephesians 4:4 likewise says there is "one Spirit." Who does Ellen White say is that ONE Spirit that she calls the third person?* 

The truth can also be found by comparing the following two quotes. Who is Christ's representative which is also the Holy Spirit and the third person of the Godhead? Hence the grey underlined texts are the same entity! Christ's representative the Holy Spirit which is the third person of the Godhead is the Spirit of Christ. It is His Spirit, not another being as so many wrongly conclude today due to a wrong mind set from years of believing a lie that originated from the early Catholic Church.

"Christ gave His representative, <u>the third person of the Godhead</u>, the Holy Spirit." — (Ellen G. White, CTr 301.4)

"The Holy Spirit is <u>the Spirit of Christ</u>; it is His [Christ] representative." — (Ellen G. White, 13MR 313.3, 1895)

And for even further proof. Ellen White said sin can be resisted ONLY through the "third person."

"Sin could be resisted and overcome **ONLY** through the mighty agency of the third person of the Godhead," — (Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, 671.2)

Since Ellen White says the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, then the Spirit of Christ has to be the "third person" by her terminology. And hence she should also revealed that the "third person" who she said is the ONLY one who can overcome sin in you is Christ! Did she? All you have to do is look at what else she wrote to confirm what should be obvious.

"<u>There is **no power** in you apart from **CHRIST**</u>, but it is your privilege to have Christ abiding in your heart by faith, and <u>**HE** can **OVERCOME SIN** in you</u>, when you cooperate with His efforts." — (Ellen G. White, Our High Calling, 76.5)

"With <u>HIS SPIRIT</u> CHRIST sends a reconciling influence and a power that <u>TAKES away</u> <u>SIN</u>." — (Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, May 19, 1904)

So Ellen White said ONLY the "third person" can overcome sin in you, and so consistent with everything else she wrote, she reveals that what she called the "third person" is the "Spirit of Christ." Why would we think it was anyone else other than the One who conquered and overcame sin on the cross?

And yet even more proof. Who is the "third person" who ALONE can keep in check the "power of evil" and save from sin?

"The prince of the **POWER OF EVIL** can **ONLY** be held in check by the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit." — (Ellen G. White, Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 10, p. 37, 1897)

"JESUS ALONE has power to SAVE FROM SIN, to free from the POWER OF EVIL; and to doubt him who has laid down his life for us, is to grieve and insult the Father," — (Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, February 10, 1891)

"The <u>ONLY defense AGAINST EVIL is the indwelling of CHRIST</u> in the heart through faith in His righteousness." — (E.G. White, Desire of Ages, 324.1)

Over and over again she reveals the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, and while it is Christ by His Spirit that she called a "person," she never meant a literal person as we have just seen many times already. And hence she NEVER called the Holy Spirit a "BEING" as she did "ONLY" with the Father and Son.

Let's give even more proof that cannot be denied.

If Ellen White taught that the Holy Spirit is a third "BEING" or a literal "person" if you prefer, then the following quotes would all reveal three "BEINGS." But if the Holy Spirit is the person of the Spirit of Christ as per the expression she used that has confused so many, then she will reveal "ONLY" two beings "ALONE" every time without fail.

Note that she wrote ALONE and ONLY.

"<u>The Father and the Son ALONE are to be exalted</u>." — (Ellen G. White, The Youth's Instructor, July 7, 1898) --- ONLY TWO BEINGS.

Did she say the Father, Son and Holy Spirit ALONE are to be exalted? No she did not! And again, "<u>God and Christ ALONE</u> know what the souls of men have cost." — (Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, January 13, 1909) --- ONLY TWO BEINGS. "God informed Satan that to his <u>Son ALONE</u> he would reveal his secret purposes, and he required all the family in heaven, even Satan, to yield him implicit, unquestioned obedience;" — (Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, January 9, 1879) --- *ONLY TWO BEINGS*.

"Can anyone consider the condescension of God in preparing the gospel feast, and its great cost, and treat the invitation slightingly? No man, nor even the highest angel, can estimate the great cost; it is known **ONLY** to the Father and the Son." — (Ellen G. White, The Bible Echo, October 28, 1895) --- **ONLY TWO BEINGS**.

If the Holy Spirit was a third co-equal being then it would also know. But since it is the Spirit of Christ, then not so.

"The <u>ONLY</u> Being who was <u>one with God</u> lived the law in humanity, descended to the lowly life of a common laborer, and toiled at the carpenter's bench with His earthly parent." — (Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, October 14, 1897) --- *ONLY TWO BEINGS*.

"CHRIST the Word, the only-begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,-one in nature, in character, and in purpose,-the <u>ONLY being in all the universe</u> that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. By Christ, the Father wrought in the creation of all heavenly beings." — (Ellen G. White, The Great Controversy, p. 493) --- ONLY TWO BEINGS.

A Trinitarian cannot make any of these statements above. There can be no doubt that Ellen White declares that there are "ONLY" two beings "ALONE" as the third entity is not a third BEING but the Spirit of Christ. All the above is just a small example of what could be given. Ellen White not only states hundreds of times in different ways that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, and hence not a third being, but she also confirms that there are only two beings.

How many beings does the Bible say there are? "But to us there is but <u>ONE God, the Father</u>, of whom are all things, and we in him; and <u>ONE Lord Jesus Christ</u>, by whom are all things, and we by him." 1 Corinthians 8:6 --- ONLY TWO BEINGS.

Trinitarians and even the President of the Seventh day Adventist Church claim that three beings were involved in creation and that Genesis 1:26 refer to three beings. Below Ellen White quotes Genesis 1:26 and states exactly who is speaking and who He is speaking to. The "us" in this verse is the Father and Son just as Scripture states. --- ONLY TWO BEINGS

"The Father and the Son engaged in the mighty, wondrous work they had contemplated, of creating the world. ... After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, <u>the Father and Son carried out their purpose</u>, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their <u>own image</u>. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. And now <u>God said to His Son, "Let us make man in our image</u>." — (E.G. White, The Spirit of Prophecy, vol. 1, pp. 24, 25)

With the already massive weight of evidence given, no more proof should be required, but let's give more anyway. If the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ then Ellen White will write and teach that the COMFORTER is the SPIRIT of CHRIST and hence the Holy Spirit is NOT and CANNOT be a third being.

"This refers to the omnipresence of the <u>Spirit of Christ</u>, called the <u>Comforter</u>." — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 179.2)

"Let them study the seventeenth of John, and learn how to pray and how to live the prayer of <u>CHRIST</u>. HE is <u>THE Comforter</u>. He will abide in their hearts, making their joy full." — (Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, January 27, 1903)

"As by faith we look to Jesus, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving **JESUS THE COMFORTER**." — (Ellen G. White, 19MR 297.3)

"<u>Christ is to be known by the blessed name of Comforter</u>. "The Comforter," said Christ to His disciples, "which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you, [John 14:26 quoted]" — (Ellen G. White, Ms7-1902, January 26, 1902)

"<u>The Saviour is our Comforter</u>. This I have proved Him to be." — (Ellen G. White, 8MR 49.3)

And if the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ then Ellen White will write and teach that the SPIRIT of TRUTH is the SPIRIT of CHRIST and hence the Holy Spirit is NOT and CANNOT be a third being.

"JESUS comes to you as the SPIRIT of TRUTH; study the mind of the Spirit, consult your Lord, follow His way." — (Ellen G. White, 2MR 337.1)

"To the guidance of this Comforter all who believe in **CHRIST** may implicitly trust. <u>**HE** is</u> the **Spirit of truth**, but this truth the world can neither discern nor receive." — (Ellen G. White, 12MR 260.1)

"<u>We cannot be with **Christ** in person</u>, as were His first disciples, <u>but HE has sent **HIS Holy**</u> **Spirit** to guide us into all truth, and through this power we too can bear witness for the Saviour. [John 16:13 quoted]" — (E.G. White, Ms30, June 18, 1900)

Whose Spirit did Christ send to guide us into all truth? It was HIS Spirit, not another being!

And if the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ then Ellen White will write and teach that the Holy Spirit that Christ breathed on His disciples was HIS very own Spirit and hence the Holy Spirit is NOT and CANNOT be a third being.

"And when He had said this, He [Christ] breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: ... Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, **CHRIST** breathed <u>**HIS**</u> Spirit upon them." — (Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, p. 805)

"JESUS is waiting to breathe upon all his disciples, and give them the inspiration of **HIS** sanctifying SPIRIT, and transfuse the vital influence from **HIMSELF** to his people." — (Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, October 3, 1892)

"JESUS is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in <u>giving HIS Holy SPIRIT</u> He is giving to them the glory which the Father has given him, that He and his people may be one in God." — (Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, October 3, 1892)

# And if the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ then Ellen White will write and teach that the Holy Spirit that was given at Pentecost was the SPIRIT of CHRIST and hence the Holy Spirit is NOT and CANNOT be a third being.

"And when He had said this, He [Christ] breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whosesoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosesoever sins ye retain, they are retained. The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified. The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ's ascension. Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world. But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose. Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, **CHRIST** breathed **HIS** Spirit upon them." — (Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, p. 805)

"When the <u>HOLY SPIRIT was poured out upon the early church</u>, 'The whole multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul.' <u>The SPIRIT of CHRIST made them</u> <u>one</u>. This is the fruit of abiding in Christ." — (Ellen G. White, GCDB, February 6, 1893) "<u>The promise of the Holy Spirit</u> is not limited to any age or to any race. <u>CHRIST declared</u> that the divine influence of **HIS SPIRIT** was to be with His followers unto the end. From the Day of Pentecost to the present time, the <u>Comforter</u> has been sent to all who have yielded themselves fully to the Lord and to His service." — (Ellen G. White, Acts of the Apostles, 49.2)

And if the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ then what Ellen White called the "third power" will be the Spirit of Christ and she will write and teach that HIS Spirit is divine power and hence the Holy Spirit is NOT a third being.

"<u>Christ has given HIS Spirit as a divine POWER</u>." — (Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, November 19, 1908)

And if the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ then Ellen White will write and teach that the Holy Spirit that Christ sends to represent Himself is HIS very own Spirit and hence the Holy Spirit is NOT and CANNOT be a third being.

"<u>CHRIST has left HIS Holy Spirit to be HIS representative in the world</u>, to give celestial aid to every hungering, thirsting soul." — (Ellen G. White, Lt84, October 22, 1895)

"<u>The Holy Spirit is the SPIRIT of CHRIST</u>; it is <u>HIS representative</u>. Here is the divine agency that carries conviction to hearts. When the power of His Spirit is revealed through the servants of God, we behold divinity flashing through humanity." — (Ellen G. White, 13MR 313.3, 1895)

"CHRIST came to our world, but the world could not endure His purity. He has gone to His Father, but HE has sent HIS Holy Spirit to represent HIM in the world till he shall come again." — (Ellen G. White, Ms1, January 11, 1897)

"Cumbered with humanity, <u>CHRIST</u> could not be in every place personally; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His father, and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. The Holy Spirit is [Christ] HIMSELF, divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. <u>HE would represent Himself as present in all places by HIS Holy Spirit</u>, as the Omnipresent." — (Ellen G. White, Lt119, February 18, 1895)

With total consistency the answer is always the same. The weight of evidence is undeniable. So when Ellen White states the following, she means exactly what she says. And since she called the Holy Spirit the third person, then the third person must be whoever she states is the Holy Spirit which is exactly what she revealed. All that she wrote above and more reveals that she called the Spirit of Christ the third person. And if she did not state the following, her writings would be in serious contradiction which is not the case. So in every single way she is consistent that it is the Spirit of Christ, not another being.

## "<u>The HOLY SPIRIT is the SPIRIT of CHRIST</u>;" — (Ellen G. White, 13MR 313.3, 1895) "<u>We want the HOLY SPIRIT, which is JESUS CHRIST</u>." — (Ellen G. White, Lt66, April 10, 1894)

Some assume the Holy Spirit is a literal being as they claim the Bible always calls the Holy Spirit a "He" or "Him." But this is incorrect as there are in fact two verses that "directly" call the Holy Spirit "It." And yet you would never, ever, refer to the Father or Son as "It." So how can the Holy Spirit be an individual co-equal being as they are? Modern translations that come from the Catholic sources (codex Vaticanus) have deliberately changed these words from ITSELF to HIMSELF to hide this fact to try and make the Spirit appear as another being. This is not only dishonest but is changing the Word of God which carries severe penalties. Below are the two verses from the KJV which are correctly translated.

Romans 8:16 KJV "The Spirit <u>ITSELF</u> beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"

Romans 8:26 KJV "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit <u>ITSELF</u> maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

While there are verses that "directly" call the Holy Spirit "It," there is in fact not one single verse that "directly" calls the Holy Spirit a "He" or "Him," which would be a contradiction of Scripture if there were. But there are five passages in John that "indirectly" call the Holy Spirit "He" or "Him" in three consecutive chapters. Since the Holy Spirit cannot be called both "It" and "He" or "Him," then there has to be something different about these verses and who and what they are referring to. The answer becomes very clear once you know who the Comforter is. Because every single one of these verses all refer to the "Comforter" and the "Spirit of truth" which is the very same person. So who is the Comforter which is also called the Spirit of truth that guides us into all truth? It is in fact Christ by His Holy Spirit as you have just seen above. This is why the personal pronouns "He" and "Him" are used as John was specifically referring to Christ even if it was by His Spirit.

Others have been taught that the Holy Spirit has mind, will and emotions so therefore must be a literal person. You often hear, "How can you grieve the Holy Spirit if it's not a real person?" When we grieve the Holy Spirit, whose spirit do we grieve?

"O, <u>how we grieve the pure, Holy Spirit of CHRIST</u> with our defiling sins! We are not prepared for the appreciation of the holy communion with Christ and with one another unless we are cleansed by his efficacy." — (Ellen G. White, RH, July 5, 1898)

The spirit of every living being has a personality because our spirit is our personality. So the Holy Spirit has a personality because God and His Son have a personality. "<u>In giving us His Spirit, God gives us Himself</u>," — (E.G. White, 7T 273.1, 1902).

It is not another being or some impersonal force. It is the presence and power of God Himself. It is God's own Spirit having God's own personality. If I could give you my spirit, whose personality would you have? Mine! So God's Spirit has God's personality. And since your spirit is your mind, will and emotions, we find that the Greek and Hebrew word for "Spirit" also means "mind" as you would expect. Strong's dictionary says, "breath, figuratively life, spirit, mind." As Paul said, "no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God." I Corinthians 2:11. Why? Because it is His Spirit.

Ellen White had many reasons for calling the Spirit of Christ a person as we have seen above. The idea of the Holy Spirit as another BEING is the second and final part of the trinity doctrine that is a manmade doctrine from the Catholic Church which was inspired by Satan so he could achieve the worship he desires. This is the lie that most have been indoctrinated with and so they struggle when they finally hear the real truth as it is seems foreign to them despite being truth. The real third person that is not a literal person is the Spirit of Christ. Ellen White revealed that so clearly over and over again. The following quote is very clear who she called the third person and it is obviously not a literal person and NOT a third BEING. If you can count to three then you should have no trouble with this quote. ONE + ONE + ONE = the Spirit of Christ.

*"They have ONE God and ONE Saviour; and ONE Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--is to bring unity into their ranks."* — (Ellen G. White, 9T 189.3, 1909).

*Ephesians 4:4 likewise says there is "one Spirit."* 

So just one more time for clarity. Who does Ellen White say is that ONE Spirit that she called the third person in just four quotes that she wrote?

One might also ask why some think God's Spirit is another being. Is our spirit another being? So why do some think that the Spirit of God is another being? The Bible refers to the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of God, Spirit of the Father and the Spirit of Christ. All these state that it is a Spirit that belongs to that being. If the Holy Spirit was another god then it would be called "God the Spirit" in Scripture which infers that it is a God that is a spirit. And yet the Bible NEVER uses this phrase. Why? Because it is Biblically incorrect. This phrase originated from the same antichrist power that made up the false doctrine of the trinity. It is amazing how more and more people every day are using this unbiblical phrase that has its origins in antichrist.

And so we also find that the Bible never literally says the Holy Spirit is another being. The so called evidence is always some idea that is assumed from being indoctrinated with wrong ideas that are not Biblical or correct.

Trinitarians are forever pushing the issue of the Holy Spirit as a third being as if it cannot possibly be wrong, and as if it is unmistakably stated in Scripture. If the Holy Spirit really was a third being and contrary to what a spirit actually is, then it certainly would be stated in unmistakable words somewhere in Scripture, and yet the Bible does NOT in fact say any such thing anywhere. And why would it? It is nothing more than a manmade idea from the antichrist power that many have been indoctrinated with from unbiblical assumptions and erroneous ideas.

### Conclusion

The following four points give some insight as to why Ellen White twice in the 25,000,000 words that she wrote called the Spirit of Christ a "person" which has confused many. Those that are confused did not bother to line up all else that she wrote just as we are supposed do with Scripture. And by not doing so they have come to wrong conclusions.

She said that the Holy Spirit is the **person-al** presence of the Father and Son in us. And that the Spirit of Christ can function independently of Himself and so it is like it is another **person**.

Christ is after all a person and so why shouldn't she call Christ by His Spirit a **person**. And since the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God coming to us through His Son she said it has a distinct **person-ality**.

And she also stated that the Holy Spirit of Christ person-ifies Himself.

But Ellen White NEVER called the Holy Spirit a BEING as she did with the Father and Son ALONE.

Ellen White is 100% consistent in all that she wrote and the evidence is undeniable. Only the prejudiced will not see the obvious truth rather than the lie that so many have been indoctrinated with that came from the Catholic Church.

And since she wrote "The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ," — (14MR 84.3), she also wrote that:

The third person is the Spirit of Christ, the third great power is the Spirit of Christ, the third living person is the Spirit of Christ, the third great dignitary is the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Truth is the Spirit of Christ, the Comforter is the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit Jesus breathed on His disciples was His Spirit, the Holy Spirit Christ sent to represent Himself was His own Spirit, the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost was His own Spirit, and when we grieve the Holy Spirit it is the Spirit of Christ we grieve.

And we saw that Ellen White reveals again and again that there are only two beings in the Godhead. All you have to do is want the truth and to stop reading some of those unclear quotes from her with the mindset of a Trinitarian. The early pioneers had no problem with these few quotes because they knew who the Holy Spirit is and would never read them the wrong way. But if your belief is that the Holy Spirit is another being, then that is what you will see when you read them. And if you believe this, then you will be inadvertently giving your adoration to a creation of Satan, or even worse, your worship.

So you now have two choices. Acknowledge the truth we have been given through the Spirit of Prophecy, and accept this most beautiful truth that the Holy Spirit is the presence of Christ in you. It is your Lord and Saviour who died on the cross for you and it is His Spirit that Comforts you and guides you into all truth. Jesus is the truth (John 14:6) and it is through His Spirit that He is with you alway, even unto the end of the world as our Comforter and guide. (Matthew 28:20) Only Christ has lived a human life as we have and no one is more qualified to be your Comforter than He. And since it was Christ who conquered sin on the cross, it is He alone that can overcome sin in you. Their Holy Spirit is the means by which God the Father and His Son live in us.

And so we fellowship with the Father and Son through their Spirit. Their Spirit is the communication channel through which we commune with them. Fellowship cannot be possible when conducted through an intermediary middle man such as the Catholic Church created in some made up idea of a third being. As John said, "truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3.

The real truth is so precious and beautiful that it makes me wonder why any sane person would reject it. And how can you have righteousness by faith in Christ if the Holy Spirit is not Christ in you? You cannot in fact. There is only one mediator between God and man and that is Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5)

The second option is to deny the hundreds of clear quotes from the Spirit of Prophecy, and hold onto the lie you have been indoctrinated with that came from the antichrist power through Satan so that he can achieve your worship. The idea of the Holy Spirit as another BEING also creates a second mediator which of course is contrary to Scripture. There is no beauty or truth in the lie. It is a counterfeit from Satan. Why would anyone prefer this lie that has eternal consequences?

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