

## SCRIPTURE & E. G. WHITE



**Colossians 2:8** <sup>8</sup>Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

*Many have come to believe that God and Christ are the same personality, the same individual. They fail to distinguish between God and Christ. The Trinity doctrine is the main doctrine that teaches that Christ is God himself in personality. Ellen White said that those who have removed the pillars of our faith and have believed such doctrines are working as blind men.*

*This study does not deny the fact that Christ is God, but explains how he is God by inheriting all from His Father.*

*This topic requires study to show yourself approved.*

*Below are just a few of the hundreds of text where God refers to Himself as One, the Father, the Almighty and of Jesus as His Only Begotten Son who by Their Holy Spirit Dwell with us. The Bible clearly teaches One God, One Only Begotten Son and Their Holy Spirit not a third person. The Spirit of Prophecy also marries up with the Bible in this clear teaching.*

*We must learn to read what the Bible says and not what we think it should say with our trinitarian glasses on, if you can show us clearly from the Bible where it speaks of a trinity of three person, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit then please show us as in the many years of studying this subject we have been unable to find such statements.*

*We have kept our comments (in blue) to a bare minimum allowing the Bible and the Pioneers to speak for themselves. We believe that those who are earnestly seeking the truth will see clearly the plain Thus Saith the Lord statements that speak for themselves. These statements have a beautiful simplicity and it is our prayer that you will open your heart to be led by God's Spirit to stand firmly on **The Pillars of Truth**.*

*"Why will not men see and live the truth? Many study the Scriptures for the purpose of proving their own ideas to be correct. They change the meaning of God's Word to suit their own opinions. And thus they do also with the testimonies that He sends. They quote half a sentence, leaving out the other half, which, if quoted, would show their reasoning to be false. God has a controversy with those who wrest the Scriptures, making them conform to their preconceived ideas." -Manuscript Release 22, 1890, pp. 5, 6.*

*After truthfully and prayerfully studying this document, there is only one outcome you can arrive at. The question you will then need to ask yourself is - which is more important to you - your Church, or God and His truth?*

## *God is One*

**Exodus 20:1-5** <sup>1</sup> And God spake all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> *I am the LORD thy God*, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>3</sup> *Thou shalt have no other gods before me*. <sup>4</sup> Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for *I the LORD thy God* am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

**Exodus 3 :14** <sup>14</sup> And God said unto Moses, *I AM THAT I AM*: and *he said*, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, *I AM* hath sent me unto you.

**Deuteronomy 6:4** <sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: *The LORD our God is one LORD*:

**Isaiah 48:16** <sup>16</sup> Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now *the Lord GOD, and his Spirit*, hath sent me.

**Malachi 2:10** <sup>10</sup> Have we not all one father? *hath not one God created us?* why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

**Mark 12:29-34** <sup>29</sup> And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; *The Lord our God is one Lord*: <sup>30</sup> And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. <sup>31</sup> And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is *one God*; and there is none other but he: <sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

**1 Corinthians 8:6** <sup>6</sup> But to us there is but *one God, the Father*, of whom are all things, and we in him; and *one Lord Jesus Christ*, by whom are all things, and we by him.

(**Zechariah 6:13** <sup>13</sup> Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: *and the counsel of peace shall be between them both*).

**Galatians 3:20** <sup>20</sup> Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, *but God is one*.

**Revelation 4:2** <sup>2</sup> And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one sat on the throne*.

*The Son of God shared the Father's throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both. Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven the King declared that none but Christ, the Only Begotten of God, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of His will. The Son of God had wrought the Father's will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance were due. E G. White P&P page 36*

*(One Almighty God and His Son -Two not three)*

**Jesus is As God but is Not God Almighty - He is Gods Son**

**Daniel 12:1** <sup>1</sup> And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: *Michael = One who is like God a Prince is the Son of a King*

**Daniel 3:25** <sup>25</sup> He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

**Matthew 16:16** <sup>16</sup> And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

**Matthew 27:54** <sup>54</sup> Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

**Mark 1:1** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**John 5:26** <sup>26</sup> For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.

**John 16:14** <sup>14</sup> He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

**Psalms 2:7** <sup>7</sup> I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

**1 Corinthians 15:28** <sup>28</sup> And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

**Hebrews 1:5** <sup>5</sup> For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

**1 John 5:10** <sup>10</sup> He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that he might in the presence of all the angels confer special honor upon his Son. The Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels was gathered around them. The Father then made known that it was ordained by himself that Christ should be equal with himself; so that wherever was the presence of his Son, it was as his own presence. His word was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son he had invested with authority to command the heavenly host. (Ellen White, *The Signs of the Times*, January 9, 1879; also in *Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, pages 18, 19)

The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each. [Hebrews 1:1-5 quoted.] God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son. (Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, page 268)

*Jesus is God because He came forth from God; He is Gods Son, as we are human because we came from a human so Jesus is God because He came from God. He is not the God Almighty He is the truly begotten (NOT CREATED) Son of the Almighty God as the Bible clearly teaches.*

**John 5:18** <sup>18</sup> Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that **God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**

**Hebrews 1:2** <sup>2</sup> Hath in these last days spoken unto us **by his Son,** whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

**2 Corinthians 4:4** <sup>4</sup> In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of **Christ, who is the image of God,** should shine unto them.

*We see in the beginning Adam was made of the dust of the earth, from nothing was Adam created. Eve however, was not made from nothing, not from dust, but, came forth from Adam. This is what the Bible teaches about God. God has always been, no one created or begat God He came from nothing, he has always existed, however, Jesus came forth from the Father, He was part of the Father and God bought Him forth as His Son, this the Bible clearly teaches (see verses above page 1 & 2).*

*The stone is just as old as the mountain. The stone has the same substance, the same nature, the same character, it's just as hard, just as enduring as the mountain because it came out of the mountain. God is the source, Jesus is the Channel.*

*If there is a trinity then Jesus cannot truly be the Son of God but just playing a role, there is either a trinity, and no literal Son of God as the Bible teaches, or, the trinity as the Bible clearly shows is false.*

*This is not a metaphor or a three in one, one in three Godhead that we see, it is The Father, the Lord God Almighty, and His Only Begotten Son – Two.*

## *Jesus is Gods Image*

**Colossians 1:14-15** <sup>14</sup> In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: <sup>15</sup> **Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:

**2 Corinthians 4:4** <sup>4</sup> In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of **Christ, who is the image of God**, should shine unto them. (*Dictionary definition a physical likeness or representation of a person, form; appearance; semblance*).

Hebrews 1:3-4 <sup>3</sup> Who being the brightness of his glory, and **the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: <sup>4</sup> Being made so much better than the angels, as he **hath by inheritance** obtained a more excellent name than they.

**"The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave his only begotten Son, tore from his bosom** Him who was made in **the express image of his person**, and sent him down to earth to reveal how greatly he loved mankind." *Review and Herald*, July 9, 1895

**"I have often seen the lovely Jesus, that He is a person. I asked Him if His Father was a person and had a form like Himself. Said Jesus, "I am in the ex-press image of My Father's person."** *Early Writings*, p. 77 1851

*Jesus and the Father cannot both be God Almighty as the trinity teaches, you cannot be an image of yourself.*

*He is a True Son - Begotten (not created)*

*He Came Forth From the Father*

**Psalm 2:7-8** <sup>7</sup> I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, *Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.* <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

**Proverbs 8:22-25** <sup>22</sup> The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. <sup>23</sup> I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths, *I was brought forth*; when there were no fountains abounding with water. <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was *I brought forth*:

**John 3:16** <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave *his only begotten Son*, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**John 8:42** <sup>42</sup> Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for *I proceeded forth and came from God*; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

**John 16:27** <sup>27</sup> For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that *I came out from God*.

“The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ...*God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God.*” Testimonies Vol. 8 p. 268 1904

“Says the true Witness, *the only Begotten of the Father*, ‘Blessed are they that do his [the Father’s][1] commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the City.’ Rev. xxii, 14.” Ellen White, *Review and Herald*, June 10, 1852

Christ the Word, *the Only Begotten of God*, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, and in purpose,—the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. GC 493

*Like Waggoner and Smith before her, Ellen White also applied Proverbs 8 to the pre-existent Christ. Though she initially left out in the ellipsis those references to his being brought forth, in following years she freely quoted the entire passage.*

“*The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way*, before His works of old,’ Christ says. ‘When He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment; when He appointed the foundations of the earth; then *I was by Him, as one brought up with Him*; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.’ ” *Signs of the Times*, February 22, 1899

“Through Solomon Christ declared: *The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth*; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was *I brought forth*.” *Signs of the Times* Aug 29, 1900

**“The Lord Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, existed from eternity, *a distinct person, yet one with the Father*. He was the surpassing glory of heaven. He was the commander of the heavenly intelligences, and the adoring homage of the angels was received by him as his right. This was no robbery of God. ‘The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way,’ he declares, ‘before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills **was I brought forth**; while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth.”**” E. G. White, *Review and Herald*, April 5, 1906

*Notice that in each case Ellen White states that “Christ says,” “Christ declared,” “the Lord Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God...declares” that he was brought forth.*



## *Only Father and Son*

**Proverbs 30:4** <sup>4</sup> Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? *what is his name, and what is his son's name*, if thou canst tell?

**Zechariah 6:13** <sup>13</sup> Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace *shall be between them both*.

**Matthew 3:17** <sup>17</sup> And lo a voice from heaven, saying, *This is my beloved Son*, in whom I am well pleased.

**Matthew 11:27** <sup>27</sup> All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; *neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son*, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him

**John 5:18** <sup>18</sup> Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that *God was his Father, making himself equal with God*.

**John 10:30** <sup>30</sup> *I and my Father are one*.

**John 17:3** <sup>3</sup> And this is life eternal, that they might know *thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ*, whom thou hast sent.

**1 Corinthians 3:23** <sup>23</sup> And ye are Christ's; *and Christ is God's*.

**2 Corinthians 5:18-19** <sup>18</sup> And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> To wit, that *God was in Christ*, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

**Ephesians 1:3** <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the *God and Father* of our *Lord Jesus Christ*, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

**1 Timothy 2:5** <sup>5</sup> For *there is one God, and one mediator* between God and men, *the man Christ Jesus*; *(one plus one = two)*

**Hebrews 1:1-8** <sup>1</sup> God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> Hath in these last days spoken unto us *by his Son*, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> Who being the brightness of his glory, and *the express image of his person*, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: <sup>4</sup> Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. <sup>5</sup> For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, *I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son*? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he bringeth in the *firstbegotten* into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. <sup>7</sup> And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels



spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. <sup>8</sup> But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

**Hebrews 5:8** <sup>8</sup> Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

**1 John 1:3** <sup>3</sup> That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

**1 John 5:10** <sup>10</sup> He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

**2 John 1:3** <sup>3</sup> Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. <sup>2</sup> John 1:9

“The apostle Paul speaks of our Mediator, the only-begotten Son of God, who in a state of glory was in the form of God, the Commander of all the heavenly hosts, and who, when He clothed His divinity with humanity, took upon Him the form of a servant.” *Youth’s Instructor*, October 13, 1898

“From eternity there was a complete unity between the Father and the Son. They were two, yet little short of being identical; two in individuality, yet one in spirit, and heart, and character.” *Youth’s Instructor* Dec. 16, 1897

In the beginning the Father and the Son had rested upon the Sabbath after Their work of creation. When "the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them" (Genesis 2:1), the Creator and all heavenly beings rejoiced in contemplation of the glorious scene.  
{DA 769.2}

“In the depths of omnipotent wisdom and mercy the Father took the work of salvation into His own hand. He sent His only begotten Son into the world to live the law of Jehovah.”  
*The Bible Echo*, November 20, 1899

Adam and Eve were charmed with the beauties of their Eden home. They were delighted with the little songsters around them, wearing their bright yet graceful plumage, and warbling forth their happy, cheerful music. The holy pair united with them and raised their voices in harmonious songs of love, praise and adoration, to the Father and his dear Son, for the tokens of love which surrounded them. {1SP 26.3}

“With this view of the subject [that Christ is the very Son of God] there are meaning and force to language which speaks of the Father and the Son. But to say that Jesus Christ “is the very and eternal God,” makes him his own son, and his own father, and that he came from himself, and went to himself.” — (James White, Review & Herald, June 6, 1871)

*In complete harmony with her husband, Ellen White insisted that their unity is not physical but in character, heart and mind because they share the same Spirit the Father and Son, a Godhead of two.*

“The relation between the **Father and the Son, and the personality of both,** are made plain in this scripture also: ‘Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: And He shall grow up out of His place; And He shall build the temple of Jehovah... And He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule upon His throne; And He shall be a priest upon His throne; **And the counsel of peace shall be between Them both.**’”

*Testimonies to the Church Vol. 8, p. 269 1904; Review & Herald March 3, 1904.*

**“Christ is one with the Father, but Christ and God are two distinct personages.** Read the prayer of Christ in the seventeenth chapter of John, and you will find this point clearly brought out.” 1905 General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Takoma Park Washington D. C., May 19, 1905, *Review and Herald*, June 1, 1905

## *Father Greater than the Son – Gives to Son as Equal*

**John 6:44** <sup>44</sup> No man can come to me, except the *Father which hath sent me* draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

**John 6:65** <sup>65</sup> And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were *given unto him of my Father*.

**John 14:10** <sup>10</sup> Believest thou not that *I am in the Father, and the Father in me*? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

**John 17:11** <sup>11</sup> And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name *those whom thou hast given me*, that they may be one, as we are.

**John 17:21-22** <sup>21</sup> That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. <sup>22</sup> *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them*; that they may be one, even as we are one:

**John 20:17** <sup>17</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my *Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God*.

**1 Corinthians 3:23** <sup>23</sup> And ye are Christ's; *and Christ is God's*.

*Think what this is saying.*

**1 Corinthians 11:3** <sup>3</sup> But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; *and the head of Christ is God*.

**Colossians 1:19** <sup>19</sup> For *it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell*;

**Philippians 2:6** <sup>6</sup> Who, *being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God*:

**Hebrews 1:8** <sup>8</sup> *But unto the Son he saith*, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

**John 5:23** <sup>23</sup> That *all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father*. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

**1 John 4:15** <sup>15</sup> Whosoever shall confess that *Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him*, and he in God.

*“The Father was greater than the Son in that He was first. The Son was equal with the Father in that He had received all things from the Father.”* James White (1821-1881) TH

Jan 4, 1881

To Christ has been given an exalted position. **He has been made equal with the Father.**  
All the counsels of God are opened to His Son (Counsels for the Church, Page 76)

“In these words is set forth the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. **All things Christ received from God,** but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: **through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns,** in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, **to the great Source of all.** And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of **the great Giver,** the law of life.” *Desire of Ages* p. 21, 1898

In all that He did, **Christ was co-operating with His Father.** Ever He had been careful to make it evident that He did not work independently; it was by faith and prayer that He wrought His miracles. Christ desired all to know His relationship with His Father.  
*.Desire of Ages* p. 536

“The rainbow in the clouds is but a symbol of the rainbow which has encircled the throne from eternity. **Back in the ages, which finite mind cannot fathom, the Father and Son were alone in the universe. Christ was the first begotten of the Father, and to Him Jehovah made known the Divine plan of Creation.** The plan of the creation of worlds was unfolded, together with the order of beings which should people them. Angels, as representatives of one order, would be ministers of the God of the universe. The creation of our own little world was included in the deep-laid plans. The fall of Lucifer was foreseen; likewise the possibility of the introduction of sin, which would mar the perfection of the Divine handiwork. It was then, in those early councils, that Christ's heart of love was touched; and the only begotten Son pledged His life to redeem man, should he yield and fall. **Father and Son,** surrounded by impenetrable glory, clasped hands. ... and the everlasting covenant was made; and henceforth **Father and Son,** with one mind, worked together to complete the work of creation. Sacrifice of self for the good of others was the foundation of it all.” {S. N. Haskell, *The Story of the Seer of Patmos*, pp. 93, 94. 1905}

“The law cannot lower the standard or take less than its full demands, therefore it cannot cleanse us from one sin; **but God's Son, who is one with the Father, equal in authority with the Father,** paid the debt for us.” (*Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, 29th July 1890*)

“Every member of the human family, except Adam, has had parents, and everyone has had beginning of days; and indeed, with two exceptions, everyone has had end of life. Even the angels of God have all had beginning of days, so that they would be as much excluded by this language as the members of the human family. **And as to the Son of God, he would be excluded also, for he had God for his Father, and did, at some point in the eternity of the past, have beginning of days.**” {J. N. Andrews, *Review & Herald, September 7, 1869*}

He alone could reflect the Father in His fullness, because His goings forth have been from the days of eternity, and as it says in the eighth of Proverbs, “I was with him, as one brought up with him.” **He was one of God, equal with God** and His nature is the nature of God. Therefore one grand necessity that He alone should come to the world and save man was because the Father wanted to manifest Himself fully to the sons of men, and none in the

universe could manifest the Father in His fullness except the only begotten Son, who is in the image of the Father. { General Conference Bulletin, vol. 1 }

*God and His Son (as the trinity teaches) cannot be one and the same person, you cannot be an equal of yourself.*

## *Equal by Inheritance*

**John 5:23** <sup>23</sup> That *all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father*. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

**Philippians 2:6** <sup>6</sup> Who, *being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God*:

**Colossians 1:15** <sup>15</sup> Who is *the image of the invisible God*, the firstborn of every creature:

**Colossians 1:19** <sup>19</sup> For *it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell*;

**Colossians 2:9** <sup>9</sup> For *in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily*.

**Hebrews 1:2** <sup>2</sup> Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, *whom he hath appointed heir of all things*, by whom also he made the worlds;

**Hebrews 1:8** <sup>8</sup> But *unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom*.

**1 John 4:15** <sup>15</sup> *Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God*.

**Romans 8:17** <sup>17</sup> And if children, then heirs; *heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ*; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

*“God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son.”* 8T 268 (1909)

"The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that he might in the presence of all the angels *confer special honor upon his Son*... The Father then made known that *it was* ordained by himself that *Christ, his Son, should be equal with himself*." (*Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, pp. 17,18, emphasis supplied)

*Equal with the Father*, honored and adored by the angels, in our behalf Christ humbled Himself, and came to this earth to live a life of lowliness and poverty—to be a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Yet the stamp of divinity was upon His humanity. . . .  
SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 5 (EGW), Page 1129.6

There is no one who can explain the mystery of the incarnation of Christ. Yet we know that He came to this earth and lived as a man among men. *The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty, yet Christ and the Father are one*.—*Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 5, p. 1129, bold added.

Yet *the Son of God* was the acknowledged *Sovereign of heaven, one in power and authority with the Father*. In all the councils of God, Christ was a participant, while Lucifer was not permitted thus to enter into the divine purposes. “Why,” questioned this mighty angel, “should Christ have the supremacy? Why is He thus honored above Lucifer?” {GC 495.1}

“A complete offering has been made; for "God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,"-- not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person, and in all the brightness of his majesty and glory, one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” (Ellen G. White, *Signs*

*of the Times*, 30th May 1895, ‘Christ our complete salvation’)

“God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son.” 8T 268 (1909)

*Jesus is equal to His Father by inheritance; He takes His name, His character, His Divinity and His Holy Spirit. He is equal to the Father in that he shares to the full the Father's existence from eternity He came forth from the Father and his infinite power and wisdom and love. But inasmuch as the Father possesses these divine attributes from himself alone, whereas the Son possesses them as derived from the Father, in this real sense and in this sense only, the Father is greater than the Son.”*



## *If you Believe not that Jesus is the true Son of God you are Antichrist*

**1 John 4:3** <sup>3</sup> And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

**1 John 5:5** <sup>5</sup> Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

**1 John 5: 9-13** <sup>9</sup> If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. <sup>10</sup> He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. <sup>13</sup> These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

**1 John 2:22** <sup>22</sup> Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

*You may be thinking this does not apply to me, I believe that Jesus is the Son of God, but do you really? You see a Son has to be begotten, He has to come forth from, which means that the Father was before the Son. Here most will disagree saying that they are equal they were both from eternity past, however, if this is the case Jesus is not the real Son of God but just taking that title, He is just role playing. He is either the true Son of God begotten, coming forth from the Father as the Bible and SOP clearly teach over and over, or the Bible is a lie. If you deny Jesus as the true Son e.g. if you make Him God Almighty then you are denying His true Son ship and are Antichrist.*

*But to say that Jesus Christ “is the very and eternal God,” makes him his own son, and his own father, and that he came from himself, and went to himself.”* — (James White, Review & Herald, June 6, 1871)

How important that we, living as we are at the very close of this earth's history, should be very careful to put away our own individual sins, so that we shall not grieve the heart of Christ. Let each one, old or young, be faithful in dealing with himself, lest he shall stumble along in darkness, making grievous mistakes, and thus helping others to make mistakes....

“Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father; [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. {RH March 8, 1906, par.16-17}

*The Pioneers held to this Sonship belief and rejected the trinity doctrine. This is because they reasoned it to be unscriptural. Regardless of this they did believe in the full and complete divinity of Christ. He was said to be God – in the person of the Son. The belief in Christ' true Sonship sentiments are exactly the same as those found in E. J. Waggoner's book 'Christ and His Righteousness' (1890). Throughout the book he says that Christ is begotten of God. This is why, so he explained, Christ rightfully takes the name Jehovah.*

## **Father Raised Jesus from the Tomb**

**Acts 13:33-34** <sup>33</sup> God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. <sup>34</sup> And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

**Romans 6:4** <sup>4</sup> Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as *Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father*, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

**Romans 8:11** <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

**Colossians 2:12** <sup>12</sup> Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

**2 Corinthians 4:14** <sup>14</sup> Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

**Ephesians 1:19-20** <sup>19</sup> And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, <sup>20</sup> Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

**1 Thessalonians 1:10** <sup>10</sup> And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

**Hebrews 13:20** <sup>20</sup> Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

“Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day.” “He ... spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.” {AA 42.1}

The apostles spoke plainly of the great sin of the Jews in rejecting and putting to death the Prince of life; but they were careful not to drive their hearers to despair. “Ye denied the Holy One and the Just,” Peter said, “and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; and killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.” “{AA 59.2}

“Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.” {AA 60.1}

“There was only one entrance to the tomb, and neither human fraud nor force could tamper with the stone that guarded the entrance. Here Jesus rested during the Sabbath. A strong guard of angels kept watch over the tomb, and had a hand been raised to remove the body, the flashing forth of their glory would have laid him who ventured powerless on the earth. He who died for the sins of the world was to remain in the tomb for the allotted time. He was in that stony prison house *as a prisoner of divine justice*, and he was responsible to the Judge of the universe. He was bearing the sins of the world, and his Father only could release him.”(Ellen G. White, *Youth’s Instructor*, 2nd May 1901, ‘The Lord is Risen’)

## *Even the Demons Know who Christ Really is*

**Matthew 4:6** <sup>6</sup> And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

**Matthew 8:29** <sup>29</sup> And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

**Mark 1:24** <sup>24</sup> Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

**Mark 5:7** <sup>7</sup> And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

**Luke 4:41** <sup>41</sup> And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

**Luke 8:28** <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

“He also cast out many demons, who, in leaving their victims, acknowledged Christ, saying, “Thou art the Son of God.” (Ellen G. White, Volume 2 Spirit of Prophecy, page 201, ‘Sermon on the Mount)

“Well did Satan know who Christ was.” (Ellen G. White, Bible Echo, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1900, ‘Tempted in all points’)

“This fact the [fallen] angels would obscure, that Christ was the only begotten Son of God, and they came to consider that they were not to consult Christ.” (Ellen G. White, Letter 42, to Elder D.A. Parsons, April 29th 1910, as quoted in ‘This day with God, page 128)

“They [the unfallen angels] clearly set forth that Jesus was the Son of God, existing with him before the angels were created; and that he had ever stood at the right hand of God, and his mild, loving authority had not heretofore been questioned; and that he had given no commands but what it was joy for the heavenly host to execute.” (Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, 9th January 1879, ‘The fall of Satan’, see also Spirit of Prophecy Volume 1 page 17, ‘The Fall of Satan’)

*In His pre-existence, these demons had known Jesus as the divine Son of God. They were the fallen angels. Christ had once been their beloved commander. This in turn begs a question. If the demons know and confess that Christ is truly the Son of God, then why do not many Christians know and confess it today, particularly Seventh-day Adventist Christians?*

## *One In Thought Not in Body*

**Genesis 2:24** <sup>24</sup> Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

**John 17:11** <sup>11</sup> And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

**Genesis 2:23-24** <sup>23</sup> And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. <sup>24</sup> Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

**Mark 10:6** <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’<sup>7</sup> ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

*Here we have two Adam and Eve formed after God’s image, God is telling us both in Genesis and in Mark the two became one—that is why marriage is so important, it’s what God ordained for us - two becoming one. However, we know that there are still two people, but they are to become one in support to each other, in caring for each other, wanting the same things, love, harmony, togetherness, they are joined together with the same goals and purposes. This is important, we have Adam and Eve, two individuals, but of one purpose sharing all things, and we have the Father and Son doing exactly the same, we also have the disciples and Jesus becoming one and yet there were still 13 of them. It is so simple when we let the Bible interpret itself.*

*“They were two, yet little short of being identical; two in individuality, yet one in Spirit, and heart, and character.” — (Ellen G. White, *Youth's Instructor*, December 16, 1897)*

*“But although Christ’s glory was for a time veiled and eclipsed by His assuming humanity, yet He did not cease to be God when He became man...The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty, yet Christ and the Father are one.” (Ellen White SDA BibleCommentary, vol.5 p.1129)...*

*Notice it says Christ was God. (did not cease to be God). This is a reference to his nature which was clothed with the nature of humanity. Regarding his pre-existent nature Christ was fully God.(John 1:1, Philippians 2:6, Hebrews 1)Christ was given his divine(God) nature by his father who is the only true God in personality, individuality and identity. (John 17:3, John 20:17, 1 Corinthians 8:6) The second part of the quote says “Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty”. This is a reference to his personality and identity. Christ is NOT the Lord God Almighty in identity.*

*Only one being in the universe is identified as the Lord God Almighty and that is the Father. Though Jesus Christ came in His Father’s name and as the angel of Jehovah in the Old Testament and also spoke on behalf of Jehovah as Jehovah’s representative. He was not Jehovah himself. He is the mediator between our one God and us.*

The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each. God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son (Counsels for the Church, Page 76)

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son?” Hebrews 1:1-5.

*So you can see here Christ is not God and God is not Christ in reference to identity, individuality and personality. They are two completely separate individuals. We have to recognize the difference between the nature of Christ being God, and Christ not being the one true God in identity, individuality and personality. This is an important doctrine.*

“The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but not in personality.” (Ellen White UL 367 )



## *Another Comforter*

*Many get stuck on this word another and do or will not look properly at the rest of what Jesus says. Jesus often spoke of Himself as a third person. And it is clear when you read everything in context that Jesus is once again speaking of Himself.*

**Luke 18:8** <sup>8</sup> I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

**Matthew 8:20** <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said unto him, “The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath nowhere to lay His head.”

**John 14:16-18** <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; <sup>17</sup> Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

*Jesus clearly says here that He will come to us not someone else; He will come in a different way – not bodily but through His Spirit. When He ascends back to Heaven He once again will take up His omnipotence, His omnipresence.*

**John 14:6** <sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. *Jesus is the truth as He states again in verse 17 (above).*

**John 14:20-23** <sup>20</sup> At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. <sup>22</sup> Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, 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. *The Father and Son.*

*Again Jesus is very clear who will dwell in us. It's important to note here that Judas asks HOW not WHO, the disciples understood what Jesus clearly told them, it is just we today who refuse to believe the Bible as it reads and would rather go with along with the majority who blindly believe the false doctrine of the trinity.*

**John 16:7** <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

**John 7:38-39** <sup>38</sup> He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. <sup>39</sup> (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

*“That Christ should manifest Himself to them,* and yet be invisible to the world, was a mystery to the disciples. They could not understand the words of Christ in their spiritual sense. They were thinking of the outward, visible manifestation. They could not take in the fact that they could have *the presence of Christ with them,* and yet He be unseen by the world. *They did not understand the meaning of a spiritual manifestation.*” — (E.G. White, The Southern Work, September 13, 1898)

“When he should ascend to the Father, then *the Comforter which the Saviour promised to send* would come. *Jesus promised to manifest himself through the Holy Spirit* to every individual who shall seek him and believe on him.” — (E.G. White, Signs of the Times, July 23, 1896)

“The Lord encourages all who seek Him with the whole heart. *He* [Jesus] gives them *His Holy Spirit,* the manifestation of *His presence* and favor.” — (E.G. White, Testimonies Volume 9, p. 230, 1909)

*The Comforter is called “the Spirit of truth.”* His work is to define and maintain the truth. *He first dwells in the heart as the Spirit of truth,* and thus He becomes the Comforter. There is comfort and peace in the truth, but no real peace or comfort can be found in falsehood. It is through false theories and traditions that Satan gains his power over the mind. By directing men to false standards, he misshapes the character. Through the Scriptures the Holy Spirit speaks to the mind, and impresses truth upon the heart. Thus He exposes error, and expels it from the soul. *It is by the Spirit of truth, working through the word of God, that Christ subdues His chosen people to Himself.* DA 671.1

Ellen White also gives clear confirmation that the Comforter is the Spirit of truth which is the Spirit of Christ. “Christ tells us that *the Holy Spirit is the Comforter,* and *the Comforter is the Holy Ghost,* *“the Spirit of truth,”* which the Father shall send in My name.” “I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you” This refers to *the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.*” — (E.G. White, 14MR 179.2)

*Here again Jesus says that the comforter cannot come before He goes away (ascends back to Heaven) why, if this was a third person He could come at any time. The reason is because Christ as a man cannot be present everywhere at one time, He is bound by the limitations of an earthly body, but once He has again received His glory from His Father, then He is once again able by His omnipotence, His omnipresence to do so.*

**John 20:22** <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, *he breathed on them,* and saith unto them, *Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*

*Here we again see that it is Christ that breathed His Holy Spirit on them not a third person.*

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4** <sup>3</sup> *Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;* <sup>4</sup> *Who comforteth us* in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

**Galatians 4:6** <sup>6</sup> And because ye are sons, *God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts*, crying, Abba, Father.

*The Holy Spirit comes from the Father to the Son to us. Amen*

*The reason why the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die is that the enemy has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. He has sought to shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter, as one who reproves, who warns, who admonishes them, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." (Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, August 26, 1890, also in *Reflecting Christ*, page 21)*

*"The Saviour has not promised His followers the luxuries of the world; their fare may be plain, and even scanty; their lot may be shut in by poverty; but His word is pledged that their need shall be supplied, and He has promised that which is far better than worldly good, -- the abiding comfort of His own presence." (Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, page 367, 'Give Ye Then to Eat')*

*"We adore God for His wondrous love in giving Jesus the Comforter."  
19 MR p297, July 26, 1892*

*"I urge people to cease their criticism ..Let them study the seventeenth of John, and learn how to live the prayer of Christ He is our comforter." R&H Jan 27, 1903*

*The Saviour is our Comforter. This I have proved Him to be. (Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 8, page 49)*

*The nights are long and painful, but Jesus is my Comforter and my Hope. (Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 19, page 296)*

*Christ is everything to those who receive Him. He is their Comforter, their safety, their healthfulness. Apart from Christ there is no light at all. (Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 21, page 372)*

*There is no comforter like Christ, so tender and so true. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. His Spirit speaks to the heart.... The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul. (Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, October 26, 1897)*

*Cumbered with humanity, Christ 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 Himself divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent. (Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 14, pages 23, 24; written February 18 and 19, 1895)*

"Christ declared that after His ascension, he would send to his church, as his crowning gift, the comforter, who is the Holy Spirit,--THE SOUL OF HIS LIFE, THE EFFICACY OF HIS CHURCH, THE LIGHT AND LIFE OF THE WORLD. With HIS SPIRIT Christ sends a reconciling influence and a power that takes away sin. In the gift of the Spirit, [HIS LIFE--THE SOUL OF HIS LIFE] Jesus gave to man the highest good that heaven could bestow."

E.G. White, *Review and Herald*, May 19, 1904. Book 5, p. 42.

"While Jesus ministers in the true Sanctuary above, He is through His Holy Spirit working through His earthly messengers."—*Counsels on Health*, 545.

True faith and repose in God are always accompanied by the illumination of the Holy Spirit, whose temple we are. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ; it is His representative. Here is the divine agency that carries conviction to hearts. (Ellen White, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 13, pages 313, 314)

God help us that we may be sanctified through the truth; and that sanctification shall have its influence to leaven those that are around us. Not the leaven of malice; not the leaven of jealousy; not the leaven of evil surmisings, but it is the leaven of the spirit of Jesus Christ, which is sent down from heaven, called the Holy Ghost, and that Spirit affects the heart and the character. (Ellen White, *Sermons and Talks*, vol. 1, page 210)

*Ellen White also endorsed the teachings of her brethren and the Bible in regard to the Holy Spirit, the above was just a sample of her many writings on this. We must study this out for ourselves, we need to know the truth as it is revealed to us. The nature of the Spirit and how it works has not been revealed in the Holy Bible. But the fact that it is something in which the Father and His Son have in common is made very plain.*

*In the Scriptures there is an example where the word 'another' does not mean another person in the fullest sense of the word, but a change in the original person.*

**1 Samuel 10:6** <sup>6</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

*In this experience, the scriptures say that Saul became a different person in that he was filled with the Spirit and began to prophesy; Now, he was not another person in the common understanding of the word but when we look at this illustration it gives us a principle that we can apply to the words of Jesus in that when He comes to the disciples, there will be something different about Him. Instead of being in the flesh, He will come in another form as the Comforter, He will be in the "the Spirit".*

**John 14:16,17** <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; <sup>17</sup> Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

*It is by the divine Spirit that Jesus and the Father are closely united, and by that same Spirit, the Father and Son are intimately connected with those who love and obey Him.*

*In His discourse about the Comforter, Jesus at times used the personal pronoun 'I', which is grammatically the 'first person'. But in the main, He spoke in the 'third person', as if speaking about another person.*

*Examples of this are On His walk to Emmaus after the resurrection, Jesus listened to the two travellers speak of events that had taken place in Jerusalem three days earlier. Then He said to them, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken; **Ought not Christ to have suffered these things**, and to enter into his glory?" Luke 24:25.26.*

*Jesus did not identify Himself as the Christ, but spoke in the 'third person', <sup>27</sup> And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, **he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself**.*

*On many occasions during His ministry Jesus spoke of "the Son of man".*

**Matthew 25:31** <sup>31</sup> **When the Son of man shall come in his glory**, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

**Mark 8:31** <sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them, that **the Son of man must suffer many things**, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

**Luke 9:22** <sup>22</sup> Saying, **The Son of man must suffer many things**, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

**John 3:14** <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, **even so must the Son of man be lifted up**:

*This is speaking in the 'third person', although in this instance, everyone knew He was referring to Himself.*

*Many Bible passages are written in this manner. We see in the Old Testament Isaiah 53.*

**Isaiah 53:3-5** <sup>3</sup> **He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows**, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But **he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities**: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; **and with his stripes we are healed**.

*Therefore, when we see Jesus speaking in the 'third person', we should not be surprised. It may be more difficult to understand, but obviously Jesus wanted it that way. Parables need interpreting. Prophecy needs de-coding. Some prophecies have more than one fulfilment, others have two blended together. Sometimes symbols are not readily identified, and we must search and pray. The promise is that the Holy Spirit will instruct and teach us – if we are willing to learn the truth.*

*Let us consider what Jesus said to His disciples point by point:*

Jesus is going away.

*He will ask the Father to send the Comforter.* Romans 8:9 <sup>9</sup> 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.

It will be another Comforter.

*The Comforter is the Spirit of truth.* John 14:6 <sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

The world cannot receive this Comforter.

*The world cannot see Him or know Him.* Romans 8:7 <sup>7</sup> **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

The disciples know the Comforter.

*The Comforter is dwelling with them.* John 14:17 .....<sup>17</sup> **but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

The Comforter will be in them later.

*The disciples will not be left alone.* John 14:18 <sup>18</sup> **I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.**

*Jesus will come to them. Jesus will manifest Himself to His disciples.*

*The Father and the Son will make their abode in those who love and obey Jesus.*

**2 Corinthians 6:16** <sup>16</sup> And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them**; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

*Our only conclusion can be that Jesus will return from heaven in Spirit to teach each individual disciple the things they could not understand while He was present with them in the flesh. Only Jesus knows the trials and temptations we face no one else, only He can truly comfort us.*

*Also who does Revelation 1:13 say is walking amongst the candlesticks, the churches? Is it a separate third being? No, it is Jesus Christ Himself!*

*Jesus said to His disciples,* “John 14:28 <sup>28</sup> Ye have heard how I said unto you, I **go away, and come again unto you**. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

*Why should the disciples rejoice that Jesus was leaving them?*

“Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. **By the Spirit, the Saviour would be accessible to**



**all. In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not ascended on high.”**

The Desire of Ages p669.

*The Holy Spirit is Himself” (Jesus). as with all the statements presented here this statement is absolutely clear and unanswerable.*

“Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character, and **this character He offers to impart to us.**” FLB 113

“During His humiliation upon this earth, *the Spirit* had not descended with all its efficacy; and Christ declared that if He went not away, it would not come, but that if He went away, He would send it. **It was a representation of Himself, and after He was glorified it was manifest.**”

ST, May 17, 1899.

*This last statement really clarifies the point. While Jesus was living on earth, the spirit could not come in all its fullness. But if He went away it would come.*

**The Saviour is our Comforter.** This I have proved Him to be.  
(Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 8, page 49)



## *The Spirit of the Father and the Son Dwell in us Not a third person*

*Here is plainly shown that the Holy Spirit is from the great Source of all, God the Father, though His Son to us, Christ is our comforter a gift from the Father, what a privilege, how much closer could they be than to dwell in us by Their Holy Spirit.*

**Psalm 51:11** <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

**Psalm 139:7** <sup>7</sup> Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

**Matthew 10:20** <sup>20</sup> For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

**John 6:56** <sup>56</sup> He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

**Romans 8:11** <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

**1 Corinthians 3:16** <sup>16</sup> Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? *The Spirit of God not God the Holy Spirit.*

**2 Corinthians 6:16** <sup>16</sup> And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**Galatians 2:20** <sup>20</sup> I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

**Galatians 4:6** <sup>6</sup> And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

**Ephesians 2:18** <sup>18</sup> For through him (*Christ*) we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

**Ephesians 3:16-17** <sup>16</sup> That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; <sup>17</sup> That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

**1 Peter 1:11** <sup>11</sup> Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

**1 John 4:9-15** <sup>9</sup> In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No man hath seen God

at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

<sup>15</sup> Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

**Revelation 3:20** <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. *Jesus stands knocking not a third person.*

**“Christ** brings His disciples into a living union with Himself and with the Father.” Ms 111, 1903; 5BC p 1148

“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, *Christ and*

*His Righteousness*, page 23, 1890)

**“The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God; it is also the Spirit of Christ**. It is that divine, mysterious emanation through which they carry forward their great and infinite work.” — (Uriah Smith, GC Bulletin, March 18, 1891, pp. 146, 147)

“The terms ‘Holy Ghost,’ are a harsh and repulsive translation. It should be ‘Holy Spirit’ (hagion pneuma) in every instance. This Spirit is the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of Christ; the Spirit being the same whether it is spoken of as pertaining to God or Christ. {Uriah Smith, Oct 28, 1890, Review and Herald}

“By the Spirit the Father and the Son 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. “*

**John 5:26** <sup>26</sup> For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

**“In giving us HIS Spirit, God gives us Himself**, making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world.” — (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies Volume 7*, p. 273, 1902)

**“All things Christ received from God, but He took to give.”** — (E.G. White, DOA, p. 21)

“The Father gave HIS Spirit without measure to HIS Son,” — (E.G. White, RH, November 5, 1908)

*And so the Father and Son are one in Spirit and share that same Spirit with us.*

“They were two, yet little short of being identical; two in individuality, yet One in Spirit, and heart, and character.” — (E.G. White, YI, December 16, 1897)

*Father and Son*  
*Where is the Holy Spirit in these verses*  
*the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person?*

**Proverbs 8:22-23** <sup>22</sup> *The LORD possessed me* in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. <sup>23</sup> I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

**Proverbs 30:4** <sup>4</sup> Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is *his name*, and *what is his son's name*, if thou canst tell?

**Isaiah 44:6** <sup>6</sup> Thus saith *the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts*; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

**2 John 1:9** <sup>9</sup> Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the *doctrine of Christ, hath not God*. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath *both* the *Father and the Son*.

**Zechariah 6:13** <sup>13</sup> Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and *the counsel of peace shall be between them both*.

**Matthew 3:17** <sup>17</sup> And lo *a voice* from heaven, saying, This is my *beloved Son*, in whom I am well pleased.

**Matthew 11:27** <sup>27</sup> All things are delivered unto me of my *Father*: and no man knoweth the *Son*, but the Father; neither knoweth any man *the Father*, save *the Son*, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. *If there is a third person in the Godhead should he not now the Father and Son?*

**Matthew 16:27** <sup>27</sup> For *the Son of man* shall come in the glory *of his Father* with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

**Mark 13:32** <sup>32</sup> But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the *Son*, but the *Father*.

**John 5:17-18** <sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, *My Father worketh hitherto*, and *I work*. <sup>18</sup> Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that *God was his Father, making himself equal with God*.

**John 10:30** <sup>30</sup> *I and my Father are one*.

**John 8:16-18** <sup>16</sup> And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for *I am not alone*, but *I and the Father that sent me*. <sup>17</sup> It is also written in your law, that the testimony of *two* men is true. <sup>18</sup> *I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me*. *Father and Son there in no third person.*

**John 17:3** <sup>3</sup> And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

**Acts 8:36-38** <sup>36</sup> And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? <sup>37</sup> And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. *Not a trinity.*

**Acts 13:33** <sup>33</sup> God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

**1 Corinthians 3:23** <sup>23</sup> And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

**2 Corinthians 5:18-19** <sup>18</sup> And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

**Ephesians 1:3** <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the **God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

**Colossians 2:9** <sup>9</sup> For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. *And as we have clearly seen that it His Father, One not two.*

**1 Timothy 2:5** <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

**Titus 2:13** <sup>13</sup> Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; (Matt 16:27 <sup>27</sup> For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works).

**Hebrews 1:1-8** <sup>1</sup> God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: <sup>4</sup> Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. <sup>5</sup> For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. <sup>7</sup> And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. <sup>8</sup> But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

**Hebrews 5:8** <sup>8</sup> Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; *A Son has a Father, God the Father is the Father of Christ, Two not three.*

**1 John 1:3** <sup>3</sup> That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

**1 John 5:10** <sup>10</sup> He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

**2 John 1:3** <sup>3</sup> Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. *How clear these text are.*

**2 John 1:9** <sup>9</sup> Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. (Zech 6:13 <sup>13</sup> Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.)

*Only two on the throne.*

**Hebrews 1:8** <sup>8</sup> But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

**Hebrews 8:1** <sup>1</sup> Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

**Hebrews 12:2** <sup>2</sup> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Revelation 3:21** <sup>21</sup> To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

**Revelation 7:10** <sup>10</sup> And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb

**Revelation 22:3** <sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

**Revelation 5:13** <sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

**Revelation 6:16** <sup>16</sup> And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: *As we look into the very throne room of Heaven we have Two in consistency with the whole of the Old and New Testament. They both have a shape a form to individuals not fused as one.*

**John 5:37** <sup>37</sup> And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

**Ezekiel 1:26** <sup>26</sup> And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

*Ellen White also plainly agrees, she said that God and Christ were two separate individuals. In 'Early Writings' we find these words:*

"I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, "If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist." (Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, page 54, 1882)

"I have often seen the lovely Jesus, that He is a person. I asked Him if His Father was a person and had a form like Himself. Said Jesus, "I am in the express image of My Father's person."" (Ibid page 77, see also *Spiritual Gifts*, Volume 2 page 74, 1860)

*Here we are told by Ellen White that she was shown in vision two divine personages – one of whom is the "express image" of the "Fathers person". Notice again that she did not mention the Holy Spirit. She did not ask either whether the Holy Spirit has a form. Never did she ever say she 'saw' three persons, this is very interesting – also very significant.*

*There is no 3<sup>rd</sup> person/ Holy Spirit on the throne or in Heaven. There is a trinity of powers but not of persons, the Bible clearly teaches there are two divine beings the Father and His only begotten Son and it is Their Spirit that dwells with us.*

**Romans 8:9** <sup>9</sup> 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.

Christ gives them the breath of HIS OWN SPIRIT, the life of HIS OWN LIFE. The HOLY SPIRIT puts forth its highest energies to work in the heart and mind." (E.G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 827).

"The work of the holy Spirit is immeasurably great. It is from this source that power and efficiency come to the worker for God; and the holy Spirit is the comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul." (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald* 29<sup>th</sup> November 1892,

"The righteous are represented as wondering what they have done for which they are to be so liberally rewarded. They had had the abiding presence of Christ in their hearts; they had been imbued with his Spirit, and without conscious effort on their part; they had been serving Christ in the person of his saints, and had thereby gained the sure reward." (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1894, 'Parable of the laborers')

"The presence of Christ having been removed, Satan works wonders to support his claims." (Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, 1911 Edition page 663 'The Controversy ended')

"God calls upon His people, many of whom are but half awake, to arouse, and engage in earnest labor, praying for strength for service. Workers are needed. Receive the Holy Spirit, and your efforts will be successful. Christ's presence is what gives power." (Ellen G. White, *The Central Advance*, February 25<sup>th</sup> 1903)



**“The Holy Spirit is both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ.”** — (E.J. Waggoner, CAHR, p. 23, 1890)

*Why both? Because:*

**“The Father gave his Spirit without measure to his Son,”** — (E.G. White, RH, Nov 5, 1908)

**“They were two, yet little short of being identical; *two in individuality, yet one in spirit*,”** — (E.G. White, YI, Dec 16, 1897)

*And since the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father and Son, who do we have in us by the Holy Spirit? The Father and Son!*

**“By the Spirit the Father and the Son** will come and make their abode with you.” — (E.G. White, BEcho, Jan 15, 1893)

**“The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ,** which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency, that through His grace we might be complete in Him.” — (E.G. White, 14MR 84.3)

“To the poor and oppressed and downtrodden of earth, Christ says, “If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, even the **Spirit of truth, (which is Christ** formed within the hope of glory,) whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not: but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless.” — (E.G. White, Ms24, February 22, 1898)

*Ellen White also gives clear confirmation that the Comforter is the Spirit of truth which is the Spirit of Christ.*

“Christ tells us that **the Holy Spirit is the Comforter,** and **the Comforter is the Holy Ghost,** **“the Spirit of truth,”** which the Father shall send in My name.” “I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you” This refers to **the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.**” — (E.G. White, 14MR 179.2)

**“The Comforter is called “the Spirit of truth.”** His work is to define and maintain the truth. He first dwells in the heart as the Spirit of truth, and thus He becomes the Comforter. There is comfort and peace in the truth, but no real peace or comfort can be found in falsehood. It is through false theories and traditions that Satan gains his power over the mind. By directing men to false standards, he misshapes the character. Through the Scriptures the Holy Spirit speaks to the mind, and impresses truth upon the heart. Thus He exposes error, and expels it from the soul. **It is by the Spirit of truth, working through the word of God, that Christ subdues His chosen people to Himself.**” — (E.G. White, Desire of Ages, 671.1)

*So the above two quotes confirm that the Comforter is the Spirit of truth which is also the Spirit of Christ while the five quotes below also confirm that Christ is the Spirit of truth. Thus there can be no doubt that Christ by His Spirit is both.*



“Christ was about to depart to His home in the heavenly courts. But He assured His disciples that He would send them another Comforter, who would abide with them forever. To the guidance of this Comforter all who believe in Christ may implicitly trust. He is the Spirit of truth, but this truth the world can neither discern nor receive.” — (E.G. White, 12MR 260.1)

“The Holy Spirit is constantly at work, teaching, reminding, testifying, coming to the soul as a divine comforter, convincing of sin as an appointed judge and guide. Christ was the spirit of truth.” — (E.G. White, The Southern Review, October 25, 1898)

“The Spirit of truth is the only effectual teacher of divine truth; those who are taught of Him have entered the school of Christ. How must God esteem the race, that He gave His Son to die for them, and appoints His Spirit to be man's teacher and continual guide.” — (E.G. White, Signs of the Times, October 24, 1906). John 14:26 says the Comforter, which is the Spirit of truth, shall teach you all things. Who did Ellen White just say shall teach us all things?

“How shall I bear impressively the commission Christ has given to His people—the privilege of being workers with the Spirit of all truth manifest in the flesh—the divine Son of God, clothed with humanity, a channel devised and prepared to be continually receiving and imparting the heavenly current?” — (E.G. White, Ms125, July 25, 1906)

“Jesus comes to you as the Spirit of truth; study the mind of the Spirit, consult your Lord, follow His way.” — (E.G. White, 2MR 337.1)

## *Who is the Holy Spirit?*

Genesis 1:2 <sup>2</sup> And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And *the Spirit of God* moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 6:3 <sup>3</sup> And the LORD said, *My spirit* shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years

Numbers 11:29 <sup>29</sup> And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that *the LORD would put his spirit* upon them!

Exodus 31:3 <sup>3</sup> And I have filled him with *the spirit of God*, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

Judges 6:34 <sup>34</sup> But *the Spirit of the LORD* came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.

1 Samuel 10:10 <sup>10</sup> And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; *and the Spirit of God* came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

2 Chronicles 15:1 <sup>1</sup> And *the Spirit of God* came upon Azariah the son of Oded:

Job 33:4 <sup>4</sup> *The spirit of God* hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Psalms 51:11 <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not *thy holy spirit from me*.

Psalms 106:33 <sup>33</sup> Because they provoked *his spirit*, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

Psalms 139:7 <sup>7</sup> Whither shall I go from *thy spirit*? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

Haggai 2:5 <sup>5</sup> According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so *my spirit* remaineth among you: fear ye not.

Hosea 6:3 (Spirit is rain) <sup>3</sup> Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Zechariah 4:6 <sup>6</sup> Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by *my spirit*, saith the LORD of hosts.

Matthew 10:20 <sup>20</sup> For it is not ye that speak, but *the Spirit of your Father* which speaketh in you.

Matthew 12:18 <sup>18</sup> Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put *my spirit upon him*, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

John 14: 16-18, 26 <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; <sup>17</sup> Even *the Spirit of truth*; whom the world cannot

receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.....

<sup>26</sup> But the Comforter, 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.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 <sup>3</sup> Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; <sup>4</sup> Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

John 14:6 <sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 15:26 <sup>26</sup> But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 20:22 <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

**Acts 2:17** <sup>17</sup> And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Romans 8:9, 11, 14 <sup>9</sup> 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.....<sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.....<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 15:19 <sup>19</sup> Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11 <sup>10</sup> But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 3:16 <sup>16</sup> Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Galatians 4:6 <sup>6</sup> And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Ephesians 2:18 <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Philippians 1:19 <sup>19</sup> For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:8 <sup>8</sup> He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

Titus 3:5-6 <sup>5</sup> Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; <sup>6</sup> Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

1 Peter 1:10-11 <sup>10</sup> Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: <sup>11</sup> Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1 John 4:12-13 <sup>12</sup> No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

“The work of the holy Spirit is immeasurably great. It is from this source that power and efficiency come to the worker for God; and the holy Spirit is the comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul.” (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald* 29<sup>th</sup> November 1892, *The perils and privileges of the last days*)

“The religion of Christ means much more than the forgiveness of sin. It means taking away our sins, and filling the vacuum with the Holy Spirit. It means divine illumination, rejoicing in God. It means a heart emptied of self, and blessed with the abiding presence of Christ.” (Ellen G. White, *Bible Training School*, 1<sup>st</sup> October 1908, *True Worship*, see also *Review and Herald* 10<sup>th</sup> June 1902, *The promise of the Spirit and Review and Herald*, 12<sup>th</sup> November 1914, *Preparing for Christ's return*)

“God calls upon His people, many of whom are but half awake, to arouse, and engage in earnest labor, praying for strength for service. Workers are needed. Receive the Holy Spirit, and your efforts will be successful. Christ's presence is what gives power.” (Ellen G. White, *The Central Advance*, February 25<sup>th</sup> 1903)

“The best recommendation you can carry with you of this school and its influence is a well-ordered life and a godly conversation. Wherever you may be, maintain the principles that you have been studying here. Wherever you go, carry on the good work of searching the Scriptures, and the Lord Jesus will always be at your right hand to help you.” (Ellen G. White, *Bible Echo* 15<sup>th</sup> January 1893)

*She then added concerning Jesus*

“He is a merciful high priest pleading in your behalf. **He will send his representative, the Holy Spirit**; for He says, “I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.” (Ibid)

*Ellen White is quoting here from John 14:18. Note whom Jesus said (and Ellen White is emphasising) would be coming as the comforter (the Holy Spirit). It was the “Lord Jesus” Himself. This is why she said “the Lord Jesus will always be at your right hand to help you”.*

*The same author then concluded about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (this time with reference to John 14:23)*

*“By the Spirit the Father and the Son will come and make their abode with you.” (Ibid)*

*In 1891, Ellen White wrote in a letter to a brother in Christ called Chapman.*

*“It is not essential for you to know and be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is. Christ tells us that the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, and the Comforter is the Holy Ghost, “the Spirit of truth, which the Father shall send in My name.” (Ellen G. White, letter to Brother Chapman June 11<sup>th</sup> 1891, Manuscript Release volume 14, No. 1107)*

*Take careful note of her words. She said that it was not essential for us to define “just what” the Holy Spirit is. After quoting the words of Jesus when He spoke of the coming of the comforter as found in John 14:16 and 17 she then said:*

*“This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter. Again Jesus says, “I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth” [John 16:12, 13].” (Ibid)*

*Here Ellen White is referring to the Holy Spirit (“the Comforter”) as “the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ”. If there are those who attempt to reason how this is at all possible, then they would do well to heed the words that Ellen White next wrote to Chapman. This is when she said to him:*

*“There are many mysteries which I do not seek to understand or to explain; they are too high for me, and too high for you. On some of these points, silence is golden. Piety, devotion, sanctification of soul, body, and spirit--this is essential for us all. “This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent” [John 17:3]”. (Ibid)*

*What is life eternal? Is it to know the Holy Spirit? Obviously not! As Ellen White quotes Jesus as saying, it is to know “the only true God, and Jesus Christ”. Jesus said absolutely nothing about knowing the Holy Spirit.*

*Ellen White is saying here that even she did not understand **how** the comforter is Christ omnipresent. She said that these things were **beyond the comprehension** of both her and Chapman therefore on some of these points “silence is golden”.*

*These verses and quotes are just a few of the many, many that all state the same – My, His, Thy, all pertaining to the Holy Spirit. Never will you see God the Holy Spirit which would be his title were he a third person. The Spirit is always the Spirit of God who is the Source, flowing to His Son who is the Channel, and then to us as Christ comes to dwell in our hearts.*

*What a dishonour we do to the Father and Son when they have given all that Heaven could offer in the giving of Their Holy Spirit when we turn around and say, no not your Holy Spirit but a third person comes to abide in us a third person that the Bible or SOP does not mention, know of, or teach of.*

## *What Name did the Early Church Baptise In?*

**Act 2:38** <sup>38</sup> Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**Act 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you *in the name of Jesus Christ* for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:16 <sup>16</sup> (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were *baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus*).

**Acts 19:4-7** <sup>4</sup> Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the *Lord Jesus*. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. <sup>7</sup> And all the men were about twelve.

**Acts 10:44-48** <sup>44</sup> While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, <sup>47</sup> Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of *the Lord*. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

**Acts 22:16** <sup>16</sup> And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on *the name of the Lord*.

**Romans 6:3** Know ye not, that so many of us as were *baptized into Jesus Christ* were baptized into his death?

**Galatians 3:26-28** <sup>26</sup> For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put *on Christ*. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in *Christ Jesus*.

Never before had angels listened to such a prayer as Christ offered at His baptism, and they were solicitous to be the bearers of the message *from the Father to His Son*. But, no! Direct from the Father issues the light of His glory. The heavens were opened and beams of glory rested upon the *Son of God* and assumed the form of a dove, in appearance like burnished gold. The dovelike form was emblematical of the meekness and gentleness of Christ. . . .

From the opening heavens came these words: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." . . . Notwithstanding the Son of God was clothed with humanity, *yet Jehovah, with His own voice*, assures Him of His sonship with the Eternal. In this manifestation to His Son,

God accepts humanity as exalted through the excellence of His beloved Son. (That I May

Know Him : Page 31)



After Christ was baptized of John in Jordan, he came up out of the water, and bowing upon the banks of the river, he prayed with fervency to his Heavenly Father for strength to endure the conflict with the prince of darkness in which he was about to engage. The heavens were opened to his prayer and **the light of God's glory, brighter than the sun at noonday, came from the throne of the Eternal, and, assuming the form of a dove with the appearance of burnished gold,** encircled the Son of God, while the clear voice from the excellent glory was heard in terrible majesty, saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." - - Signs of the Times, 08-07-79

At His baptism the heavens were opened and the glory of God **in the similitude of a dove** like burnished gold hovered over the Saviour, and a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17). But the nation to whom Christ came, though professing to be the peculiar people of God, did not recognize the heavenly treasure in the person of Jesus Christ. . . . TIMKH58

“The heavens were opened, and beams of glory rested upon **the Son of God** and assumed the form of a dove, in appearance like burnished gold. **The dove-like form was emblematical** of the meekness and gentleness of Christ.” R&H January 21, 1873.

*Here the prophet tells us clearly that the dove was a similitude/emblematical not a third person, which ties up exactly with the scriptures and the many other SOP quotes.*

*The gospels speaking of Jesus have this to say regarding the Holy Spirit.*

**Matthew 3:11** <sup>11</sup> I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

**Mark 1:8** <sup>8</sup> I indeed have baptized you with water: but **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.**

**Luke 3:16** <sup>16</sup> John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.**

John 20:22 <sup>22</sup> And when he (*Jesus*) had said this, **he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**

Acts 2:1-4 <sup>1</sup> And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of **fire**, and it sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Job 33:4 The **Spirit of God** has made me; **the breath of the Almighty** gives me life.

*Here John says that Jesus would baptise them.*

*Now ask yourself why do so many people get baptised in the titles, Father, Son, & Holy Ghost? Did the disciples disobey by baptising in His name only? We must follow what the scriptures teach and say and go by the weight of evidence.*



## *Mediator/Intercessor*

**John 14:6** <sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way, the truth*, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, *but by me*.

**Romans 8:26-27** <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: *but the Spirit itself maketh intercession* for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he *maketh intercession for the saints* according to the will of God.

**Romans 8: 34** <sup>34</sup> Who is he that condemneth? It is *Christ* that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also *maketh intercession for us*.

**1 Timothy 2:5** <sup>5</sup> For there is *one God*, and *one mediator* between God and men, the man *Christ Jesus*;

**Hebrews 7:25** <sup>25</sup> Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth *to make intercession* for them.

*One Father, one intercessor, who is Jesus Christ.*

"The Word existed as a divine being, even as the eternal Son of God, in union and oneness with His Father. From everlasting *He was the Mediator of the covenant*...Before men or angels were created, the Word was with God, and was God:...Christ was God essentially, and in the highest sense. He was with God from all eternity, God over all, blessed forevermore.

"The Lord Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, existed from eternity, a distinct person, yet one with the Father." 5RH 227 col 2 (also 1SM 247).

"The first chapter of Hebrews contrasts the position of the angels and the position of Christ. God has spoken words concerning Christ that are not to be applied to the angels. They are 'sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation,' *but Christ, as Mediator, is the great Minister in the work of redemption*. The Holy Spirit is His representative in our world, to execute the divine purpose of bringing to fallen man power from above, that he may be an overcomer." 7BC 922 col 1.

"*Christ was appointed to the office of Mediator* from the creation of God, set up from everlasting to be our substitute and surety. Before the world was made, it was arranged that the divinity of Christ should be enshrouded in humanity. 'A body,' said Christ, 'hast thou prepared me' (Heb. 10:5)." 1SM 250.

Through the plan of redemption, which was "devised from all eternity" (3ST 96 col 3, Feb 5, 1894), Christ was "slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8), was also referred to "even as the eternal Son of God" (1SM 247) from eternity, and "from everlasting *He was the mediator of the covenant*" (5BC 227).

## Matthew 28:19

Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Revelation 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

*We have seen in the books of Paul that every baptism of the early church was performed in the Name of Jesus Christ only, as with the salutations they are only ever Father and Son, which, if the apostles had been taught of three, then they were being very disrespectful.*

*The Trinity doctrine is a heresy; it is a corruption and a falsification of God's word. Because most of the churches teach it does not make it right, sometimes we are called to make a choice between pleasing man or God as we come into His truths, this was not an easy decision to make but I want to serve and follow the Lord.*

*The word trinity is not found in the Bible nor is there an apostle that explains this as a doctrine in any epistle, the only two passages of scripture that have sustained a solid proof for this false trinitarian doctrine both fall into this sin and blasphemy of the manipulation of the word of God to sustain a lie and misinterpretation of God's word. The first is Matthew 28:19:*

### Matthew 28:19

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Eusebius (c. 260—c. 340) was the Bishop of Caesarea and is known as “the Father of Church History.” Although he wrote prolifically, his most celebrated work is his *Ecclesiastical History*, a history of the Church from the Apostolic period until his own time. Today it is still the principal work on the history of the Church at that time. Eusebius quotes many verses in his writings, and Matthew 28:19 is one of them. He never quotes it as it appears today in modern Bibles, but always finishes the verse with the words “in my name.” For example, in Book III of his History, Chapter 5, Section 2, which is about the Jewish persecution of early Christians, we read:

But the rest of the apostles, who had been incessantly plotted against with a view to their destruction, and had been driven out of the land of Judea, went unto all nations to preach the Gospel, relying upon the power of Christ, who had said to them, “Go ye and make disciples of all the nations in my name.”

*In the name of Jesus only.*

*We also have an interesting statement from a Catholic cardinal, this cardinal was later made Pope, Pope Joseph Ratzinger, he makes this confession as to the origin of the chief Trinity text of Matthew 28:19. "*

The basic form of our (Matthew 28:19 Trinitarian) profession of faith took shape during the course of the second and third centuries in connection with the ceremony of baptism. So far as its place of origin is concerned, the text (Matthew 28:19) came from the city of Rome." *The Trinity baptism and text of Matthew 28:19 therefore did not originate from the original Church that started in Jerusalem around AD 33.* It was rather *as the evidence proves a later invention of Roman Catholicism completely fabricated. Very few know about these historical facts.* Introduction to Christianity, The 1968 Edition: By Joseph Ratzinger. page 82-83.

### Catholic Encyclopaedia Volume 8

Justin Martyr was one of the early Fathers of the Roman Catholic Church. ....“Justin Martyr was one of the early Fathers of the Roman Catholic Church who helped changed the ancient baptism of “in the Name of Jesus Christ” to the titles of Father, Son and Holy Ghost” formula. With regard to the form used for baptism in the early Church, there is the difficulty that although Matthew 28:19 speaks of the Trinitarian formula which is now used...

**Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics (1951), II, 384, 389** The formula used was ‘in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ’ or some synonymous phrase; there is no evidence for the use of the trine name... The earliest form, represented in the Acts, was simple immersion....in water, the use of the name of the Lord, and the laying on of hands. To these were addedm at various times and places which cannot be safely identified, (a) the trine name (Justin)

**Hastings Encyclopaedia of Religion Vol 2, Pg 377** Christian baptism was administered using the words “In the name of Jesus”. Vol 2, Pg 378 The use of a Trinitarian formula of any sort was not suggested in early Church history. Vol 2, Pg 389 Baptism was always in the name of Lord Jesus until the time of Justin Martyr when Triune formula was used.

*...the Acts of the apostle (2:38, 8:16, 10:48, 19:5) and Paul (1 Corinthians 1:13, 6:11, Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3) speak only of baptism “in the Name of Jesus”.*

### Catholic Encyclopaedia, 1967 edition, volume 2, pages 56, 59.

“An explicit reference to the Trinitarian formula of baptism cannot be found in the first centuries.”

### Catholic Encyclopaedia, 1913 edition, volume 2, pages 265:

“They acknowledge that the original formula for baptism was in the Name of Jesus, but the pope changed it.”

### Encyclopaedia of Religion & Ethics – Scribner’s, T & T Clark, Edinburgh, 1924, vol 1 Page 380

“Christian baptism, when connected with the mention of a formula, is alluded to four time in the Acts (2:38, 8:16, 10:48, 19:5)...and the formula is never that of (Matthew 28:19 but is twice in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38, 10:48) and twice in the name of the Lord Jesus (Acts 8:16, 19:5). That this was the usual formula of Christian baptism is supported by

evidence of the Pauline Epistles, which speak of being baptised only into Christ or into Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3).

*Is it possible to reconcile these facts with the belief that Christ commanded the disciples to baptise in the trine name?*

*The obvious explanation of the silence of the New Testament on the trine name, and the use of another formula in Acts and Paul is that this other formula was the earlier, and that the trine formula is a later edition. It would require very strong argument to controvert this presumption, and none seem to exist.*

**Encyclopaedia of Religion & Ethics – James Hastings, Published 1924, vol 2 Pages 377,378, 384, 389:** Page 377: “It is clear from the contemporary usage (Acts 1:15; 11:13; Revelation 3:4) that ‘name’ was an ancient synonym for ‘person.’ Page 378: “Whereupon the latter sealed the reception of the candidate into the holy community by invoking ‘the fair name’ of the Lord Jesus upon his head (James 2:7; Revelations 7:3. 9:4; 14:1; 22:4).” Page 384. Page 389: The earliest known formula is, “in the name of the Lord Jesus” or some similar phrase...”

*Ursinus, an African Monk A.D. 1284, also asserted that baptism into the name of Christ alone was valid. The formula of Rome is; “I baptise thee in the name of the Father, and Son and holy Spirit” ...*

**Encyclopaedia Britannica – 1910, 11th Edition, vol 3 Page 366** says...

No record of such use can be discovered in the Acts or the Epistles of the Apostle. The baptisms recorded in the New Testament after the day of Pentecost were administered “in the Name of Jesus Christ”

**A Dictionary of the Bible – James Hasting, Scribner’s New York Published 1900, vol 1 Page 241** “the original form of words was ‘into the name of Jesus Christ’ or ‘ the Lord Jesus’. Baptism into the name of the Trinity was a later development”

*Moreover there is no mention in the entirety of the gospel any one being baptised in the name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost.*

**Hastings Encyclopaedia of Religion- vol 2 Pages 377, 378, 389.** “The use of the Trinitarian formula of any sort was not suggested in the early Church history. Baptism was always in the Name of Jesus”

**Hastings Dictionary of the Bible – Page 88** “It must be acknowledged that the three-fold name of Matthew 28:19 does not appear to have been used by the primitive church, but rather in the” “Name of Jesus, Jesus Christ or Lord”

**Hastings Dictionary of the Bible (1898), I, 241** [One explanation is that] the original form of words was ‘into the name of Jesus Christ’. Baptism into the name of the Trinity was a later development.

**Britannica Encyclopedia 11TH edition, Vol 3, Pg 365-366** The baptismal formula was changed from the name of JESUS CHRIST to the words Father, Son, & Holy Ghost by the Catholic Church in the second century.

**Britannica Encyclopedia Vol 3, Pg 82** Everywhere in the oldest sources it states that baptism took place in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Canney's Encyclopedia of Religion Pg 53** The early church always baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus until development of Trinity doctrine in the 2nd century.

**Catholic Encyclopedia Vol 2, Pg 263** Here the Catholics acknowledged that baptism was changed by the Catholic Church.

**Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion Vol 2, Pg 377** on ACTS 2:38 NAME was an ancient synonym for "person". Payment was always made in the name of some person referring ownership. Therefore one being baptized in Jesus Name became his personal property. "Ye are Christ's."

**New International Encyclopedia Vol 22, Pg 477** The term "Trinity" was originated by Tertullian, a Roman Catholic Church Father.

**Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible (1962) I, 351** The evidence ... suggests that baptism in early Christianity was administered, not in the threefold name, but 'in the name of the Lord Jesus'.

**A History of Christian Thought (Otto Heick) (1965), I, 53** At first baptism was administered in the name of Jesus, but gradually in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**A History of the Christian Church Williston Walker, (1947), Pg 58** The Trinitarian baptismal formula ... was displacing the older baptism in the name of Christ.

**The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge (1957), I, 435** The New Testament knows only baptism in the name of Jesus ..., which still occurs even in the second and third centuries.

**Canney's Encyclopaedia of Religions (1970), Pg 53** Persons were baptized at first 'in the name of Jesus Christ' ... or 'in the name of the Lord Jesus.'... Afterwards, with the development of the doctrine of the Trinity, they were baptized 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**Encyclopaedia Biblica (1899), I, 473** It is natural to conclude that baptism was administered in the earliest times 'in the name of Jesus Christ,' or in that 'of the Lord Jesus.' This view is confirmed by the fact that the earliest forms of the baptismal confession appear to have been single – not triple, as was the later creed.

**Encyclopaedia Britannica 11TH edition, (1910), Vol 2, Pg 365** The Trinitarian formula and trine immersion were not uniformly used from the beginning... Bapti[sm] into the name of the Lord [was] the normal formula of the new Testament. In the 3rd century baptism in the name of Christ was still so wide spread that Pope Stephen, in opposition to Cyprian of Carthage, declared it to be valid.

The evidence is overwhelming. Baptising in the name of Jesus is obviously the way the apostles baptized in the first Church.

*We have seen in the books of Paul that every baptism of the early church was performed in the Name of Jesus Christ only, as with the salutations they are only ever Father and Son, which, if the apostles had been taught of three, then they were being very disrespectful not to mention the third mighty person of the Godhead.*

*Therefore we clearly see that it is a corruption and a falsification of God's word. The other pillar of the Trinity that people cite is:*



## 1 John 5:7

1 John 5:7-8 <sup>7</sup> For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. <sup>8</sup> And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

*This they state is an undeniable Trinitarian statement.*

*But this verse is known to be an historical fraud, for it is not found in any manuscript before the 16th century. The true 1 John 5:7-8 text as can be read in the oldest known Bibles – The Vulgate Bible – The Codex Sinaiticus – The Codex Vaticanus should read: 7) For there are three that testify: 8) the Spirit, the water and the blood and the three are in agreement.*

The change: a Dutch Catholic Christian theologian called Desiderius Erasmus Roterodamus (1466 – 1536) in 1522 in his third edition for a new Latin translation from the most Valgate manuscripts he could find inserted a footnote into the original text known as The “Comma Johanneum”. This was perpetrated by the Catholic Church whom seized the opportunity and pressured this translator to insert this Trinitarian statement that was just a mere footnote that clearly shows the three persons of the Trinity doctrine.

And so in 1522 this translator being strongly compelled inserted this false Trinitarian statement into his third edition of his Latin translation known today as The Third Edition of The “Textus Receptus” “The Received Text” The Authorised King James Bible was then translated based solely on this now corrupted Latin “Textus Receptus”; and so binding this total corruption into the Precious Word of God;

*Let’s take another look at 1 John 5:7 and then take a deeper look at verses 10-13 to get the full context of what/who is being spoken of here.*

1 John 5:7 <sup>7</sup> For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

1 John 5:10-13 <sup>10</sup> He that believeth on the Son of God (*Jesus the only begotten Son, not the trinity*) hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God (*the Father, not the trinity*) hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. <sup>13</sup> These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

*Read the whole of 1 John 5, the immediate context is clearly speaking of testifying that Jesus is the Son of God. This testimony is diametrically opposed to the theory of the Trinity doctrine. The rest of First John, as well as the Gospel of John, bears indisputable proof that Jesus is the Son of God. You cannot read more than a few verses without coming back to the theme that Jesus is the Son of God. Notice some of the following verses:*

(1 John 4:9) In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.



(1 John 4:14, 15) And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

(1 John 5:1) Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

*This theme is what we find summarized in John's Gospel in the following verse:*

(John 20:31) But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

*Should we then take an interpretation of this text which teaches the very opposite of the immediate context, as well as the context of the whole book?*

*Should we take an interpretation of this text which teaches the very opposite of the whole reason he tells us that he is writing the book and all of his books?*

*That would most certainly be wresting the scriptures. Whatever interpretation we take from these verses, it must be in harmony with that obvious purpose of John's writings – Jesus is the Son of God.*

1 John 5:7-8 <sup>7</sup> For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. <sup>8</sup> And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

*So, why do we focus on these two verses that are so totally different to all the rest of John's writings?*

*In verse 8 we are told that there are "three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, the water, and the blood and that these three agree in one." That is, they bear a united witness. The water bears witness and the blood bears witness, yet no one would suggest that the water and blood are persons or much less a trinity.*

*Why then should we insist that because the spirit bears witness in heaven it must be a separate individual? There are three ways in which witness is borne to the truth in heaven. These witnesses are one because they bear a united witness. It does not mean that they are one person, one being, or one God.*

*Jesus explained what this oneness means when he prayed that we all might be one as he and his Father are one. (See John 17:22.) Not that we might become one human but simply that we might be in perfect harmony, even as he and his Father are in perfect harmony.*

*In heaven, God bears witness to the truth and so does Christ and the Holy Spirit! In heaven there are three avenues of witness—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And we have clearly seen that the Spirit is the Spirit of God the Spirit of Christ.*

Romans 8:9 <sup>9</sup> 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.

*On the earth there are three—the water, the spirit, and the blood.*

*Are the three on earth a trinity because they are mentioned in the same breath or agree as one? By the same reasoning we would have to conclude that the Father, the Word, and the Spirit are not necessarily a trinity simply because they bear a united witness in heaven or because they are mentioned at the same time. You have to apply the same logic as you do to 1 John 5:7 as you do with 1 John 5:8.*

*But how have they borne witness that Jesus is the Son of God?*

### **Father**

The Father witnessed that Jesus was the Son of God at his baptism when he spoke from heaven: “**This is my beloved Son.**” (Matthew 3:17)

### **Jesus**

(John 10:36) Christ bore witness when he said, “Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, **I am the Son of God?**”

### **God’s Spirit (Holy)**

*In* (John 10:25) *Jesus tells us how the Spirit bears witness:* “I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father’s name, they bear witness of me.”

(Matthew 12:28) *These works which bore witness of Christ, he tells us were performed by the Spirit of God in him.* “But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.”

*It is of interest that most reputable authorities agree that a part of 1 John 5:7, 8 was most certainly added to the Bible during the period known as the “Dark Ages.” Specifically, the part added reads, “in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth.” If the questionable portion were taken out, the verse would read: For there are three that bear record, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.*

*The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary states concerning these verses:*

The disputed words found their way into the KJV by way of the Greek text of Erasmus. It is said that Erasmus offered to include the disputed words in his Greek Testament if he were shown even one Greek MS that contained them. A library in Dublin produced such a MS (known as 34), and Erasmus included the passage in his text. It is now believed that the later editions of the Vulgate acquired the passage by the mistake of a scribe who included an exegetical marginal comment in the Bible text that he was copying. The disputed words have been widely used in support of the doctrine of the Trinity, but, in view of such overwhelming evidence against their authenticity, their support is valueless and should not be used  
(*The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 7, p. 675).

*Some people would object strongly to the very suggestion that errors may have crept into the text of the Bible in any way whatsoever. However, it is interesting to note what Ellen White had to say concerning this:*

*I saw that God had especially guarded the Bible; yet when copies of it were few, learned men had in some instances changed the words, thinking that they were making it more plain, when in reality they were mystifying that which was plain, by causing it to lean to their established views, which were governed by tradition. But I saw that the Word of God, as a whole, is a perfect chain, one portion linking into and explaining another. True seekers for truth need not err; for not only is the Word of God plain and simple in declaring the way of life, but the Holy Spirit is given as a guide in understanding the way to life therein revealed. (Early Writings, pp. 220, 221).*

*\*Even more interestingly, Ellen White, in all her thousands of pages of writing and thousands of Scripture quotations, never once quoted 1 John 5:7, or the word trinity.*

*And so we see that the only two verses that sustain outright statements of the trinity are both completely false, but almost worse than this, it is a known fact by Biblical scholars. The Trinitarians still refer to these as their fundamental pillars of their doctrine. So, if their two pillars are false, so is their doctrine regarding the trinity.*

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### Second Coming?

**Matthew 16:27** <sup>27</sup> For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

**Luke 9:26** <sup>26</sup> For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

*Now ask yourself --- at this major event in history where is the Holy Spirit?*

### God – Jesus – Angels No Holy Spirit

**1Timothy 5:21** <sup>21</sup> I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

**Mark 13:32** <sup>32</sup> But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

*Again we find three that dwell in Heaven but no third person – the Holy Spirit – we find God the Father, His Son and the Holy Angels.*

### Holy SPIRIT

**Acts 19:2** <sup>2</sup> He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

*How strange that they had not heard of a third person the Holy Spirit? If there was a third deity to be worshiped and honoured surely they would have known. Also interesting to note is that Ellen White never speaks of seeing a third person. The Spirit is always spoken of as a wind, rain, fire, etc. but the Spirit has no name.*

### How Many are in the Sanctuary – A Pattern of Heaven

*Two - the High Priest and the Almighty abiding on the Shekinah Glory*

### The Issue in the last days is over Worship – God or triune

*Revelation 14:7 (Three Angels Message for the last generation)*

**Revelation 14:7** <sup>7</sup> Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

- Fear God (Singular)
- Give Glory to Him (Singular)
- Worship Him (Singular) *Not them*

## **Jesus is God**

*Jesus is God because He came forth from God; He is Gods Son, as we are human because we came from a human so Jesus is God because He came from God. He is not the God Almighty He is the truly begotten (NOT CREATED) Son of the Almighty God as the Bible clearly teaches. John 5:18 – Hebrews 1:2 – 2 Corinthians 4:4*

*We see in the beginning Adam was made of the dust of the earth, from nothing was Adam created. Eve however, was not made from nothing, not from dust, but, came forth from Adam. This is what the Bible teaches about God. God has always been, no one created or begat God He came from nothing, he has always existed, however, Jesus came forth from the Father, He was part of the Father and God bought Him forth as His Son, this the Bible clearly teaches (see verses above page 1 & 2).*

*The stone is just as old as the mountain. The stone has the same substance, the same nature, the same character, it's just as hard, just as enduring as the mountain because it came out of the mountain. God is the source, Jesus is the Channel.*

*If there is a trinity then Jesus cannot truly be the Son of God but just playing a role, there is either a trinity, and no literal Son of God as the Bible teaches, or, the trinity as the Bible clearly shows is false.*

## **Hebrew Ruach – Greek Pneuma**

*Ruach in the Hebrew and Pneuma in the Greek actually mean wind, breath, air in motion. The very breath of God (this is why Jesus breaths the Spirit on the disciples in John 20:22 and with His breath he spoke the world into existence Gen 1:2 and made man, Gen 2:7 - Job 33:4. And at Pentecost the Holy Spirit came like a mighty rushing wind – breath Acts 2:-4 and will destroy the wicked 2 Thess 2:8)*

*Elohim is plural the Hebrews use a plural word to refer to a single individual or object, thus denoting its majesty or greatness e.g. Exodus 7:1 the word for god is Elohim but Moses was only one he did not become more than one person Exodus 11:3 it was Moses greatness and majesty rather than plurality.*

*Elohim is not a numerical plural denoting more than one god but rather a majestic plural denoting greatness and majesty having a numerically singular meaning.*

*There are instances in which Elohim does have plural adjectives and verbs? Of course, there are numerous instances in which Elohim really is meant in the plural sense and therefore receives plural verbs and adjectives. For example, when the Philistines are plagued by the Holy Ark they cry out in desperation:*

**Further study** <http://www.israelofgod.org/elohim3.htm>

*So we see that this is not someone else. It is this same spirit that is mentioned in Genesis 1:2, “It is the Spirit of God”, which can also be translated “breath of God”.*

*“It also means “life” By resemblance to breath and air in motion, it means “spirit”. That’s where we get the translation, and the Hebrew word contains all those different meaning. If we just leave it with our English word “spirit” we are not getting the full attributes of what the Bible is trying to describe. It’s trying to describe that there’s a breath involved.*

*The Holy Spirit is never depicted with human qualities but as wind, oil, fire, a dove. The Spirit is never seen with the Father and Son, not even in the throne room of Heaven.*

### **Jesus Gods only begotten Son**

*God spoke it from Heaven, the Apostles declared it, Jesus died for it and Satan attacked it through the life of Christ. If Jesus was not the true Son of God, if He was just taking a role, why did Satan and the demons declare this, Satan was jealous that He was not the true Son of God but a created being, created by Jesus the Son. It is all about worship.*

*John 12:42 <sup>42</sup> Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:*

### **Without doubt the Bible & SOP proves there is no trinity**

*What has been presented here is just a very small amount of undeniable evidence taken from scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy. Scholars throughout history have acknowledged that the trinity it is not found in the Bible, moreover, the Bible was not made for scholars only to discern but also for those who are uneducated, souls who will just read Gods Word and take it as it stands not heeding the traditions and teachings of man but going by a thus saith the Lord which is what we at Pillars of Truth have done.*

*It is not easy to turn and swim downstream when all your brethren and friends are swimming upstrea, but especially we, as Gods people in these last days need to remain true to the Word of God and look back to the Pillars and Foundations of our forefathers. Many winds are blowing within the Church and our only safeguard is to study the word for ourselves; no matter the Pastor, Elder, Deacon or Lay Person we should be following it's teachings alone.*

*Only eight were saved from the flood and only Three from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah which clearly shows it is not the majority but the few who will no matter the personal cost follow what God has so clearly laid out for them.*

*We must only believe and teach what is revealed to us in God's inspired word—being the Bible and the Sop, the Testimony of Jesus. If we believe or teach anything other than what has been revealed to us, we are speculating as to what our imperfect and erring mind conceives to be correct, and thus we are in danger of embracing the lies of the devil.*

*Our prayer is that as you ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth that you too will see the beauty of the pure untampered Word of God and truly know The Father and Son.*

*2 Timothy 2:15 <sup>15</sup> Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

*'To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few - this will be our test'. (Review and Herald, Jan.11, 1887)*