



**The Holy
Spirit in Bible
and SoP**

PROGRESSION
OF OUR
FUNDAMENTAL
BELIEFS

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES 1872

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FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF 1931

2. That the Godhead, or Trinity, consists of the Eternal Father, a personal, spiritual Being, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, infinite in wisdom and love; the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, through whom all things were created and through whom the salvation of the redeemed hosts will be accomplished; the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, the great regenerating power in the work of redemption. Matt. 28:19. {1931, FB1931 377.3}

3. That Jesus Christ is very God, being of the same nature and essence as the Eternal Father. While retaining His divine nature He took upon Himself the nature of the human family, lived on the earth as a man, exemplified in His life as our Example the principles of righteousness, attested His relationship to God by many mighty miracles, died for our sins on the cross, was raised from the dead, and ascended to the Father, where He ever lives to make intercession for us. John 1:1, 14; Heb. 2:9-18; 8:1, 2; 4:14-16; 7:25. {1931, FB1931 377.4}

FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF 1981

3. The Father {1981, FB1981 5.6}

God the Eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. The qualities and powers exhibited in the Son and the Holy Spirit are also revelations of the Father. (Gen. 1:1; Rev. 4:11; 1 Cor. 15:28; John 3:16; 1 John 4:8; 1 Tim. 1:17; Ex. 34:6, 7; John 14:9.) {1981, FB1981 5.7}

4. The Son {1981, FB1981 5.8}

God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Through Him all things were created, the character of God is revealed, the salvation of humanity is accomplished, and the world is judged. Forever truly God, He became also truly man, Jesus the Christ. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived and experienced temptation as a human being, but perfectly exemplified the righteousness and love of God. By His miracles He manifested God's power and was attested as God's promised Messiah. He suffered and died voluntarily on the cross for our sins and in our place, was raised from the dead, and ascended to minister in the heavenly sanctuary in our behalf. He will come again in glory for the final deliverance of His people and the restoration of all things. (JOhn 1:1-3, 14; COl. 1:15-19; John 10:30; 14:9; Rom. 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:17-19; John 5:22; Luke 1:35; Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 2:9-18; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4; Heb. 8:1, 2; John 14:1-3.) {1981, FB1981 5.9}

5. The Holy Spirit {1981, FB1981 5.10}

God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son in Creation, incarnation, and redemption. He inspired the writers of Scripture. He filled Christ's life with power. He draws and convicts human beings; and those who respond He renews and transforms into the image of God. Sent by the Father and the Son to be always with His children, He extends spiritual gifts to the church, empowers it to bear witness to Christ, and in harmony with the Scriptures leads it into all truth. (Gen. 1:1, 2; Luke 1:35; 4:18; Acts 10:38; 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:11, 12; Acts 1:8; John 14:16-18, 26, 27; 16:17-13.) {1981, FB1981 5.11}

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

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THE HOLY
SPIRIT IN THE
BIBLE

- *Psalms 139 Considered*
- *It's the very spirit of Christ. He's in heaven, so it's how he's able to be omnipresent He said He "would never leave nor forsake us" If the Holy Spirit is another individual then Christ was lying.*
- *John 20:22 - It's his breath,*
- *He's able to do this by his spirit though physically he's in heaven. He said 'where two or three are gathered I am in their midst'*

Man's spirit is not a different person; so also God's Spirit is not a different person. The Spirit of God is the conscious mind of God, aware of the thoughts within Him.

Again there can be a debate on this; is the mind of God conscious or dead? My view above is based on 1Cor 2:11

1Co:2:11: 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.

God is Omnipresent God is at this moment and at all times personally present everywhere in the universe. Again we explore Psalms 139 and other verses and quotations

Numbers 14:21

But indeed, as I live, all the EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE GLORY OF THE LORD.

Psalms 72:19 And blessed be His glorious name forever; AND MAY THE WHOLE EARTH BE FILLED WITH HIS GLORY Amen, and Amen.

Jeremiah 23:24 "Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the LORD "DO I NOT FILL THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH?" declares the LORD.

Isaiah 6:3

And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY."

Habakkuk 3:3

God comes from Teman, And the Holy One from Mount Paran Selah HIS SPLENDOR COVERS THE HEAVENS, And the earth is full of His praise.

The greatness of God is to us incomprehensible. "The Lord's throne is in heaven" (Psalm 11:4); YET BY HIS SPIRIT HE IS EVERYWHERE PRESENT. He has an intimate knowledge of, and a personal interest in, all the works of His hand... {Ed 132.2}

The Bible shows us God in His high and holy place, not in a state of inactivity, not in silence and solitude, but surrounded by ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of holy beings, all waiting to do His will. THROUGH THESE MESSENGERS HE IS IN ACTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH EVERY PART OF HIS DOMINION. BY HIS SPIRIT HE IS EVERYWHERE PRESENT. THROUGH THE AGENCY OF HIS SPIRIT AND HIS ANGELS HE MINISTERS TO THE CHILDREN OF MEN. {MH 417.2}

THE PSALMIST REPRESENTS THE PRESENCE OF THE INFINITE ONE AS PERVADING THE UNIVERSE. "If I ascend up into Heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there." WE CAN NEVER FIND A SOLITUDE WHERE GOD IS NOT. The ever watchful EYE OF OMNISCIENCE IS UPON ALL OUR WORKS, and although he can marshal the armies of Heaven to do his will, he condescends to accept the services of frail, erring mortals. {ST, July 14, 1881 par. 10}

YET WE SHOULDN'T CONFOUND GOD WITH HIS SPIRIT WITH MAKES HIM OMNIPRESENT

Does not God say he fills immensity of space? We answer, No. Psalm 139:7, 8. Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there, etc. God by his Spirit may fill heaven and earth, etc. Some confound God with his Spirit, which makes confusion. Psalm 11:4. The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, etc. Habakkuk 2:20; Psalm 102:19. For he hath looked down from the height of his Sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth. 1 Peter 3:12. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers, etc. Psalm 80:1. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth. Psalm 99:1; Isaiah 37:16. [ARSH March 7, 1854, p. 50.9]

- *Acts 17:28 For in Him we live, and move, and have our being*
- *Ephesians 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. His personal Presence, His living Spirit fills the entire universe. He always has and He always will. Not as some ethereal "Force" or "collective consciousness" But a personal, warm, caring and loving Father, the God of all creation Who is as much a person as you are a person but with infinitely greater powers.*

- *John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self*
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- *Isa 42:1 I have put my spirit upon him: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles*
- *Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Jesus said in*
- *1Cor 1:24 Christ is the power of God and the Wisdom of God because the Spirit comes through Him*

- *Luke 11:20 Jesus said that He cast out devils by "the finger of God"*
- *Matt 12:28 Matthew said He cast out devils by "the Spirit of God"*
- *Acts 10:38 God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power...healing all oppressed by the devil The Spirit of God flows through Christ, who sends it to us.*
- *Titus 3:6 [God] shed [the Holy Spirit] on us through Jesus Christ our Saviour*
- *Gal 4:6 God has sent the Spirit of His son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father We respond to this personal message by addressing the One who sent it: God the Father. In the OT His Spirit was sent through Christ to the prophets.*

- *1Peter 1:11 the Spirit of Christ...testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ. In the prophets*
- *2Peter 1:21 holy men of old...were moved by the Holy Spirit (Spirit of Christ)*
- *Rom 8:9,10 You are Christ's if you have the Spirit of Christ; if Christ be in you...the Spirit is life*
- *Phil 1:19 Paul was confident of the Spirit of Jesus Christ*
- *2Cor 3:17 The Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty The Lord is that Spirit...the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

- *John 3:34: For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.*
- *John 20:22: And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*

We read as in Acts 16:6,7: (after this Spirit of truth had been given, speaking of the missionary work of Paul): "And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been FORBIDDEN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT to speak the word in Asia; and when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; and **the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not..**" [NIV]. Here is the Spirit that guided them in their work, being called **the Spirit of Jesus**.

The whole book of Acts is a revelation "of the things which Jesus continued both to do and to teach." The Gospels are the record of the things he did and taught personally, individually in the body; and **the Book of Acts is the record of the things he continued to do in the person of his disciples who were endowed with his Spirit.**

Now let us turn to John 14:16-"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you forever (17 vs.) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive." There is that same idea again: Give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever. Jesus was about to take away from them his bodily presence. He says, "**He (that other Comforter) will abide with you forever.**"

*Mark 16:20: And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.
Amen.*

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT IN
SOP**

Caps, Bolding, Underlining added for emphasis

This is what Ellen White says: She clearly was not a trinitarian believer

"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. ~~ [NOTE: Caps added for emphasis]

Ellen White wrote that the Holy Spirit was Christ “Himself”, while Davis [EGW's assistant] may have changed the wording to say that the Holy Spirit was Christ’s “representative”. Now Ellen White sometimes used the word “representative” to describe the work of the Holy Spirit. However, this is one of her clearest statements that while the term representative was used, the Holy Spirit was NOT a “separate being” as that representative, as evidenced by her plain words, which confirm that “HE [Christ] REPRESENTS HIMSELF IN ALL PLACES BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT”, NOT THAT ANOTHER BEING REPRESENTS HIM. Some challenge this interpretation by saying that the “Himself” as seen in the sentence “The Holy Spirit is Himself divested of humanity” should be read to mean “He himself, the Holy Spirit, is divested of humanity”. OF COURSE SINCE THE MEANING OF THE WORD “DIVESTED” MEANS TO BE STRIPPED OF SOMETHING YOU HAVE, IT MAKES NO SENSE TO INTERPRET THIS THAT WAY, SINCE ALL WOULD AGREE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT NEVER HAD A HUMANITY TO BE STRIPPED, OR DIVESTED, OF. This also does not work with the context, which plainly says that Christ represents Himself by “His” Spirit. The entire quote is focused on Christ and how He can be omnipresent, NOT on the “separate being” of the Holy Spirit. An INDEPENDENT being CANNOT be the omnipresence of ANOTHER INDEPENDENT being. [NOTE: Caps added for emphasis]

In giving us His Spirit, **God gives us Himself**, making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world. 7T 273

"The Spirit of Prophecy", vol. III page 242: "All professions of Christianity are but lifeless expressions of faith **until Jesus imbues the believer with his spiritual life, which is the Holy Ghost**". (3SP, 242)

**The Holy Spirit –
as the personal
presence of Christ**

"The Lord knows all about His faithful servants who for His sake are lying in prison or who are banished to lonely islands. He comforts them with **His** own presence." (Ellen G. White, 'The Desire of Ages', page 669, 'Let not your heart be troubled')

"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 29th November 1892, 'The perils and privileges of the last days (concluded)')

Shall we not, in our work in the future and in the gatherings that we hold, be of one accord? Shall we not wrestle with God in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to come into every heart? The presence of Christ, manifest among us, would cure the leprosy of unbelief that has made our service so weak and inefficient. Testimonies Vol 8 page 46 'Present opportunities' 1904, see also Review and Herald 26th November 1903 'A view of the conflict)

{we are told that this indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the very "presence of Christ". Notice too that this is said to be "the breath of the divine life". This is very important to us in both our theological and historical studies.}

“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, 1st October 1908, ‘True Worship, see also Review and Herald 10th June 1902, ‘The promise of the Spirit and Review and Herald, 12th November 1914, Preparing for Christ’s return)

“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, 3rd 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’)

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“The voice of God calls you as it did Elijah. Come out of the cave and stand with God and hear what He will say unto you. When you will come under the divine guidance, the Comforter will lead you into all truth. The office of the Holy Spirit is to take the things of Christ as they fall from His lips, and infuse them as living principles into the hearts opened to receive them. Then we will know both the Father and the Son.” (Manuscript releases volume 14 No. 1106, Letter 40, To Uriah Smith, December 31st 1890, pp. 10-11.see also the Ellen G. White 1888 materials Chapter 102 To U. Smith)(see John 14:18, 23)

“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’)

**Two Spirit, One
Spirit OR
Shared Spirit?**

“The union between Christ and his people is to be living, true, and unending, resembling the union that exists between the Father and the Son. This union is the fruit of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.” (Ellen G. White, General Conference Bulletin, 1st July 1900, ‘Unity among Believers’)----

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. (John 14:23) (see also Romans 8:9)

The Holy Spirit
– Christ
omnipresent

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. **"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]. 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]" (Ellen G. White, letter to Brother Chapman June 11th 1891, Manuscript Release volume 14 pg. 179.2-3, No. 1107)

The Bible shows us God in His high and holy place, not in a state of inactivity, not in silence and solitude, but surrounded by ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of holy beings, all waiting to do His will. Through these messengers He is in active communication with every part of His dominion. **By His Spirit** He is everywhere present. Through the agency of His Spirit and His angels He ministers to the children of men.” (Ministry of Healing, page 417 ‘A true Knowledge of God’)

“After His ascension He [Jesus] was to be absent in person; but through the Comforter He would still be with them, and they were not to spend their time in mourning. This was what Satan wanted. He desired them to give the world the impression that they had been deceived and disappointed; but by faith they were to look to the sanctuary above, where Jesus was ministering for them; they were to open their hearts to the Holy Spirit, His representative, and to rejoice in the light of His presence.” (Ellen G. White, ‘The Desire of Ages’, page 277, ‘Levi – Matthew’)

**The Holy
Spirit –
Christ**

Then said the Jews unto Him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast Thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM. Then took they up stones to cast at Him" because of that saying [verses 57-59]. Christ was using the great name of God that was given to Moses to express the idea of the eternal presence." "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 G. White, Manuscript No. 1084, February 18, 19th, 1895, page 21)

The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. 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."He that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him." Jesus read the future of His disciples. (Ellen G. White, 'The Desire of Ages', page 669, 'Let not your heart be troubled')

“Those who believe the truth should remember that they are God's little children, that they are under His training. Let them be thankful to God for His manifold mercies and be kind to one another. They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit -- **the Spirit of Christ** -- is to bring unity into their ranks.” (Ellen G. White, Special Testimonies, Series B No. 4 page 23, 'The publishing work at College View', see also testimonies Volume 9, page 189, 'The spirit of unity')

“When on His resurrection day these disciples met the Saviour, and their hearts burned within them as they listened to His words; when they looked upon the head and hands and feet that had been bruised for them; when, before His ascension, Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands in blessing, bade them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel," adding, "**Lo, I am with you alway**" (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20); when on the Day of Pentecost **the promised Comforter descended** and the power from on high was given and the souls of the believers thrilled with the conscious **presence of their ascended Lord** -- then, even though, like His, their pathway led through sacrifice and martyrdom, would they have exchanged the ministry of the gospel of His grace, with the "crown of righteousness" to be received at His coming, for the glory of an earthly throne, which had been the hope of their earlier discipleship? “(Ellen G. White, Great Controversy, page 350, ‘Light Through Darkness’)

“Keep cheerful. Do not forget that you have a Comforter, the Holy Spirit, which Christ has appointed. You are never alone. If you will listen to the voice that now speaks to you, if you will respond without delay to the knocking at the door of your heart, "**Come in, Lord Jesus**, that I may sup with Thee, and Thee with me," the heavenly Guest will enter. When this element, which is all divine, abides with you, there is peace and rest. It is the kingdom of heaven come nigh unto you.” {DG 184.3}

“What saith our Saviour? “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” “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.” When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of Christ, **remember that He is as an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit,** and He will be the peace and comfort given you, **manifesting to you that He is with you,** the Sun of Righteousness, chasing away your darkness.” “If a man love me,” Christ said, “he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and **we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**” Be of good cheer; light will come, and your soul will rejoice greatly in the Lord.” (Ellen G. White to Mrs. Wessels, Letter 124, March 7th 1897)

"And when He had said this, **He breathed on them**, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost**: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained. The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified. The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ's ascension. Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world. But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose. Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, Christ breathed **His Spirit** upon them. He was committing to them a most sacred trust, and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished. (Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, page 805, 'Peace be unto you')

“Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all his disciples, and give them the inspiration of his sanctifying spirit, and transfuse the vital influence from himself to his people. He would have them understand that henceforth they cannot serve two masters. Their lives cannot be divided. Christ is to live in his human agents, and work through their faculties, and act through their capabilities. Their will must be submitted to his will, they must act with his spirit, that it may be no more they that live, **but Christ that liveth in them.**” Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in **giving his Holy Spirit** he is giving to them the glory which the Father has given him, that he and his people may be one in God. Our way and will must be in submission to God's will, knowing that it is holy, just, and good.(Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, 3rd October 1892, ‘Faith brings Light’)

The Holy Spirit

– The life and soul of Christ

Thus I worked and suffered in my girlhood. And all through my life I have had the same errors to meet, though not always in the same form. In Living Temple the assertion is made that God is in the flower, in the leaf, in the sinner. But God does not live in the sinner. The Word declares that He abides only in the hearts of those who love Him and do righteousness. God does not abide in the heart of the sinner; it is the enemy who abides there. {1SAT 343.1}

Wherever there is an impulse of love and sympathy, wherever the heart reaches out to bless and uplift others, there is revealed the working of God's Holy Spirit. In the depths of heathenism, men who have had no knowledge of the written law of God, who have never even heard the name of Christ, have been kind to His servants, protecting them at the risk of their own lives. Their acts show the working of a divine power. The Holy Spirit has implanted the grace of Christ in the heart of the savage, quickening his sympathies contrary to his nature, contrary to his education. The "Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9), is shining in his soul; and this light, if heeded, will guide his feet to the kingdom of God. {COL 385.1}

“Christ became one flesh with us, in order that we might become one spirit with Him. It is by virtue of this union that we are to come forth from the grave, -- not merely as a manifestation of the power of Christ, but because, through faith, His life has become ours. Those who see Christ in His true character, and receive Him into the heart, have everlasting life.” **It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us;** and the Spirit of God, received into the heart by faith, is the beginning of the life eternal. (Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, page 388, ‘The crisis in Galilee’)

“Christ declared that after his ascension, he would send to his church, as his crowning gift, the Comforter, who was to take his place. **This Comforter 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.” (Ellen G. White Review & Herald. 19th May 1904 ‘The Promise of the Spirit’)

"The Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul." "The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ. Only those who are thus taught of God, those who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life the Christ-life is manifested, are to stand as representative men, to minister in behalf of the church." (Ellen G. White, 'The Desire of Ages' page 805, 'Peace be unto you')

"The office of the Holy Spirit is to control all our spiritual exercises. The Father has given his Son for us that through the Son the Holy Spirit might come to us, and lead us unto the Father." (Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times 3rd October 1892)

The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul. We do not now see Christ and speak to Him, but His Holy Spirit is just as near us in one place as another. It works in and through every one who receives Christ. Those who know the indwelling of the Spirit reveal the fruits of the Spirit,—"love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." (Ellen G. White, Bible Echo 17th June 1901)

**Christ is the
Comforter.**

“The Saviour is our Comforter. This I have proved Him to be” July 16, 1892
{8MR 49.3}

In Him all fulness dwells. He has grace and pardon for every soul. As by faith we look to Jesus, pg-298-our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in **giving Jesus the Comforter**. {19MR 297.3}

"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" [John14:16, 17]. **This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter**".{14MR 179.2}

Before He left them, Christ gave His followers a positive promise that after His ascension He would send them the Holy Spirit. "Go ye therefore," He said, "and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father [a personal God] and of the Son [a personal Saviour], and of the Holy Ghost [sent from heaven to represent Christ]: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" [Matthew 28:19, 20]. {12MR 260.2}

The Saviour's glance seems to penetrate heaven as He pours out His soul in prayer. Well He knows how sin has hardened the hearts of men, and how difficult it will be for them to discern His mission, and accept the gift of salvation. He pleads with the Father for power to overcome their unbelief, to break the fetters with which Satan has enthralled them, and in their behalf to conquer the destroyer. He asks for the witness that God accepts humanity in the person of His Son. {DA 111.6}

Never before have the angels listened to such a prayer. They are eager to bear to their loved Commander a message of assurance and comfort. But no; the Father Himself will answer the petition of His Son. Direct from the throne issue the beams of His glory. The heavens are opened, and upon the Saviour's head descends a dovelike form of purest light,--fit emblem of Him, the meek and lowly One. {DA 112.1}

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.” {Ms24-1898}

The Lord is soon to come. We want that complete and perfect understanding which the Lord alone can give. **IT IS NOT SAFE TO CATCH THE SPIRIT FROM ANOTHER. WE WANT THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.** If we commune with God, we shall have strength and grace and efficiency. {Lt66-1894}

**The Third
person of the
Godhead.**

Notice also that Ellen White called the Holy Spirit "the third person of the Godhead." *Desire of Ages*, 671.

She made this statement at least two different times. Let's look at "*Desire of Ages*" a little further

Is the Holy Spirit a third DIVINE being?

Christ has given His Spirit as a **divine power** to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church

Is the Holy Spirit a third individual being different to the Father and Son?

"The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ." {*The Desire of Ages*, p. 805}

Is the life of Christ a different individual being to Christ?

“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 heart and mind.”{The Desire of Ages, p. 827}

“The only way in which we can gain a more perfect apprehension of truth is by keeping the heart tender and subdued by the Spirit of Christ.”{The Desire of Ages, p. 494}

“Abiding in Christ means a constant receiving of His Spirit, a life of unreserved surrender to His service.”{The Desire of Ages, p. 676}

“Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, Christ **breathed His Spirit** upon them.”{The Desire of Ages, p. 805}

“Through all our trials we have a never-failing Helper. He does not leave us alone to struggle with temptation, to battle with evil, and be finally crushed with burdens and sorrow. **Though now He is hidden from mortal sight,** the ear of faith can hear His voice saying, Fear not; I am with you.”{The Desire of Ages, p. 483}

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

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. {14MR 84.3}

Who Is the Comforter?

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In Him all fulness dwells. He has grace and pardon for every soul. As by faith we look to Jesus, -298- our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving Jesus the Comforter. {19MR 297.3}

Who is the minister of the church on earth?

“While Jesus ministers in the sanctuary above, **He is still by His Spirit the minister of the church on earth. He is withdrawn from the eye of sense**, but His parting promise is fulfilled, “**Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.**” Matt. 28:20. While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, His energizing presence is still with His church.”{The Desire of Ages, p. 166}

Who spoke through the prophets of old?

“The Saviour had spoken through all the prophets. **“The Spirit of Christ which was in them”** “testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.” 1 Peter 1:11.”{The Desire of Ages, p. 234}

{It should be obvious to any reader that Mrs. White did not depart from the truths revealed to her in her earlier days. Rather, during this period her writings solidly and unquestionably confirm the fact that there are only two divine beings worthy of our praise and honor; a loving Father and His only begotten Son. There is no third God/being.}

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. The Lord has provided that we should always be under the teaching and influence of the Holy Spirit. We shall then discover that the law of God is holy, just, and good, and we would learn to delight in the law of God. We love the requirements of the law, and from our hearts render obedience to its requirements. ~ {14MR 84.3}

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." EW pg54

“Rather than the greatest and most learned men of the age, who know not God, nor Jesus Christ whom He has sent. **The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted**”. (YI July 7 1898 par,2)

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. (Patriarchs and Prophets pg 36)

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.the great controversy
pg 493

LUCIFER in heaven, before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, **next in honor** to God's dear Son. (the story of redemption pg 15)

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.** (The Youth's Instructor, December 16, 1897)

Before the Father He(Christ) pleaded in the sinner's behalf, while the host of heaven awaited the result with an intensity of interest that words cannot express. Long continued was that mysterious communing--"the counsel of peace" (Zechariah 6:13) PP pg 63

Before the foundations of the earth were laid, the Father and the Son had united in a covenant to redeem man if he should be overcome by Satan. They had clasped Their hands in a solemn pledge that Christ should become the surety for the human race. Desire of Ages pg 834

The plan of redemption was arranged in the counsels between the Father and the Son. Heavenly Places pg 12

Even the angels were not permitted to share the counsels between the Father and the Son when the plan of salvation was laid. Ministry of healing pg 429

“We are altogether too indifferent to God's blessings. We share his loving care through Jesus Christ, and then forget how much it has cost the Father and the Son to make us fallen mortals sharers of his paternal sympathies.”{E. G. White, Signs of the Times, December 7, 1891 par. 6}

“It is the Father who "so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”{E. G. White, Review and Herald, July 19, 1892 par. 7}

“Angels and archangels wonder at this great plan of redemption; they admire and love the Father and the Son as they behold the mercy and love of God; there is no feeling of jealousy as this new temple, renewed in the image of Christ, is presented in its loveliness to stand around the throne of God.”{E. G. White, Manuscript Releases Volume 3, p. 19} 1892

“The great gift of salvation has been placed within our reach at an infinite cost to the Father and the Son.”{E. G. White, Review and Herald, March 10, 1891 par. 2}

“No man, nor even the highest angel, can estimate the great cost; it is known only to the Father and the Son.”{E. G. White, The Bible Echo, October 28, 1895 par 4}

“In the plan to save a lost world, the counsel was between them both; the covenant of peace was between the Father and the Son.” {E. G. White, Signs of the Times, December 23, 1897 par. 2}

“But in the transgression of man both the Father and the Son were dishonored.”{E. G. White, Signs of the Times, December 12, 1895 par. 7}

“The human family cost God and his Son Jesus Christ an infinite price.”{E. G. White, Special Testimonies On Education, p. 21} 1896

Willie White, 1935 - some twenty years after Ellen White's death:

The statements and the arguments of some of our ministers, in their effort to prove that the Holy Spirit is an individual as are God the Father and Christ, the eternal Son, have perplexed me, and sometimes they have made me sad. One popular teacher said We may regard Him, as the fellow who is down here running things. My perplexities were lessened a little when I learned from the dictionary that one of the meanings of personality was characteristics. It is stated in such a way that I concluded that there might be personality without bodily form which is possessed by the Father and the Son. There are many Scriptures which speak of the Father and the Son and the absence of Scripture making similar reference to the united work of the Father and the Holy Spirit or of Christ and the Holy Spirit, has led me to believe that the spirit without individuality was the representative of the Father and the Son throughout the universe, and it was through the Holy Spirit that they dwell in our hearts and make us one with the Father and with the Son. Letter, W. C. White to H. W. Carr, April 30, 1935

Note the dates: 1897 - 1935. There is no inkling of any support for a trinity God. Others have succeeded in making the denomination trinitarian. These, like Kellogg, have manipulated Ellen White to make it appear she was the one who initiated the change.

Matthew 3:16

As Jesus asked for baptism, John drew back, exclaiming, "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me?" With firm yet gentle authority, Jesus answered, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." And John, yielding, led the Saviour down into the Jordan, and buried Him beneath the water. "And straightway coming up out of the water," Jesus "saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him." {DA 111.1}

Luke 3:21, 22

Never before have the angels listened to such a prayer. They are eager to bear to their loved Commander a message of assurance and comfort. But no; the Father Himself will answer the petition of His Son. Direct from the throne issue the beams of His glory. The heavens are opened, and upon the Saviour's head descends a dovelike form of purest light,--fit emblem of Him, the meek and lowly One. {DA 112.1}

John 17:22

Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all his disciples, and give them the inspiration of his sanctifying spirit, and transfuse the vital influence from himself to his people. He would have them understand that henceforth they cannot serve two masters. Their lives cannot be divided. Christ is to live in his human agents, and work through their faculties, and act through their capabilities. Their will must be submitted to his will, they must act with his spirit, that it may be no more they that live, but Christ that liveth in them. Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in giving his Holy Spirit he is giving to them the glory which the Father has given him, that he and his people may be one in God. Our way and will must be in submission to God's will, knowing that it is holy, just, and good. {ST, October 3, 1892 par. 4}

John 20:22

"And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified. The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ's ascension. Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world. But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose. Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, Christ breathed His Spirit upon them. He was committing to them a most sacred trust, and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished. {DA 805.2} The Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul. The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ. Only those who are thus taught of God, those who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life the Christ-life is manifested, are to stand as representative men, to minister in behalf of the church. {DA 805.3}

Matthew 28:19

Before He left them, Christ gave His followers a positive promise that after His ascension He would send them the Holy Spirit. "Go ye therefore," He said, "and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father [a personal God] and of the Son [a personal Saviour], and of the Holy Ghost [sent from heaven to represent Christ]: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" [Matthew 28:19, 20]. {12MR 260.2}

So what did she mean by "person" a clue is found in the Webster's 1828 dictionary from her study:

Noah Websters 1828 English Dictionary

PERSON, n. per'sn. [L. persona; said to be compounded of per, through or by, and sonus, sound; a Latin word signifying primarily a mask used by actors on the stage.]

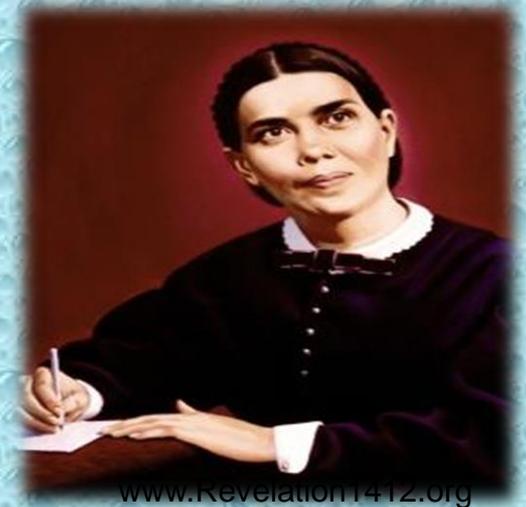
*Meaning #6. **Character of office.***

Where does the Holy Spirit come from?

John 20:22

And when he had said this, **he
breathed on them, and saith
unto them, Receive ye the Holy
Ghost:**

“Christ gives them the breath of
His own spirit, **the life of His
own life.**” {DA 827.3}



Which Spirit?

“But there are two spirits in the world,—the Spirit of God and the spirit of Satan.”

{ST, November 24, 1887
par. 7}



The Spirit is a person!

John 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

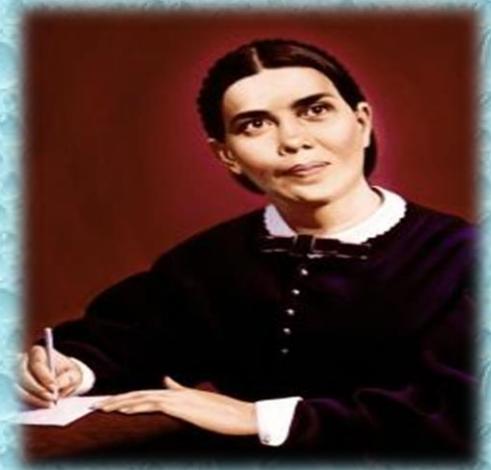


“Christ is not here referring to his doctrine, **but to his person, the divinity of his character.**”

{RH, April 5, 1906 par. 12}

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.**

{14MR 23}



“This refers to **the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ**, called the Comforter.”

{14MR 179}1891

“**This Comforter 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.”

Review and Herald, May 19, 1904 par. 1



The Head of the Church

While Jesus ministers in the sanctuary above, He is still by His Spirit the minister of the church on earth. He is withdrawn from the eye of sense, but His parting promise is fulfilled, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20. While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, His energizing presence is still with His church. {DA 166.2}



The Trio

They have **one God** and **one Saviour**; and **one Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--is** to bring unity into their ranks. {9T 189.3}



The only safety for any of us is to plant our feet upon the Word of God and study the Scriptures, making God's Word our constant meditation. Tell the people to take no man's word regarding the Testimonies but to read them and study them for themselves, then they will know that they are in harmony with the truth. The Word of God is the truth. Of a good man the psalmist declares, "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night." He who puts mind and heart into this work gains a solid, valuable experience. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN THE WORD OF GOD. Here is the living, undying element so DISTINCTLY REPRESENTED IN THE SIXTH CHAPTER OF JOHN. [John 6:53-57, 63, quoted.] MUCH IS BEING SAID REGARDING THE IMPARTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and by some this is being so interpreted that it is an injury to the churches. ETERNAL LIFE IS THE RECEIVING OF THE LIVING ELEMENTS IN THE SCRIPTURES AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD. This is eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. To those who do this, life and immortality are brought to light through the gospel, for GOD'S WORD IS VERITY AND TRUTH, SPIRIT AND LIFE. It is the privilege of all who believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour to feed on the Word of God. The Holy Spirit's influence renders that Word, the Bible, an immortal truth, which to the prayerful searcher gives spiritual sinew and muscle. "Search the Scriptures," Christ declared, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." Those who dig beneath the surface discover the hidden gems of truth. The Holy Spirit is present with the earnest searcher. Its illumination shines upon the Word, stamping the truth upon the mind with a new, fresh importance. The searcher is filled with a sense of peace and joy never before felt. The preciousness of truth is realized as never before. A new, heavenly light shines upon the Word, illuminating it as though every letter were tinged with gold. God Himself has spoken to the mind and heart, making the Word spirit and life. Every true searcher of the Word lifts his heart to God, imploring the aid of the Spirit. And he soon discovers that which carries him above all the fictitious statements of the would-be teacher, whose weak, tottering theories are not sustained by the Word of the living God. These theories were invented by men who had not learned the first great lesson, that God's Spirit and life are in His Word. If they had received in the heart the eternal element contained in the Word of God, they would see how tame and expressionless are all efforts to get something new to create a sensation. They need to learn the very first principles of the Word of God; they would then have the Word of life for the people, who will soon distinguish the chaff from the wheat, for Jesus left His promise with His disciples. Just before His crucifixion one of His disciples asked Him the question, "How is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us and not unto the world? 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. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings, and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. 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. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" [John 14:22-27]. These words are not half comprehended by individuals, by families, or by church members, to whom and through whom, as His family, God would represent pure, unadulterated truth, which, if received and properly digested, brings eternal life. Let us believe the Word. He who thus eats the bread of heaven is nourished every day, and will know what these words mean, "Need not that any man teach you" [1 John 2:27]. We have lessons pure from the lips of Him who owns us, who has bought us with the price of His own blood. The precious Word of God is a solid foundation upon which to build. When men come to you with their supposed suppositions, tell them that the Great Teacher has left you His Word, which is of incalculable value, that He has sent a Comforter in His own name, even the Holy Ghost. "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Here is presented before us a rich banquet, of which all who believe in Christ as a personal Saviour may eat. He is the tree of life to all who continue to feed on Him. I am instructed to ask those who profess to receive Christ as their personal Saviour, Why do you pass by the words of the Great Teacher, and send your letters to human beings for words of comfort? Why do you rely upon human help when you have the large, full, grand promises, "He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. ... This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever"? He may die, yet the life of Christ in him is eternal, and he will be raised up at the last day. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (Letter 132, Oct. 10, 1900, to Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell)

Why are we weak?



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." {RH, August 26, 1890 par. 10}

FROM FERNANDO L. CANALE- The Handbook of Seventh Day Adventists theology, SDA Encyclopedia Vol. 12, p.138. states that, "Doctrine of God", The concept of the Trinity namely the idea that the three (3) are one (1) is not explicitly stated BUT ONLY ASSUMED"

"While no single scriptural passage states formally the doctrine of the Trinity, it is assumed as a fact by Bible writers and mentioned several times...“Only by faith can we accept the existence of the Trinity.” (RH, Special Issue on Bible Doctrines,30-7-1981)

Therefore, should there be any questions as to who are to be exalted?

“The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted.”{E. G. White, The Youth’s Instructor, July 7, 1898 par. 2}

The angels of God are ever passing from earth to heaven, and from heaven to earth. The miracles of Christ for the afflicted and suffering were wrought by the power of God through the ministration of the angels. And it is through Christ, by the ministration of His heavenly messengers, that every blessing comes from God to us. In taking upon Himself humanity, our Saviour unites His interests with those of the fallen sons and daughters of Adam, while through His divinity He grasps the throne of God. And thus Christ is the medium of communication of men with God, and of God with men. {DA 143.1}

After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, **THE FATHER AND SON CARRIED OUT THEIR PURPOSE**, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their own image. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. And now God says to his Son, "Let us make man in our image." As Adam came forth from the hand of his Creator, he was of noble height, and of beautiful symmetry. He was more than twice as tall as men now living upon THE earth, and was well proportioned. His features were perfect and beautiful. His complexion was neither white, nor sallow, but ruddy, glowing with the rich tint of health. Eve was not quite as tall as Adam. Her head reached a little above his shoulders. She, too, was noble--perfect in symmetry, and very beautiful. {3SG 33.2}

Satan was once an honored angel in heaven, next to Christ. His countenance, like those of the other angels, was mild and expressive of happiness. His forehead was high and broad, showing great intelligence. His form was perfect; his bearing noble and majestic. **BUT WHEN GOD SAID TO HIS SON, "LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE,"** Satan was jealous of Jesus. He wished to be consulted concerning the formation of man, and because he was not, he was filled with envy, jealousy, and hatred. He desired to receive the highest honors in heaven next to God. {EW 145.1}

BLESSINGS