

Understanding the Godhead Part Two

- 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again**, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
- 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
- 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
- 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**
- 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.
- 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.
- 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?
- 14:10 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.**
- 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.
- 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
- 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.
- 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
- 14:16 **And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;**
- 14:17 **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.**
- 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: **I will come to you.**
- 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.
- 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.
- 14:21 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.**
- 14:22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?
- 14:23 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.**
- 14:24 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.
- 14:25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.
- 14:26 **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.**
- 14:27 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.
- 14:28 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. John 14:1-28

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.** "But the Comforter, which is the Holy

Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall (although unseen by you), teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will come not unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you" (John 16:7). 14MR 23

The disciples still failed to understand Christ's words in their **spiritual sense**, and again He explained His meaning. **By the Spirit, He said, He would manifest Himself to them.** DA 670

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.** RC 129

After His ascension He 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.** DA 277

"I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send, is the presence and power of God. He will not leave His people in the world destitute of His grace, to be buffeted by the enemy of God, and harassed by the oppression of the world; but He will come to them. The world cannot see the truth; they know not the Father or the Son, but it is only because they do not desire to know God, they do not wish to look upon Jesus, to see His goodness, His love, His heavenly attractions. Jesus is inviting all men to accept Him; **and wherever the heart is open to receive Him, He will come in,** gladdening the soul with the light and joy of His presence. ST 11-23-1891

Almost immediately after the resurrection of our Lord, He urged upon His disciples the blessing of **spiritual baptism** in His words, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost.** By that action of breathing upon them, they received the **Spirit of Christ** into their inner lives. The expiration of the Spirit by the Lord of life is the inspiration of every Christian. As the Lord breathed the breath into the clay He had formed, the **vital, living element** gave life to the clay and it became a living soul. So Jesus Christ breathed upon His disciples and they became His living witnesses. Christ gives the life to every human worker--to His ministers who bear the most solemn message ever to be given to man to impart to man. Letter 201, 1900

The apostles were not sent forth to be witnesses for Christ until they had received that **spiritual endowment** necessary to fit them for the execution of their great commission. All professions of Christianity are but lifeless expressions of faith **until Jesus imbues the believer with His spiritual life, which is the Holy Ghost.** The evangelist is not prepared to teach the truth, and to be the representative of Christ, till he has received this heavenly gift. 3SP 242

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8.

During the patriarchal age the influence of the Holy Spirit had often been revealed in a marked manner, but never in its fullness. Now, in obedience to the word of the Saviour, the disciples offered their supplications for this gift, and in heaven Christ added His intercession. **He claimed the gift of the Spirit, that He might pour it upon His people.**

"And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." (Acts 2:1).

The **Spirit came** upon the waiting, praying disciples with a fullness that reached every heart. **The Infinite One revealed Himself in power to His church.** It was as if for ages this influence had been held in restraint, and now Heaven rejoiced in being able to pour out upon the church **the riches of the Spirit's grace.**

The Pentecostal outpouring was Heaven's communication that the Redeemer's inauguration was accomplished. According to His promise He had sent the Holy Spirit from heaven to His followers as a token that He had, as priest and king, received all authority in heaven and on earth, and was the **Anointed One** over His people. AA 37-39

Pentecost brought them the **presence of the Comforter**, of whom Christ had said, **He "shall be in you."** And He

had further said, "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 14:17; 16:7). **Henceforth through the Spirit, Christ was to abide continually in the hearts of His children.** Their union with Him was closer than when He was personally with them. The light, and love, and power of the **indwelling Christ** shone out through them, so that men, beholding, "marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13). SC 74, 75

The promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race. **Christ declared that the divine influence of His Spirit** was to be with His followers unto the end. From the Day of Pentecost to the present time, the Comforter has been sent to all who have yielded themselves fully to the Lord and to His service. AA 49

As the divine endowment--**the power of the Holy Spirit**--was given to the disciples, so it will today be given to all who seek aright. This power alone is able to make us wise unto salvation and to fit us for the courts above. Christ wants to give us a blessing that will make us holy. "These things have I spoken unto you," He says, "that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." (John 15:11). Joy in the Holy Spirit is health-giving, life-giving joy. **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

Christ has left His Holy Spirit to be His representative in the world, to give celestial aid to every hungering, thirsting soul. TMK 217

"If any man thirst," for assurance of truth, for restful hope, for deliverance from sinful propensities, **"let Him come unto Me, and drink."** He need not go to the priests or rabbis, but let him come unto Me. "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (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.)" (John 7:37-39). 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. ST 7-23-1896

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

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 hath 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. 2MR 36, 37

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, . . . that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by **his Spirit** in the inner man; **that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;** that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, . . . might be filled with all the fulness of God. Ephesians 3:14-19

To Jesus, who emptied Himself for the salvation of lost humanity, the Holy Spirit was given without measure. So it will be given to every follower of Christ when the whole heart is surrendered for His indwelling. Our Lord Himself has given the command, "Be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18), and this command is also a promise of its fulfillment. It was the good pleasure of the Father that in Christ should "all the fullness dwell," and "in Him ye are made full." (Colossians 1:19). MB 21

Before He ascended to heaven, Christ gave the disciples the promise, "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. I will not leave you orphans: I will come to you" (John 14:16, 17). 2MR 44

Christ came to our world, but the world could not endure His purity. He has gone to His Father, but He has sent **His Holy Spirit** to represent Him in the world till He shall come again. PH086

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

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." Matthew 28:20. While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, **His energizing presence** is still with His church. DA 166

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

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. Hebrews 7:25

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Jesus alone is our Redeemer, our Advocate and Mediator; in Him is our only hope for pardon, peace, and righteousness. It is by virtue of the blood of Christ that the sin-stricken soul can be restored to soundness. 1SM 332

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1, 2

For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. 1 Timothy 2:5, 6

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, **but by his own blood** he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, **who through the eternal Spirit** offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:12-14

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 1 John 5:6-8

When the soldier pierced the side of Jesus as He hung upon the cross, there came out two distinct streams, one of blood, the other of water. **The blood was to wash away the sins of those who should believe in His name, and the water was to represent that living water which is obtained from Jesus to give life to the believer.** EW 209

There is but **one way** of escape for the sinner. There is but **one agency** whereby he may be cleansed from sin. He must accept the propitiation that has been made by the **Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world.** The shed blood of Christ cleanseth us from all sin. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." **"Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."** (Acts 5:31). ST 5-30-1895

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest **by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way**, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) Hebrews 10:19-23

We have **only one channel** of approach to God. Our prayers can come to Him through **one name only--that of the Lord Jesus our Advocate. His Spirit** must inspire our petitions. No strange fire was to be used in the censers that were waved before God in the sanctuary. So the **Lord Himself** must kindle in our hearts the burning desire, if our prayers are acceptable to Him. The **Holy Spirit within** must make intercessions for us, with groanings that cannot be uttered. YRP 27

Likewise the **Spirit** helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the **Spirit** intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. Rom. 8:26, 27.

God is omniscient. No sin escapes His notice. He has given to no human being the work of judging the hearts and motives of His blood-bought heritage. **He has given all judgment into the hands of His Son**, whom He placed at the head of humanity to live in our behalf a life pure and undefiled, without a trace of sin. 21MR 271

Christ alone had experience in all the sorrows and temptations that befall human beings. Never another of woman born was so fiercely beset by temptation; never another bore so heavy a burden of the world's sin and pain. Never was there another whose sympathies were so broad or so tender. **A sharer in all the experiences of humanity, He could feel not only for, but with, every burdened and tempted and struggling one.** Ed 78

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.** Hebrews 4:15, 16

Christ is the source of every right impulse. He is the **only one** that can implant in the heart enmity against sin. Every desire for truth and purity, every conviction of our own sinfulness, is an evidence that **His Spirit** is moving upon our hearts.

Jesus has said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." John 12:32. Christ must be revealed to the sinner as the Saviour dying for the sins of the world; and as we behold the Lamb of God upon the cross of Calvary, the mystery of redemption begins to unfold to our minds and the goodness of God leads us to repentance. In dying for sinners, Christ manifested a love that is incomprehensible; and as the sinner beholds this love, it softens the heart, impresses the mind, and inspires contrition in the soul. SC 26

It is the virtue that goes forth from Christ, that leads to genuine repentance. Peter made the matter clear in his statement to the Israelites when he said, "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Acts 5:31. We can no more repent without the Spirit of Christ to awaken the conscience than we can be pardoned without Christ. SC 26

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. 21MR 372

And Jesus said He would give us the **Comforter. What is the Comforter? It is the Holy Spirit of God. What is the Holy Spirit? It is the representative of Jesus Christ, it is our Advocate** that stands by our side and places our petitions before the Father all fragrant with **His merits.** RC 285

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." "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"** (John 14:16, 17). **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).

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

Jesus comes to you as the Spirit of truth; study the mind of the Spirit, consult your Lord, follow His way. . . . God calls upon you to **close the door** to human inventions and to **open the door** to divine illumination. Be careful that you **do not resist the Spirit of God** in its office work upon the temple of the soul. Be determined to please God, to magnify His name, to enjoy the sweet influence of **His grace.** 2MR 337

The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, in Christ's name. He personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality. We may have the Holy Spirit if we ask for it and make it a habit to turn to and trust in God rather than in any finite human agent who may make mistakes. 20MR 324

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. 14MR 84

And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

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.** RH 5-19-1904

The **omnipotent power of the Holy Spirit** is the defense of every contrite soul. Not one that in penitence and faith has claimed His protection will Christ permit to pass under the enemy's power. **The Saviour is by the side of His tempted and tried ones.** With Him there can be no such thing as failure, loss, impossibility, or defeat; we can do all things through Him who strengthens us. When temptations and trials come, do not wait to adjust all the difficulties, **but look to Jesus, your Helper.** DA 490

What saith our Saviour? "I will not leave you comfortless: **I will come to you.**" (John 14:18) "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.**" (John 14:21) When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of Christ, remember that **He is 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.**" (John 14:23) Be of good cheer; light will come, and your soul will rejoice greatly in the Lord. DG 185.

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." (John 14:18) **By the Spirit the Father and the Son will come and make Their abode with you.** Bible Echo 1-15-1893

When God's people take the position that they are the temple of the Holy Ghost, Christ Himself abiding within, they will so clearly reveal Him in spirit, words, and actions, that there will be an unmistakable distinction between them and Satan's followers. 3SM 211

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.** Christ has all power in heaven and in earth, and He can strengthen the wavering, and set right the erring. RC 21

The Lord encourages all who seek Him with the whole heart. He gives them **His Holy Spirit, the manifestation of His presence and favor.** 9T 230

He says, "**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" (Revelation 3:20). How willing is Christ to take possession of the soul temple if we will let Him! He is represented as waiting and knocking at the door of the heart. Then why does He not enter? It is because the love of sin has closed the door of the heart. **As soon as we consent to give sin up, to acknowledge our guilt, the barrier is removed between the soul and the Saviour.** 1SM 325

There is therefore now **no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk **not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

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. And **if Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the **Spirit is life** because of righteousness. 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.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye **through the Spirit** do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the **Spirit of God**, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit**, that we are the children of God: 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. Romans 8:1-17

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ is in you**, except ye be reprobates? 2 Corinthians 13:5

In the **inner sanctuary** of the soul **the presence of God is to abide.** "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." "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the **Spirit of God dwelleth in you?** If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (2 Corinthians 6:16; 1 Corinthians 6:16, 17). RH 10-25-1892

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 7:1

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. When the power of His Spirit is revealed through the servants of God, we behold divinity flashing through humanity. When accompanied by the Holy Spirit, the presentation of truth as it is in Jesus will be of more value than all the honor or glory of the world. Let the unction from the **Holy One pervade your whole being**, and you will bear the impress of Christ. 13MR 314

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.** He who looks to Christ in simple, childlike faith, is made a **partaker of the divine nature through the agency of the Holy Spirit.** When led by the Spirit of God, the Christian may know that he is made complete in Him who is the head of all things. RH 11-29-1892

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. Circumstances may separate us from our friends; the broad, restless ocean may roll between us and them. Though their sincere friendship may still exist, they may be unable to demonstrate it by doing for us that which would be gratefully received. But no circumstances, no distance, can separate us from the **heavenly**

Comforter. Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is always there, one given in Christ's place, to act in His stead. He is always at our right hand, to speak soothing, gentle words, to support, sustain, uphold, and cheer. **The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul.** This Spirit works in and through every one who receives Christ. Those who know **the indwelling of this Spirit** reveal its fruit--**love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.** TMK 171

I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. John 15:5, 4

Christ comes as a Comforter to all who believe. He invites your confidence. He says, "**Abide in me.**" Surely we may trust in our loving Saviour. You can say, "Yes, my Saviour, in Thee I can and will trust. **I will abide in Thee.**" Then how trustfully you can work in His presence. **Your works will be but the fruit of Christ working in you.** You may rest in what Christ can do for you. And the energies of your soul will be awakened to cooperate with Him. **He will work in you** to do His good pleasure. 8MR 57

Our life must come from the parent vine. It is only **by personal union with Christ**, by communion with Him daily, hourly, that we can bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit. 5T 47

Christ abiding in the soul exerts a transforming power, and the outward aspect bears witness to the peace and joy that reign within. We drink in the love of Christ, as the branch draws nourishment from the vine. **If** we are grafted in Christ, **if** fiber by fiber we have been united with the Living Vine, we shall give evidence of the fact by bearing rich clusters of living fruit. 1SM 337

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Matthew 7:16

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:22, 23

When we live by faith on the Son of God, the fruits of the Spirit will be seen in our lives; not one will be missing.

The life of Christ in you produces the same fruits as in Him. Living in Christ, adhering to Christ, supported by Christ, drawing nourishment from Christ, you bear fruit after the similitude of Christ. DA 676, 677

There is **no other way** for man's salvation. "Without me," says Christ, "ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). **Through Christ, and Christ alone**, the springs of life can vitalize man's nature, transform his tastes, and set his affections flowing toward heaven. Through the **union** of the divine with the human nature **Christ could enlighten the understanding and infuse His life-giving properties through the soul dead in trespasses and sins.** 1SM 341

His divine power hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness. 2 Peter 1:3

The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. **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.** 6T 306

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, . . . that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by **his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;** that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Ephesians 3:14-19

As the life of the vine circulates through stem and cluster, descends into the lower fibres, and reaches to the topmost leaf, so will the **grace and love of Christ** burn and abound in the soul, sending its virtues to every part of the being, and pervading every exercise of body and mind. SD 76

Gospel religion is Christ in the life--a living, active principle. It is the grace of Christ revealed in character and wrought out in good works. COL 384

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, **but Christ who lives in me;** and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

When His words of instruction have been received, and have taken possession of us, **Jesus is to us an abiding presence**, controlling our thoughts and ideas and actions. . . . **It is no more we that live, but Christ that liveth in us, and He is the hope of glory.** Self is dead, but Christ is a living Saviour. TM 389

All must obtain a living experience for themselves; they must have **Christ enshrined** in the heart, **His Spirit** controlling the affections, or their profession of faith is of no value, and their condition will be even worse than if they had never heard the truth. 5T 619

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.** DA 388

May the Lord help us to die to self and be born again, that **Christ may live in us**, a living, active principle, a power that will keep us holy. 9T 187

The life of God in the soul is man's only hope. MH 115

Even the **mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of **this mystery** among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. Colossians 1:26-29

Our sanctification is the work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is the fulfillment of the covenant God has made with those who bind themselves up with Him, to stand with Him, His Son, and His Spirit in holy fellowship. **Have you been born again? Have you become a new being in Christ Jesus?** Then cooperate with the three great powers of heaven who are working in your behalf. 7BC 908

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:1-6

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.** Nicodemus answered and said unto Him, **How can these things be?** Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?" Nicodemus was unbelieving. He could not harmonize this doctrine of conversion with his understanding of what constituted religion. He could not explain to his own satisfaction the science of conversion; but Jesus showed him, by a figure, that it could not be explained by any of his precise methods. Jesus pointed out to him the fact that he could not see the wind, yet he could discern its action. He might never be able to explain the process of conversion, but he would be able to discern its effect. He heard the sound of the wind which bloweth where it listeth, and he could see the results of its action. **The operating agency was not revealed to view; men could not tell whence it came, or whither it went.** They could not define by what law it was governed; but they could see what it produced by its action. No human reasoning of the most learned man can define the operations of the Holy Spirit upon human minds and characters; yet they can see the effects upon the life and actions. **The Holy Spirit is a free, working, independent agency. The God of heaven uses His Spirit as it pleases Him**, and human minds and human judgment and human methods can no more set boundaries to its working, or prescribe as to the channel through which it shall operate, than they can say to the wind, "I bid you to blow in a certain direction, and to conduct yourself in such and such a manner." RH 5-5-1896

Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor has taught him? Isaiah 40:13

The Lord Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit; for it is His representative. Through it He infuses spiritual life into the soul, quickening its energies for good, cleansing it from moral defilement, and giving it a fitness for His kingdom. Jesus has large blessings to bestow, rich gifts to distribute among men. He is the wonderful Counselor, infinite in wisdom and strength; and if we will acknowledge the power of **His Spirit**, and **submit to be molded by it**, we shall stand complete in Him. What a thought is this! MYP 55

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, . . . that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by **his Spirit** in the inner man; **that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, . . . might be filled with all the fulness of God. Ephesians 3:14-19

While the wind is itself invisible, it produces effects that are seen and felt. So the work of the Spirit upon the soul will reveal itself in every act of him who has felt its saving power. **When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life.** Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden, or beholds the light descend from the courts above. The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. **Then that power which no human eye can see creates a new being in the image of God.** DA 173

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

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**; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:5-8

The Spirit of God must do its work upon the heart. All who have not experienced its regenerating power are chaff among the wheat. 5T 227

In describing to His disciples **the office work of the Holy Spirit**, Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. He rejoiced because of the abundant help He had provided for His church. The **Holy Spirit** was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people. **The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail.** The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the **mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead**, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is **the Spirit** that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by **the Spirit** that the heart is made pure. Through **the Spirit** the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. **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.

The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people. DA 671

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14

Christ has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions. There are many who believe and profess to claim the Lord's promise; **they talk about Christ and about the Holy Spirit, yet receive no benefit.** They do not surrender the soul to be guided and controlled by the divine agencies. **We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us.** Through the Spirit God works in His people "to will and to do of His good pleasure." Philippians 2:13. But many will not submit to this. They want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly gift. Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its

train. It is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ, and He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive. DA 672

To Jesus, who emptied Himself for the salvation of lost humanity, the Holy Spirit was given without measure. So it will be given to every follower of Christ when the whole heart is surrendered for His indwelling. MB 21

When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural work, bringing a **supernatural element** into human nature. The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan. But unless we do yield ourselves **to the control of Christ**, we shall be dominated by the wicked one. We must inevitably be under the control of the one or the other of the two great powers that are contending for the supremacy of the world. It is not necessary for us deliberately to choose the service of the kingdom of darkness in order to come under its dominion. We have only to neglect to ally ourselves with the kingdom of light. If we do not co-operate with the heavenly agencies, Satan will take possession of the heart, and will make it his abiding place. **The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart** through faith in His righteousness. **Unless we become vitally connected with God**, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; **but without a vital connection with God, through the surrender of ourselves to Him moment by moment, we shall be overcome.** Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual communion, we are at the mercy of the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end. DA 324

The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the **third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.** Ev 617.

The Lord Jesus loves His people, and when they put their trust in Him, depending wholly upon Him, He strengthens them. He will live through them, giving them the inspiration of **His sanctifying Spirit, imparting to the soul a vital transfusion of Himself.** He acts through their faculties and causes them to choose His will and to act out His character. With the apostle Paul they then may say, **"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 2:20). TMK 78

All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. **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 grace of God enlarges and multiplies their faculties, and every perfection of the divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving souls. Through co-operation with Christ they are complete in Him, and in their human weakness they are enabled to do the deeds of **Omnipotence.** DA 827

Let us remember that the Word Christ has commanded us to preach to all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples is confirmed by the Holy Spirit. This is God's plan of work. Christ is the mighty power which confirms the Word, bringing men and women, through conversion to the truth, to an understanding faith, making them willing to do whatsoever He has commanded them. **The human agent, the seen instrument, is to preach the Word, and the Lord Jesus, the unseen agency, by His Holy Spirit is to make the Word efficacious and powerful.** 2SM 18

There are many who have a legal, casual faith. They have nominally accepted Christ as the Saviour of the world, but they have no evidence in their hearts that He is their personal Saviour, that He has forgiven their sins, that they have a living connection with God, the source of all light. You cannot teach others of Jesus and His righteousness, you cannot portray His matchless love, and the fullness of His grace, you cannot picture Him as the Christian's all in all, as the Comforter and guide of man, unless your own heart is filled with His love. You will not be able to present God as a God of compassion and love unless you can say, "I have tasted and know that the Lord is good." ST 9-2-1889

The Holy Spirit always leads to the written word. The Holy Spirit is a person; for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. When this witness is borne, it carries with it its own evidence. At such

times we believe and are sure that we are the children of God. What strong evidence of the power of truth we can give to believers and unbelievers when we can voice the words of John, "We have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." (1 John 5:16)

The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. **He must also be a divine person**, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God. **"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 2:11). 20MR 68, 69

When God's people search the Scriptures with a desire to know what is truth, **Jesus is present in the person of His representative, the Holy Spirit**, reviving the hearts of the humble and contrite ones. 12MR 145

Gatherings for social intercourse are made in the highest degree profitable and instructive when those who meet together have the love of God glowing in their hearts, when they meet to exchange thoughts in regard to the word of God or to consider methods for advancing His work and doing good to their fellow men. **When the Holy Spirit is regarded as a welcome guest at these gatherings, when nothing is said or done to grieve Him away**, God is honored, and those who meet together are refreshed and strengthened. AH 502

We have been brought together as a school, and we need to realize that **the Holy Spirit**, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds, **unseen** by human eyes; that the **Lord God is our Keeper and Helper**. He hears every word we utter and knows every thought of the mind. 2SAT 136

How few realize that **Jesus, unseen**, is walking by their side! How ashamed many would be to hear His voice speaking to them, and to know that He heard all their foolish, common talk! And how many hearts would burn with holy joy if they only knew that the Saviour was by their side, that the holy atmosphere of His presence was surrounding them, and they were feeding on the bread of life! How pleased the Saviour would be to hear His followers talking of His previous lessons of instruction, and to know that they had a relish for such holy things! 14MR 125

Christ walks **unseen** through our streets. With messages of mercy He comes to our homes. With all who are seeking to minister in His name, He waits to co-operate. **He is in the midst of us, to heal and to bless, if we will receive Him.** MH 107

What saith our Saviour? **"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."** . . . When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of Christ, remember that **He is 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. DG 185

The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not strengthen the church. Regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding, silence is golden. AA 52

I am instructed to say, The sentiments of those who are searching for advanced scientific ideas are not to be trusted. Such representations as the following are made: "The Father is as the light invisible: the Son is as the light embodied; the Spirit is the light shed abroad." "The Father is like the dew, invisible vapor; the Son is like the dew gathered in beauteous form; the Spirit is like the dew fallen to the seat of life." Another representation: "The Father is like the invisible vapor; the Son is like the leaden cloud; the Spirit is rain fallen and working in refreshing power." Ev 614

All these spiritualistic representations are simply nothingness. They are imperfect, untrue. They weaken and diminish the Majesty which no earthly likeness can be compared to. God cannot be compared with the things His hands have made. These are mere earthly things, suffering under the curse of God because of the sins of man. The Father cannot be described by the things of earth.

The Father is all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and is invisible to mortal sight.

The Son is all the fullness of the Godhead manifested. The Word of God declares Him to be "the express image of His person." "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 3:16) Here is shown the personality of the Father.

The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fullness of

the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit--those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ.-- Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 7, pp. 62, 63.

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 always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19, 20). 12MR 260

What a salvation is revealed in the covenant by which **God promised to be our Father, His only-begotten Son our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter, Counselor, and Sanctifier!** Upon no lower ground than this is it safe for us to place our feet. HP 137

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, powers infinite and omniscient, receive those who truly enter into covenant relation with God. They are present at every baptism, to receive the candidates who have renounced the world and have received Christ into the soul temple. These candidates have entered into the family of God, and their names are inscribed in the Lamb's book of life. 6BC 1075

Keep yourselves where the three great powers of heaven--**the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**--can be your efficiency. These powers work with the one who gives himself unreservedly to God. The strength of heaven is at the command of God's believing ones. The man who makes God his trust is barricaded by an impregnable wall. HP 176

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." James 4:7, 8. We cannot save ourselves from the tempter's power; he has conquered humanity, and when we try to stand in our own strength, we shall become a prey to his devices; but "the name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Proverbs 18:10. **Satan trembles and flees before the weakest soul who finds refuge in that mighty name.** DA 130

He (Jesus) knew that the gospel of the kingdom would be preached to all nations for a witness; He knew that truth **armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit,** would conquer in the battle with evil, and that the bloodstained banner would one day wave triumphantly over His followers. AA 20

To bring **humanity into Christ,** to bring the fallen race into **oneness with divinity,** is the work of redemption. Christ took human nature that men might be one with Him as He is one with the Father, that God may love man as He loves His only-begotten Son, that men may be partakers of the divine nature, and be complete in Him.

The Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the only-begotten Son of God, binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to the perfect, divine-human nature of Christ. **This union is represented by the union of the vine and the branches.** Finite man is united to the manhood of Christ. Through faith human nature is assimilated with Christ's nature. **We are made one with God in Christ.** 1SM 250, 251

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. How earnestly the Saviour prayed that His disciples might be one with Him as He is one with the Father. But the unity that is to exist between Christ and His followers does not destroy the personality of either. **They are to be one with Him as He is one with the Father.** 5BC 1148

And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **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.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as we are one:** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. John 17:19-23

What a wonderful statement! **The unity that exists between Christ and His disciples does not destroy the personality of either.** In mind, in purpose, in character, they are one, but not in person. By partaking of the Spirit of God, conforming to the law of God, man becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ brings His disciples into a **living union with Himself and with the Father.** Through the working of the Holy Spirit upon the human mind, man is made complete in Christ Jesus. Unity with Christ establishes a bond of unity with one another. This unity is the most convincing proof to the world of the majesty and virtue of Christ, and of His power to take away sin. 5BC 1148

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. 9T 189

When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the early church, "the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul" (Acts 4:32). The Spirit of Christ made them one. **This is the fruit of abiding in Christ.** 3SM 20

For through him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father. Ephesians 2:18

Jesus did not pray for that which was not attainable by us, and if this unity is possible, why do not those who are professed followers of Christ strive more earnestly for this condition of grace? **When we are one with Christ, we shall be one with His followers.** The great want of the soul is Jesus, the hope of glory. Through the Holy Spirit this unity may be attained, and love for the brethren will abound, and men will take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Our life will be a reflection of His holy character. As believers in Him we shall represent His meekness of spirit, His gentleness of demeanor. Individually the church of God must answer the prayer of Christ till we all come into the unity of the Spirit. YRP 87

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is **one body, and one Spirit,** even as ye are called in **one hope** of your calling; **one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father** of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Ephesians 4:1-6

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14