

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

There are a few guidelines for study that will lead you to enrich your connection with the Lord. These guidelines are practical ground rules, most of them founded in the teachings of the SDA founders and other true followers of the Lord in the same time period: William Miller, Uriah Smith, Ellen White, James White, Joseph Bates, etc... While Ellen has been the only figure here with founded, unwavering evidence of being a prophet, this doesn't discount the methods of study developed by the others.

- We must include ALL EVIDENCE FOUND that pertains to the topic. If 9/10 verses agree, but the tenth does not, we are unable to draw a conclusion until all of the evidence agrees.
- The Bible is not metaphorical. For example: Jesus said to Mary "go and sin no more", was He joking?
- This study is intended for those that seek the Truth.

All collaborating evidence will paint a full picture. If a statement is made, it does not rule out additional information. However, it also does not necessarily mean that more information is available on the topic.

Much of this study is done through a collaboration of Ellen White and the Bible. It is not a game of "which is more valid than the other".

- If Ellen is a true prophet, that means she was inspired by Christ.
- If she was inspired by Christ, that makes her words Christ's words.
- The Bible was written by prophets that were inspired by Christ. (Moses, Daniel, David, etc..)
- Therefore, they're ALL Christ's words.

The General Conference inducted the belief in a trinity into the official code of Seventh-Day Adventist Statement of Fundamental Beliefs in 1980; that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are a 3-in-1 entity, or a "lump". One being indistinguishable from the other in specific person, spirit, mind, or body. Some versions and interpretations verge on pantheism. Regardless of whatever deformity of our Saviour this false doctrine has morphed into, one thing is clear:

**There is no Biblical evidence of a trinity or triune god.**

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**There is evidence of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ that is the express image of His Father.**  
**They share the same kind of Spirit.**

## Bible Evidence (KJV)

Let us first start with outlying guidelines of how man is to understand the nature of God and those things that we know as plain statements in Scripture.

**Romans 1:20** – “<sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”

Paul is saying that I don't need to see the angels and the spirits all around me to know how things work in the world. I only need to view Christ's creation to see the examples of how things work. In the same way that a child learns from observing his/her parents, we learn from our Heavenly Father's handywork.

**John 4:24** – “<sup>24</sup> God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

We here have a direct statement from John telling us that God is a Spirit. One natural characteristic He possesses.

**Genesis 1:21, 24, 25** – “<sup>21</sup> And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl **after his kind**: and God saw that it was good.” “<sup>24</sup> And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature **after his kind**, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth **after his kind**: and it was so.” “<sup>25</sup> And God made the beast of the earth **after his kind**, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth **after his kind**: and God saw that it was good.”

We have evidence here that the Lord created the world in a way the clearly shows created beings bringing forth after their own kind: dogs produce dogs, cats produce cats, fish produce fish, etc... There is no evidence of any other production. Common sense would tend to state that if any mutations from the original being are produced, they either function at a lesser quality or do not function well at all. And regardless, a mutated dog/cat/fish, is still a dog/cat/fish.

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Now that we have some basics stated, let's move on to the Biblical definition of a Spirit.

**Mark 2:8** – “<sup>8</sup> And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?”

Jesus perceived in His Spirit. [Greek:  $\epsilon\pi\iota\gamma\iota\nu\omega\sigma\kappa\omega$ - epiginosko “to know, that is to understand”] The Spirit of Jesus is where He knew and understood things. The Spirit of Jesus is the mind of Jesus.

**Ezekiel 11:5** – “And the Spirit [Hebrew:  $j^w r$  - ruwach #7307 in Strong's Concordance] of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind [ruwach], every one of them.”

In this verse ruwach was translated “spirit” in one place, and “mind” in another. Clearly you can see that the spirit of an individual is the mind or thinking of that individual.

(See also)

**Isaiah 40:13** – “<sup>13</sup> Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?” and

**Romans 11:34** – “<sup>34</sup> For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?”

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**Job 26:4** – “<sup>4</sup> To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?”

**Ephesians 4:30** – “<sup>30</sup> And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

Some people maintain that “the Holy Spirit,” and “the Spirit of God” are two different things. As you can see from the preceding verse, this is not the case. The Bible speaks of “The Holy Spirit of God.”

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

God the Father has a Spirit.

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

Jesus Christ has a Spirit.

Does the Holy Spirit have a Spirit? Some say yes, while others say no. What saith the Scriptures?

**Ephesians 4:30** – “<sup>30</sup> And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

The Bible does not mention anywhere “the Spirit of the Holy Spirit”. Why is that?

What does this mean of the relationship between the Father and His Son?

**Hebrews 1:9** – “<sup>9</sup> Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”

The Father anointed His Son with His own Spirit. Therefore, they have the same kind of Spirit. They are two different beings, yet their spirits are holy.

**John 3:34** – “<sup>34</sup> For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.”

As is plainly shown, the Father and the Son are the same kind of Spirit. What type of Spirit is that? Surely, it is a Holy Spirit. The Bible mentions several different types of Spirit. We read about “foul spirit,” “evil spirit,” “unclean spirit,” “dumb spirit,” “excellent spirit,” “humble spirit,” “wounded spirit,” “broken spirit,” “haughty spirit,” “faithful spirit,” “good spirit.” All these spirits are distinguishable by the adjective that describes them. We know that God the Father has a Spirit, and can that Spirit be anything else or anything less than Holy? The word “Holy” is an adjective in every case, whether in English or in Greek. “Holy Spirit” is not a name, but a description of the Spirit of God and the Spirit of the Lord.

We know that God the Father has a proper name, which is “JHVH” (because Hebrew has no vowels), otherwise known as “Jehovah,” and His only begotten Son has a proper name, which is “Immanuel” or “God with us”.

**Exodus 23:20, 21** <sup>20</sup> Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. <sup>21</sup> Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him

What is the name of the Holy Spirit?

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We now return to what is possibly the best-known Bible text.

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

The Biblical truth of this statement now tells us that Jesus was not created, as all things that we know are. (Men, women, animals, trees, etc..) Jesus was “brought forth”. We don’t have a clear understanding of how the Father did it, but the Inspired Record tells us that it happened. Then, we read Romans 1:20 to see that all things created in this world are for man’s understanding of “His eternal power and Godhead” and we also read in Genesis 1 that all things bring forth after their kind. The picture is clearly painted here that Christ, being brought forth from His Father, inherited the traits of His Father. Moreover, that we see, from the distinction of Their two Spirits, that they are two separate persons.

**Proverbs 8:22, 24** – <sup>22</sup> The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.” <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.”

Christ is setting an account of that day “in eternity past” when the Father brought forth His Son. Not created. This does wonders to explain the significance of the sacrifice the Father offered to a fallen race, His One and Only Son. However, it also shows their relation. And as John 3:34 has shown, they are equal in Spirit and ability. The Father came first, therefore the Son couldn’t have existed without the Father, and the Son owes all the He is to His Father. Just as we owe everything we have (life, salvation, etc..) to our Father, Jesus.

Interesting thought: there was once a time when God the Father was not a father, He was just God.

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## Our Comforter

**Hebrews 2:18** – <sup>18</sup> For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.”

**Colossians 1:27** – <sup>27</sup> 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:**”

**1 John 4:4** – <sup>4</sup> Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: **because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**”

The Bible says our Comforter is Jesus Christ, who is able to comfort us in all our temptations because He was tempted just like us. Because Jesus has suffered being tempted, and comes to us in a different way than He ever did before, He can truly be called, “another Comforter.” Jesus said, “I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.”

**John 16:8-11** – “<sup>8</sup> And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> Of sin, because they believe not on me; <sup>10</sup> Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; <sup>11</sup> Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

**Acts 3:26** – “<sup>26</sup> Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.”

The Holy Spirit was to come and convict the world of sin. It is Jesus, after His resurrection, who comes to us to turn us from sin. Who makes the most sense here: a Comforter who knows what you are going through because He has been there Himself, or one who cannot empathize with you?

Some may immediately say, “Jesus called the Comforter ‘he,’ therefore he must be someone else.” It was not uncommon in Christ’s day to speak of yourself in the third person. You find this style of writing throughout the New Testament.

**John 5:19-22** – “<sup>19</sup> Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. <sup>21</sup> For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. <sup>22</sup> For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:”

Jesus spoke of Himself in the third person. Let’s also look at a different verse that uses the word *another*.

**1 Samuel 10:6, 9** – “And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. ... And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.”

Saul became another man, yet physically he was the same person. His experience made him another man. The evidence and conviction of common sense leads me to believe the validity of a Christ who died for our sins and holds communication through His angels and His Spirit. One who has “suffered being tempted” and can help those in need because He Himself was in our position once. Christ is never less than Himself, but the validity of His judgement cannot be questioned when He Himself walked the path he requires of us.

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

Paul tells us where Christ is and what He is doing for us, right now. And when He left, He tells us that He will not leave us comfortless.

**John 14:17** – “<sup>15</sup> If ye love me, keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; <sup>17</sup> Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

“Even the Spirit of truth;” – who is the truth?

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

“He dwelleth” is a present tense statement. “Shall be in you” is a future tense statement. Yet it speaks of the same person, Christ. Jesus did not finish the conversation with verse seventeen. In the very next verse He clearly explains:

**John 14:18** – “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”

Jesus said that He would come to His disciples as another Comforter. This is quite appropriate since the Bible plainly tells us who the Comforter is. The Greek word παρακλητος (parakletos), translated “Comforter,” is used five times in the Bible. Four times the word is translated “Comforter” and the other time it is translated “Advocate.”

Here the Bible clearly states WHO the Comforter is.

**1 John 2:1** – “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [parakletos = Comforter] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

God has plainly revealed that Jesus Christ is our Comforter.

Doesn't the Bible say that the Comforter is the Holy Spirit?

**John 14:26** – “<sup>26</sup> But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

Affirmative. Who is the Holy Spirit? Inspiration declares:

**2 Corinthians 3:17** – “<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

The Lord is that Spirit, yet who is the Lord?

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

This could be expressed in the form of mathematical equations as:

**Jesus Christ = the Lord**

**The Lord = That Spirit**  
**Therefore: Jesus Christ = That Spirit**

It is clear from these verses in first and second Corinthians that God the Father and our Lord Jesus are two separate persons.

**Ephesians 4:1-6** – “<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, <sup>2</sup>With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; <sup>3</sup>Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup>One Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

**John 11:25** – “<sup>25</sup> Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:”

There is only one Spirit that saves the sinner. It was not the Father that came to die for our sins, but His Son.

**1 John 5:12** – “<sup>12</sup> He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”

and the Bible tells us that that Spirit is our Lord Jesus Christ

**Galatians 4:4-6** – “<sup>4</sup> But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, <sup>5</sup> To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. <sup>6</sup> And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.”

The evidence of Romans 1:20 stands to reason here. Also:

**1 Corinthians 13:12** – “<sup>12</sup> For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”

There are those that claim the evidence points to the Father and His Son sharing the same spirit. Making Christ a “puppet” of sorts, unable to exist on His own. Considering this logically, this would void the sacrifice Jesus made at the cross, negating the divinity within Christ, making the sacrificial shell merely human, which is unacceptable.

Circling back to the definition of a Spirit- According to the Strong’s Concordance, along with many other Greek Dictionaries, a spirit is a “mind.” When God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, He was sending the mind, or thinking of His Son into our hearts.

**Philippians 2:5** – “<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”

**John 3:34** – “<sup>34</sup> For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.”

Without measure, that on His own, Christ might stand. Though He calls the Father His God, He stands on His own, that in Him is life.

## Epistle Salutations

Looking now towards the Epistles of the New Testament, of which there are 27, we see that fifteen of them begin with a greeting similar to this one:

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

Out of all these greetings, none of them mention a third being. Just two are mentioned, the Father and His Son. Surely if there were a third being who is to be equally worshipped and adored, the writers of the New Testament would have included him in these greetings but alas, there is not one to be found.

John explains to us with whom we are to have fellowship.

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

Surely if John were acquainted with a third God, he would want us to have fellowship with him as well, but there is no mention of another being. John further states:

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

“Both” means two, and only two. This agrees with Zechariah.

**Zechariah 6:12, 13** – “<sup>12</sup> And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The Branch; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: <sup>13</sup> Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

According to natural law in creation, if a branch is pulled from a tree and planted on its own, away from the original tree- it will grow. It doesn't require the original tree to live. In it is life, unborrowed and underived.

Reasoning with the Jews, Jesus said:

**John 8:17, 18** – “<sup>17</sup> It is also written in your law, that the testimony of **two men is true**. <sup>18</sup> I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.”



If an additional being could testify in His behalf, Jesus would probably not have hesitated to mention him here.

Paul declared:

**1 Timothy 5:21** – “I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels.”

Paul called the heavenly agencies to witness this charge given to Timothy. Notice who Paul called as a witness for him. God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are naturally the first ones to be mentioned, but Paul did not stop here. He called all the angels of God to be his witnesses also. Certainly if Paul knew of a third being who is coequal with the Father and His Son, then he would have mentioned him in this verse. Yet there is no hint of another being, which is plain evidence that Paul knew nothing about a third god.

There is an abundance of Scripture which plainly shows that:

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

And:

**2 Corinthians 3:17** – “<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

The subject we are discussing is of vital importance. Please take the time to examine this in detail. The only way a judge can make a just decision is by viewing and weighing all the evidence.

**Proverbs 18:13** – “<sup>13</sup> He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.”

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Now that we have examined some of the evidence as to the complete non-existence of a third being in the Godhead and that the Father and the Son are the same kind and possess the same type of spirit, we will examine the evidence given to us regarding how the Spirit of Christ Jesus actually does function.

**Romans 8:16, 26** – “<sup>16</sup> The Spirit **itself** beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:”  
“<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit **itself** maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Twice, Paul describes the Spirit as an “it”. Inspecting all evidence, we see an issue here. How can a third being be called an it? Simple: there is no third being. Yet that doesn’t explain how the Lord works, only how He does not.

Re-reading about Zechariah’s vision:

**Zechariah 4:11, 12** – “<sup>11</sup> Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? <sup>12</sup> And I answered again, and said unto him,

What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?"

We see that the two olive branches give forth their oil. This object lesson reveals the oil to be the Spirit. Moving further back to Jacob, we can see that Jacob's ladder adds on to the connection Christ makes between God and a sinful world.

**Genesis 28:12, 13** – “<sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;”

Here we have a distinct depiction of the system of communication that Christ forms with earth, if we then also consider the rightful places of the angels in heaven:

**Revelation 5:11** – “<sup>11</sup> And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;”

Putting the pieces together, what starts to emerge is a Lord that is currently making intercession for us in heaven (**Romans 8:34, Isaiah 53:12, Jeremiah 7:16, Hebrews 7:25**, etc...) that is the connection to the world (the Ladder in Jacob's dream) and chooses to communicate through his angels (going up and down the ladder) that deliver their message or perform their duty, and then return to the throne of God for further assignment. Jesus said:

**John 6:63** – “<sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”

And the power expressed from Christ's words on earth are revealed in all of His miracles. Also including:

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

In this example and almost every example of Christ's miracles, including creation, (**Genesis 1, Matthew 9:22, Matthew 8:13**, etc...) we observe the power of His Words. He speaks and things happen. And in the same principle that an authority figure sends a messenger or servant to carry out a task, it is of whom the authority originates that the task is considered to have been carried out by. If the Christ's very word is power and life, then the task He sends His angels upon are as good as done, because when Christ speaks, it happens.

Regarding the vague understanding of Paul referring to the Holy Spirit as an “it”:

Angels are holy: (**Matthew 25:31, Mark 8:38, Luke 9:26, Revelation 14: 10**, etc)

Angels are spirits: (Hebrews 1:14, Hebrews 1:7, Psalm 104:4, etc...)

Discerning by logic and evidence, we can see that angels who do not sin (aka holy) bring the oil from the two olive trees down to the earth where those sons and daughters of Christ require His spirit. The oil is the Spirit. It flows directly from Christ, who shares a Spirit with His Father, by inheritance. Christ tells us where He is:

**John 14: 2, 3** – “<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup> 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.”

Christ is not everywhere at once. He says as much. To think so is pantheism. Christ is in heaven preparing a place for us, making intercession, choosing to communicate through His angels with us. Another question begins to surface:

**If it isn't Christ personally here on earth, how can I grow closer to Him?**

David says:

**Psalm 119:11** – “<sup>11</sup> Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

And Christ says:

**Matthew 4:4** – “<sup>4</sup> But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

By Christ's instruction through Peter:

**1 Peter 3:15** – “<sup>15</sup> But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:”

The age old Christian truism: “By beholding, ye are changed” or in simpler terms: “You are what you eat”, then completes the puzzle that **it takes time** through continual consumption of the Word to become like Christ, which is what He calls us to do- to walk the path He walked while here on earth.

**Philippians 2:5** – “<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”

Not literally being implanted with Christ's mind are we called, yet if I should spend time in the Word every day, I will slowly start to think like my Lord. My change must be my own choice, and learning how to be holy like Christ is not something that this sinful mortal does overnight.

**Matthew 26:73-75** – “<sup>72</sup> And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. <sup>73</sup> And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. <sup>74</sup> Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately

the cock crew. <sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.”

Thus far evidence from Ellen White concerning the Spirit of the Lord (which, in her own writing she never capitalized the words “holy spirit” once) has been withheld, yet Ellen tells us in **Spiritual Gifts Vol 1. P.49.2** that this was the time that Peter was converted. Peter spent over 3 full years with Christ walking beside Him, learning from Him, listening to Him, conversing with Him, etc... and this is finally when it happened. His speech betrayed him because he sounded like Christ. It takes time.

Many have claimed that the thief on the cross is the example for the power of the Lord to convert the soul. This is true, when the thief beheld the passion of Christ, he was converted on sight and Christ said to him:

**Luke 23:43** – <sup>43</sup> And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

Yet it does not bode us well that we should live our days filled with sin and iniquity, ignoring the plea from the Lord “go and sin no more”, only to admonish a feeble attempt at repentance and salvation at the end. This heart may or may not be a sincere one, and it is common sense not to gamble with the precious gift of redemption that our Lord has offered us.

Jesus said:

**John 6:63** – <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”

Through daily consumption of the Bread of Life, we take in the Word that Christ has spoken to us, and our spirit becomes like His. You are what you eat.

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Here are Ellen White source materials for your perusal. They are directly applicable, yet Ellen says that her mission is to more clearly explain the Bible and not to alter the Inspired Record. She is direct, concise, and wonderfully Inspired by Christ and the words she writes are easy to read.

Many acclaimed Christians deny that Ellen is a prophet ordained by the Lord, yet this is another topic for another day. One of the tests of a prophet are whether their words agree with the Bible, and as you read through these excerpts, note that Ellen is in direct harmony with the God that inspired many other prophets to write the Bible.

Also note that [www.egwwritings.org](http://www.egwwritings.org) is a wonderful source to research anything from Ellen White, but that Ellen died on July 16, 1915. So, when you search phrases, direct phrases in quotes, word + word searches, or read any literature- be sure to set the Search Result Sorting icon at the top right of the search window to sort by “Earliest First”. There is quite a lot of material on this website that was written after Ellen died that contradicts what she preached. Do not be fooled.

**Spiritual Gifts Vol 1. P.49.2** – “Peter followed his Lord after his betrayal. He was anxious to see what would be done with Jesus. And when he was accused of being one of his disciples, he denied it. He was afraid of his life, and when charged with being one of them, he declared that he knew not the man. The disciples were noted for the purity of their words, and Peter, to deceive, and convince them that he was not one of Christ’s disciples, denied it the third time with cursing and swearing. Jesus, who was some distance from Peter, turned a sorrowful, reproving gaze upon him. Then he remembered the words which Jesus had spoken to him in the upper chamber, and also his zealous assertion, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. He denied his Lord, even with cursing and swearing; but that look of Jesus melted Peter at once, and saved him. He bitterly wept and repented of his great sin, and was converted, and then was prepared to strengthen his brethren.” {1SG 49.2}

**Redemption: or the Resurrection of Christ; and His Ascension, Volume 6, p.52.2** – “This meeting at Galilee had been appointed by the Saviour; the angel from Heaven had announced it to several of the disciples; and Jesus himself had given them special directions in regard to it, saying, “After I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.” The place upon the mountain-side was selected by Jesus, because of its accommodation for a large company. This meeting was of the utmost importance to the church, which was soon to be left to carry on the work without the personal presence of the Saviour. Jesus here designed to manifest himself to all the brethren that should assemble, in order that all their doubt and unbelief might be swept away.” {6Red 52.2}

**The Youth’s Instructor – June 28, 1894, par. 9** – “Who is Christ?--He is the only begotten Son of the Living God. He is to the Father as a word that expresses the thought,--as a thought made audible. Christ is the word of God.” {YI June 28, 1894, par. 9}

**Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, p. 300.1** – “It is Satan’s settled purpose to cut off all communication between God and His people, that he may practice his deceptive wiles with no voice to warn them of their danger. If he can lead men to distrust the messenger or to attach no sacredness to the message, he knows that they will feel under no obligation to heed the word of God to them. And when light is set aside as darkness, Satan has things his own way.” {5T 300.1}

**Manuscripts 32, May 10, 1889.10** – “After the Fall all communication between men and God came through Christ, so we have this presented before us in straight, pure lines that if man will confess his sins, the Father will pardon him. Notwithstanding all this, how few take the lessons home to themselves.” {Ms32-1889.10}

**Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 366.1** – “Christ was the foundation and center of the sacrificial system in both the patriarchal and the Jewish age. Since the sin of our first parents there has been no direct communication between God and man. The Father has given the world into the hands of Christ, that through His mediatorial work He may redeem man and vindicate the authority and holiness of the law of God. All the communion between heaven and the fallen race has been through Christ. It was the Son of God that gave to our first parents the promise of redemption. It was He who revealed Himself to the patriarchs. Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses understood the gospel. They looked for salvation through man’s Substitute and Surety. These holy men of old held communion with the Saviour who was to come to our world in human flesh; and some of them talked with Christ and heavenly angels

face to face.” {PP 366.1}

**Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 67.2** – “Adam, in his innocence, had enjoyed open communion with his Maker; but sin brought separation between God and man, and the atonement of Christ alone could span the abyss and make possible the communication of blessing or salvation from heaven to earth. Man was still cut off from direct approach to his Creator, but God would communicate with him through Christ and angels.” {PP 67.2}

**The Review and Herald, November 28, 1893, par. 4** – “The Jewish rabbis presented the requirements of the law as a wearing round of exactions. They did just what Satan is doing in our day,—presented the law before the people as a cold, rigid code of commands and traditions. Superstitions buried the light, the glory, the dignity, and far-reaching claims of the law of God. They professed to speak to the people in the place of God. After the transgression of Adam, the Lord spoke no longer directly with man; the human race was given into the hands of Christ, and all communication came through him to the world. It was Christ who spoke the law on Mount Sinai, and he knew the bearing of all its precepts, the glory and majesty of the law of heaven. In his sermon on the mount, Christ defines the law, and seeks to inculcate on the minds of his hearers the far-reaching claims of the precepts of Jehovah. His instructions came as a new revelation to the people; and the teachers of the law, the scribes and the Pharisees, as well as the common people, were astonished at his doctrine. The words of Christ were not new, and yet they came with the force of revelation; for they presented the truth in its proper light, and not in the light in which the teachers had set it before the people. He showed no regard for the traditions and commandments of men, but opened the eyes of their understanding to behold wondrous things out of the law of God, which is the foundation of his throne from the beginning of the world; and as long as the heavens and the earth remain, through the ceaseless ages of eternity, it will be the great standard of righteousness, holy and just and good.” {RH November 28, 1893, par. 4}

**The Spirit of Prophecy, Volume 1, p. 53.3** – “In the beginning, the head of each family was considered ruler and priest of his own household. Afterward, as the race multiplied upon the earth, men of divine appointment performed this solemn worship of sacrifice for the people. The blood of beasts was to be associated in the minds of sinners with the blood of the Son of God. The death of the victim was to evidence to all that the penalty of sin was death. By the act of sacrifice, the sinner acknowledged his guilt, and manifested his faith, looking forward to the great and perfect sacrifice of the Son of God, which the offering of beasts prefigured. Without the atonement of the Son of God there could be no communication of blessing, or salvation from God to man. God was jealous for the honor of his law. The transgression of that law caused a fearful separation between God and man. To Adam in his innocency was granted communion, direct, free and happy, with his Maker. After his transgression, God would communicate to man through Christ and angels. {1SP 53.3}

**Redemption: or the Resurrection of Christ; and His Ascension, Volume 2, p. 45.2** – “Jacob in the night vision saw earth connected with Heaven by a ladder reaching to the throne of God. He saw the angels of God, clothed with garments of heavenly brightness, passing down from Heaven and up to Heaven upon this shining ladder. The bottom of this ladder rested upon the earth, while the top of it reached to the highest Heavens, and rested upon the throne of Jehovah. The brightness from the throne of God beamed down upon this ladder, and reflected a light of inexpressible glory upon the earth. This ladder represented Christ who had opened the communication between earth and Heaven.” {2Red 45.2}

**The Desire of Ages, p. 70.4** – “Every child may gain knowledge as Jesus did. As we try to become acquainted with our heavenly Father through His word, angels will draw near, our minds will be strengthened, our characters will be elevated and refined. We shall become more like our Saviour. And as we behold the beautiful and grand in nature, our affections go out after God. While the spirit is awed, the soul is invigorated by coming in contact with the Infinite through His works. Communion with God through prayer develops the mental and moral faculties, and the spiritual powers strengthen as we cultivate thoughts upon spiritual things.” {DA 70.4}

**The Desire of Ages, p. 21.1** – “The angels of glory find their joy in giving,—giving love and tireless watchcare to souls that are fallen and unholy. Heavenly beings woo the hearts of men; they bring to this dark world light from the courts above; by gentle and patient ministry they move upon the human spirit, to bring the lost into a fellowship with Christ which is even closer than they themselves can know.” {DA 21.1}

**The Desire of Ages, p. 98.4** – “To the question of Zacharias, the angel said, ‘I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.’ Five hundred years before, Gabriel had made known to Daniel the prophetic period which was to extend to the coming of Christ. The knowledge that the end of this period was near had moved Zacharias to pray for the Messiah’s advent. Now the very messenger through whom the prophecy was given had come to announce its fulfillment.” {DA 98.4}

**The Bible Echo, December 10, 1900, par. 12** – “When God pointed out to Philip his work, the disciple did not say, as many are saying today, ‘God does not mean that. I will not be too confident, or I shall make a mistake.’ Philip that day learned a lesson of conformity to God’s will which was worth everything to him. He learned that every soul is precious in the sight of God, and that angels will bring to the appointed agencies light for those who are in need of it. The heavenly angels do not undertake the work of preaching the gospel. Through the ministration of angels God sends light to His people, and through His people this light is to be given to the world. The Holy Spirit will guide and instruct men and women if they will show themselves willing to be guided by placing themselves in positions where they can communicate the light received.” {BEcho December 10, 1900, par. 12}

**The Review and Herald, October 23, 1913, par. 2** – “Through a mighty angel the word of the Lord came to him, ‘What doest thou here, Elijah?’ In bitterness of soul, Elijah mourned out his complaint: ‘I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword: and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.’” {RH October 23, 1913, par. 2}

**The Spirit of Prophecy, Volume 1, p. 76.1** – “Anxiously did Noah and his family watch the decrease of the waters. He desired to go forth upon the earth again. He sent out a raven which flew back and forth to and from the ark. He did not receive the information he desired, and he sent forth a dove which, finding no rest, returned to the ark again. After seven days the dove was sent forth again, and when the olive leaf was seen in its mouth, there was great rejoicing by this family of eight, which had so long been shut up in the ark. Again an angel descends and opens the door of the ark. Noah could remove the top, but he could not open the door which God had shut. God spoke to Noah through the angel who opened the door, and bade the family of Noah go forth out of the ark, and bring forth with them every living thing.” {1SP 76.1}

**The Desire of Ages, p. 530.2** – “Martha answered, ‘I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’ {DA 530.2} Still seeking to give a true direction to her faith, Jesus declared, ‘I am the resurrection, and the life.’ In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived. ‘He that hath the Son hath life.’ 1 John 5:12. The divinity of Christ is the believer’s assurance of eternal life. ‘He that believeth in Me,’ said Jesus, ‘though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?’ Christ here looks forward to the time of His second coming. Then the righteous dead shall be raised incorruptible, and the living righteous shall be translated to heaven without seeing death. The miracle which Christ was about to perform, in raising Lazarus from the dead, would represent the resurrection of all the righteous dead. By His word and His works He declared Himself the Author of the resurrection. He who Himself was soon to die upon the cross stood with the keys of death, a conqueror of the grave, and asserted His right and power to give eternal life. {DA 530.3}

**Sabbath School Worker, August 1, 1892, par. 7** – “The work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart is shrouded in mystery. It can no more be explained than can the operation of the winds. The Lord has never explained to humanity how the soul is impressed by the Spirit of God, affecting the mind and heart of the believer, or how the Spirit puts words into the mouth of the Lord’s messengers to give to his people. The prophets, who were especially enlightened by the Spirit of God, often could not understand the meaning of the words they wrote upon the paper, or explain the significance of what they uttered when the Spirit caused them to speak, but the word of the Lord accomplished the very work which he designed that it should, and the fruits of the work testified to its divine character. {SSW August 1, 1892, par. 7}

## Conclusion:

If we say that Christ’s testimony is collective and not progressive, then all Testimony of Jesus is of equal testimonial value and must agree within itself since Truth is Truth and Christ is the Spirit of Truth because He is The Word and all Inspiration is The Testimony of Jesus. Truth is not progressive so it cannot say one thing and then say another against itself for it can only be silent or else it can speak, but it cannot speak against itself for a house divided cannot stand. There is only Truth, more Truth, and All Truth. Light builds upon itself. Light shines not against itself, but until it becomes the Perfect Day. John said “...he will guide you into all truth...” Question: Who is He?

We saw that “All communication since the Fall” is through Christ. All communication is all communication. Christ is The Bottleneck. He alone is fully Divine but also fully Human as well.

**John 1:14** – “<sup>14</sup> And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

This is what enables him to speak with us as our Brother while also speaking as our Father, because he is also our Father. He is not his own Father however for that Person is the Ancient of Days. There have been only a very few instances where the Ancient of Days’ voice was heard and all those instances were Declarations, not conversations. Ellen White takes the verse a step further when she says that God would speak through Christ and angels. Christ came in the flesh, and he certainly did



Speak directly. Now that He has ascended to be with His Father, He now sends another in His name, but who is He?

We saw that Jesus did not say that we are “in” His Father or that His Father is “in” us. Instead, He was careful to say:

**John 14:20** – “<sup>20</sup> At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.”

We saw that Jesus said that His Words are spirit and that His Words are Life. David said “Thy Word have I hid...that I sin not...”. Jesus breathed His breath upon the disciples saying “Receive ye the Holy Ghost”. Breath is how we form our words. We saw the Object Lesson of Bread and heard Jesus refer to Himself as Bread. The saying goes that You ARE what you eat, because it is true. We have the Mind of Christ because we have eaten the Bread of His Word until we start thinking like He does. Most importantly, we have established by all known available evidence that Father God and Christ Jesus are not only two, separate and distinct entities, but that there are only two of them. There is no “third god”.

There is much more available for study. This is not an exhaustive study; however, it is a good starting point for the true Christian that wishes a closer walk with the Lord. May the Lord bless and abide all who read this and all who study the Word in an earnest search to more dearly know their Saviour and our Lord, Christ Jesus.