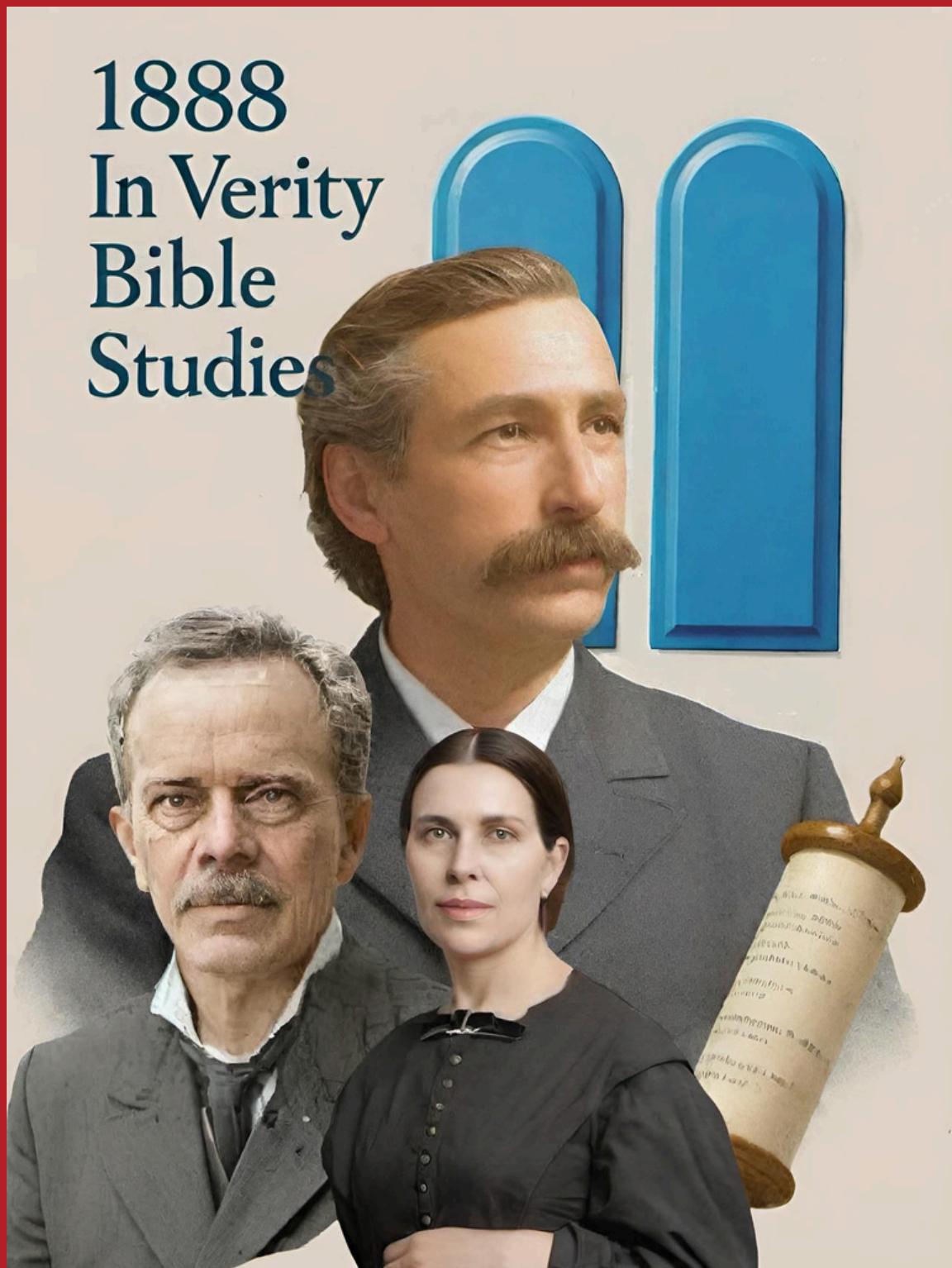


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Liberty is In Christ Alone

From the Kuhns

It is our hope this magazine is a blessing to you, your family, your friends, and those you lead to Christ. For He is the Head of His own body. We are but two members of the Body of Christ. We recognize the Body of Christ as a body of believers who span all the way from Adam to the last converted soul right before the close of probation for the world. Hebrews 11 speaks of saints we know not the names of. Saints who have and will lose their lives for the message of their day.

Saints, today, we present to you this magazine of Present Truth according to the 1888 message. We know not the full truth and we expect to be corrected on some things. We expect to hold the line on other things. We know that when the time of trouble comes, small differences will be put aside. We ask, "Why not now?" Why have strife within the Body of Christ? Does Christ mutilate Himself? GOD FORBID! Think about it. Ponder over this. Let this settle.

This 1888 message, though we do not know all of it, will be what we are willing to contend for. We know the 1888 message is the Third Angel's Message "in Verity." To us, we expect to talk about this message for all of eternity. We encourage you, "Join the 1888 Delegates--for we are all Delegates of the 1888 General Conference." Which side we are on is the the biggest decision we shall make. Choose this day who you will serve. As for me and my house, we shall serve the LORD. Maranatha!

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1888 In Verity Bible Studies

Why is 1888 So Important to Us?

Lesson 1

Why is 1888 so important to us? What a great question this is. It's a question that has echoed among our church since the crossroads came. We invite you to explore with us the heart of this question. We'll look back at the key individuals during this time and examine the messages they shared. As we get started though, let me explain the title of these lessons.

"1888 In Verity Bible Studies" is dedicated to introducing the many points connected to the 1888 message. "In Verity" means truth that is especially deep, lasting, and absolute sense. It means "it is indeed truth, truly so." Therefore, whatever the 1888 message was about, Ellen White said:

"Several have written to me inquiring if the [1888] message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, 'It is the third angel's message in verity.' The prophet declares, 'And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.'

[Rev. 18:1] RH, April 1, 1890

The Three Angels' Message:

Revelation 14:6-12

⁶ And I saw **another angel** fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

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

⁸ And there followed **another angel**, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

⁹ And the **third angel** followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

¹⁰ The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

¹² Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Prior to the October 1888 Conference:

1888 was like the showdown between the Eastern SDA printing editors and the Western printing editors. Tensions rose and differences were printed in our SDA newspapers. Let me go ahead and say right now: if you would like to find an article to support your idea about 1888, you will probably be able to find it. However, it is not about what makes us comfortable. It is all about, “Which one is the truth from God?”

In the east, at Battle Creek, there were Uriah Smith and George I. Butler. Butler was the SDA President at this time. Uriah Smith was the Review and Herald editor. Butler and Smith were staunchly opposed to the editors in the west. These men were older and did not like the younger, western men challenging their views.

In the west, California, there was Ellet J. Waggoner and Alonzo T. Jones. They were editors with Signs of the Times. Both were preachers and teachers. They were young “**Western voices**” who God used to give His holy message we call “**Justification by Faith**” or “**Righteousness by Faith**.”

Ellen White shared with all these men how they are hurting the ministry while they battled it out in the newspapers—sharing their opposing

views and confusing the people. Ellen White warned Butler and Smith of their wrong doings. Here’s a statement from White to Butler, October 1, 1885. This warning below was also to another man named S. N. Haskell.

...aroused to a sense of their duty, they will not recognize the work of God when the loud cry of the third angel shall be heard. When light goes forth to lighten the earth, instead of coming up to the help of the Lord, they will want to bind about His work to meet their narrow ideas. Haskell heeded the warning and was one of the few who had the discernment to recognize the mysterious thing that was happening before his eyes three years later. But not Butler and many others. The Lord would be forced in 1888 to pass by experienced ministers, to use younger or more obscure agents.

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Sadly, President **Butler** went so far as to write a **book in 1886 to counter Alonzo Jones’s** communications and teachings regarding the “new light” God had given the “western voices.” Though Meek and Mighty Ministries does not recommend this book, for the record, the name of the book is “**The Law in the Book of Galatians: Is It the Moral Law, or Does it Refer to That System of Laws Peculiarly Jewish?**”



George Butler, Stephen Haskell, &
Hetty Haskell

As soon as Butler could get this book of prejudice into the hands of all leading men, he did just that. Ellen White knew this book was not of God. She told Butler he should not have done this.

Since Butler has written this prejudiced book, we believe it is best to see what he taught in comparison to what Jones, Waggoner, and White taught. When this 1886 book was written, printed, and distributed out, Butler was in combat against “New Light” that God had given to Jones and Waggoner. It’s a very dangerous stance to hold and yet, to this very day, many of us have been taught Butler’s book without ever realizing it. Let us look to see what Butler was publishing a couple of years prior to 1888. On page 3 of Butler’s book, we read, “**What law is the principal subject of the apostle’s discourse in the epistle to the Galatians? Is it the moral law? or the typical remedial system and laws peculiarly Jewish? Perhaps there has never been a theological question in all the history of our work concerning which there has been so much disagreement among our ministry and leading brethren as this.**”

So here, we see something that many of us would agree with in this modern day. The striking reality is, the new light that came in 1888 stood in contrast to this. Now that I have your attention, let us be reminded that Ellen White said we must unlearn much and learn much in these last days. She shared that the shaking is a terrible ordeal, but we must go through it.

The Shaking

*“I asked the meaning of the **SHAKING I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the TRUE WITNESS to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God’s people.**” CET 176.1*

Going further into Butler’s 1886 book, still on page 3, we read the following.

*“**Leading brethren have been on both sides of the question. In the early history of the work, it is probable that quite a majority of them accepted the view that the moral law was the main subject of Paul’s consideration in the book of Galatians. But there came quite a change in this respect at a later period....and took the position that it was the ceremonial law.**”*

The fact is, E. J. Waggoner, a second-generation SDA, wrote Butler about this bandwagon manipulative statement Butler made, as if there had been leading men beforehand to push this idea, within the SDA Church. Here's a link to this letter: <https://www.theadventmovement.net/History/HistoryArchives>

In this letter, Waggoner explains to Butler how the book of Galatians is talking about the Moral Law and the Ceremonial Law—not just one of them. He goes on to share how Paul, the Apostle who wrote the book of Galatians, went to a council meeting in Jerusalem to speak against legalism. Which is exactly what 1888 was about, once again.

Butler also said that Paul was only talking about the Ceremonial Law. Waggoner explained that Paul was not against God's Law but against "doing" any law without faith. Specifically, the topic was circumcision. **Paul and Waggoner**, many years apart, were trying to get the leading men to see that **we must not get rid of God's law**, but we also cannot keep the law when still in the flesh. **We are to keep the law of God, by faith in Christ.**

Questions to Answer

To put it plainly, before the 1888 Conference, the "eastern voices" and the "western voices" were debating on these questions:

1. **Is the Ceremonial Law part of the Moral Law?**



Ellet J. Waggoner

2. **Was the Ceremonial Law nailed to the cross or not?**
3. **If the Ceremonial Law is part of the Moral Law, then what do we do with them after the cross?**
4. **How is this related to Christ's righteousness?**

As you can see, when anyone mentions the **Ceremonial Law**, there are some that have unconscious **prejudices** against them. Many do not want to discuss them. They do not want to get to the heart of what Apostle Paul, Jones, Waggoner, and Ellen White were preaching.

Indeed, prior to the 1888 Conference, there was a very tense debate taking place within the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

1888 came and went like a whirlwind and ever sense then, the SDA Church has not been the same. Butler and the other leading men fought against God's truth. Strongly disliking the fact that White, Jones, and Waggoner kept

preaching this message of Righteousness by Faith, they punished these three by separating them from one another. Today, we call this **“Cancel Culture.”** They sent Ellen G. White to Australia in 1891-1900. They sent E. J. Waggoner to London, England in 1892. He became the editor of “The Present Truth.”

Ellen White is very clear when she wrote:

“The Lord was not in our leaving America. He did not reveal that it was His will that I should leave Battle Creek. The Lord did not plan this, but He let you all move after your own imaginings. ... But the Lord read the hearts of all. There was so great a willingness to have us leave, that the Lord permitted this thing to take place. Those who were weary of the testimonies borne were left without the persons who bore them. Our separation from Battle Creek was to let men have their own will and way, which they thought superior to the way of the Lord.” 10MR 392.1

“The result is before you. Had you stood in the right position the move would not have been made at that time. The Lord would have worked for Australia by other means and a strong influence would have been held at Battle Creek, the great heart of the work. There we should have stood shoulder to shoulder, creating a healthful atmosphere to be felt in all our conferences. It was not the Lord who devised this matter. I could not get one ray of light to leave America. But when the Lord presented this matter to me as it really was, I opened

my lips to no one, because I knew that no one would discern the matter in all its bearings. When we left, relief was felt by many, but not so much by yourself, and the Lord was displeased, for He had set us to stand at the wheels of the moving machinery at Battle Creek.” 10MR 382.2

As we can see, prior to the 1888 Conference, the atmosphere between the **“western voices”** and the **“eastern voices”** was intense. Leading up to the 1888 Conference, the younger men, Jones and Waggoner, tried to reason with the older men in the east. White tried to reason with the older leaders in the east. Butler would not listen. He rebelled against God Himself as he rebelled against God’s messengers of light.

Once Butler wrote his 1886 book, Ellen White knew that the issue must be discussed at the conference level. This is when she knew the **“western voices”** needed to have their time to explain to the leading men what God had shown them concerning Justification by Faith, in the new light that God was giving to His people.

As Ellen White heard the 1888 message presented by Jones and Waggoner she expressed the following experience:

“I have said to myself, it is because God has presented it to me in vision that I see it so clearly, and they cannot see it because they have not had it presented to them as I have, and when another presented it, every fiber of my heart said amen.” 5MS 1889

We pray that as we learn the 1888 message in this study, we will not do as Butler and the other leading men did. We pray that every fiber of our hearts will say, “**AMEN!**” For this is the message that is connected to the outpouring of the Latter Rain.

We know this by many statements made through the years by Ellen White. The following is just one. May we hold on to the truth, as this lesson from God is to shake every fiber of our being that the world’s dross be shaken out of us.

“I say, yes, God has sent men to bring us the truth that we should not have had unless God had sent somebody to bring it to us.... I accept it, and I no more dare to lift my hand against these persons [than] against Jesus Christ, who is to be recognized in His messengers.... We have been in perplexity, and we have been in doubt, and the churches are ready to die. But NOW here we read [quotes Revelation 18:1]. 2MS 1890

“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” Revelation 18:1

“The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Jones and Waggoner. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.... God gave His messengers just what the people needed.” 1895; TM 91, 95

Meek and Mighty Ministries has taken on this humbling undertaking to at least get us started with the understanding of the 1888 message. We know these lessons are the tip of the iceberg, for the message is “**in verity**” and therefore, truly deep and wide—something we plan on learning about for eternity—Righteousness by Faith.

Bless you all and thank you for studying with us.

Jesus Under Attack

“Look and Live!”

Heaven
War in Heaven: Sonship of Christ was Attacked

- Isa 14:12-14
- Eze 28:2-17
- Matt 4:8-9
- 2 Cor 11:13-15
- Rev 13:1-4
- Isa 14:13-14
- Matt 24:24
- 2 Thes 2:3-4

Earth
War on Earth: Jesus as Comforter Attacked

Jesus Comes Into Our Flesh

- 1 John 4:2-5, 14
- John 14:16-18
- John 16:7-15
- Rom 8:9-11
- Gal 4:6
- Eph 3:16-17
- Col 1:27
- 1 John 4:13
- Rev 3:20

Heaven
Michael the Arch Angel In War

- Jude 1:9
- Rev 12:7-9
- Dan 10:13

Earth
War on Earth: Sonship of God is Attacked

- Matt 4:3-6
- Matt 27:39-40
- Luke 4:2-3
- Mark 15:29-32
- John 8:41-42
- John 10:33-36
- Luke 22:63-64
- Matt 16:13-17
- 2 Cor 4:4

Satan's Attack on the Personage of Jesus

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Establishing God's Holy Law According to the 1888 Messages

Lesson 2

SDA historians through the years have often wondered what happened to all of the notes the leading men wrote down during the 1888 Conference meetings and pre-conference meetings. It is a valid question, especially, learning in lesson 1 of the tense debate between the "Western Voices" and the "Eastern Voices." Despite the leading men giving us little to no notes directly from their studies when at the conference, they still gave us plenty to read and learn from before and after the 1888 controversy.

The true 1888 message of Justification by Faith is very well known to those who have researched what Jones, Waggoner, and White wrote down and preached. Let me introduce now the fact there are "two 1888 messages." The one from Jones, Waggoner, and White as well as the counterfeit message from George I. Butler. I would like to draw this line now so we can distinguish the sides to this controversy.

Let us jump into part 2 of this series. As stated in part 1, "in verity" means truth that is especially deep and

lasting. This is to say, none of this can be nailed to the cross and is relevant for us today since it is true and lasting.

The Law of God

We have all probably heard that some things were "nailed to the cross." What has been done away with has been a debate since the cross of Calvary. In 1888, this matter was of significance again concerning the Law of God.

Q: Which law saves us?

A: Galatians 2:16 says:

"Knowing that a man is **not justified by the works** of the **law**, but **by the faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

This verse does not nail any of God's holy law to the cross. Instead, the focus is Jesus Christ and His faith. He came and lived on earth and lived by faith. We believe in Him as the Christ; and therefore, we have faith that He walked by faith. We have faith in His

faith and in Him.

This verse also tells us that when we work according to the law, it must be by faith that we “do” anything. Otherwise, the “good work” will not be accounted as according to the will of the Father. There are many irons in the fire with this; however, let us now ask another question. This study will plant many good seeds, and we must have patience as the saints.

Q: Did the Son abolish the Law at His death?

A: Matthew 5:17-18

*Think not that I am come to **destroy the law, or the prophets**: I am not come to destroy, but to **fulfil**. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, **one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.***

These verses tell us that since heaven and earth are still here, not one dot or line has been stricken or removed from God’s Holy Law. His Law still stands as we speak.

Q: Is God’s Law the same as Judgements?

A: Deuteronomy 4:8

“And what nation is there so great, that hath **statutes** and **judgments** so righteous as **all this law**, which I set before you this day?” This verse and its surrounding verses describe how God’s Holy Law includes the statutes and judgements and is righteous and everlasting. Paul tells us in Romans 7:12 that the law is **holy still after the cross.**

“Wherefore **the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.**”

In the Blue Letter Bible, online, we can see the Greek number and word for “**the law**” is **G3551**. This means “**nomos**” and this interprets as “anything established, anything received by usage, a custom, **a law, a command**. It also means “of the **Mosaic law**.” **G3551** also refers to the “**Pentateuch**,” which is “**of the Mosaic law, and referring, acc. to the context. either to the volume of the law or to its contents.**” Pentateuch is the name given to the **first five books** of the Bible. The Hebrew word most people know these books as is “**The Torah.**”

This is what Jones, Waggoner, and White were discussing before, during, and after the 1888 meetings. We will further explain what they taught.

For the word “**commandment**” it is **G1785**. In the Blue Letter Bible, online, we see this word means “**an order, command, charge, precept, injunction.**” It also means, “a precept relating to lineage, of the Mosaic precept concerning the priesthood.” Furthermore, it says, “ethically used of the commandments in the Mosaic law of Jewish tradition.”

As you can see, Paul was not trying to destroy the law and neither was Jesus. Neither rejected the Torah either. Many of us have heard that scholars

have compared the Old and New Testaments—finding up to 20% or more of the NT as direct quotes or echoes of the OT.

Why God's Law Remains Important

There are many reasons why God's Holy Law remains important to post-cross Christians.

1. God's law reflects His character
 - a. Romans 7:12, **Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.**
2. The law reveals sin
 - a. Romans 3:12, **They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**
3. Jesus fulfills it, not abolishes them
 - a. Matthew 5:17, **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**
4. Love fulfills the law
 - a. Romans 13:10, **Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**
5. The law guides Christian living
 - a. Romans 8:4, **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**
6. The law is written in our hearts
 - a. Hebrews 8:10, **For this is the COVENANT that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:**
 - b. Jeremiah 31:33, **But this shall be the COVENANT that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.**
 - c. Ezekiel 36:26-27, **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put MY SPIRIT within you, and cause you to walk in my STATUTES, and ye shall keep my JUDGEMENTS, and do them.**
 - d. Hebrews 10:16, **This is the COVENANT that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put MY laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;**
 - e. Deuteronomy 6:6, **And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:**
 - f. Deuteronomy 30:6, **And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.**
 - g. Psalm 37:30-31, **The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.**

h. Psalm 40:8, I **delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.**

i. Proverbs 3:1-3, **My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:**

7. Judgement will be based on God's standards

a. Romans 2:12, **For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;**

Looking at all of these verses, the sum of it all is that God's law represents His holy character. He is holy, His character is holy, His law is holy, His commands are holy, His judgements are holy, His statutes are holy, and His covenant is holy. Only God can make anything Holy. Our Holy God wants to make us holy and write His holy law in our hearts! How special are we? How special is our relationship with Him!

Ellen White shared, “**In consequence of continual transgression, the MORAL LAW was REPEATED in awful grandeur from Sinai. CHRIST GAVE TO MOSES RELIGIOUS PRECEPTS which were to govern the everyday life. These STATUTES were explicitly given to GUARD the TEN COMMANDMENTS. They were NOT SHADY TYPES to PASS AWAY with the death of Christ.”** Review and Herald, May 6, 1875, par.11

We see that the Only Begotten Son of God, Himself, gave Moses the religious precepts. We see that the Statutes had a very special, everyday purpose—to guard and hedge around the Ten Commandments. We see that these were supposed to continue in our every day lives, even after the cross of Calvary where our Christ died for our sins.

This was written for our study before the 1888 conference. When Ellen White heard Jones and Waggoner preach in 1888, she said, **“I have had the question asked, what do you think of this LIGHT which these men [A.T. Jones and E.J. Waggoner] are presenting? Why, I have been presenting it to you for the LAST forty-five years, --the matchless charms of Christ. This is what I have been TRYING to present before your minds.** Manuscript Releases 5, 1889.

Notice the year **1889** she wrote this. She said for **45 years** she had been trying to tell we Seventh-day Adventists about this. This takes us back to the famous year of **1844**. For 45 years, we can find nuggets about God's holy law, His character, His statutes, His commands, and more.

A year later, we read, **“If through the grace of Christ His people will become new bottles, He will fill them with new wine. God will give additional light, and OLD TRUTHS will be RECOVERED, and RE-PLACED in the FRAMEWORK of TRUTH; and wherever the laborers go, they will triumph.”** Review and Herald, December, 23, 1890.

Perhaps in this study, you have felt a 1888 was the first time in protestant history “shaking” in yourself. This is perfectly where an established Protestant normal when we hear truth that is counter denomination wrestled with the entire known to what we have learned—especially for law of God on earth. This “Shaking” scared those who have an intimate connection to many people. George Butler, Uriah Smith, some beliefs contrary to what was taught in and most other leading men, saw this shaking coming years prior to 1888. Hence, this is why Butler wrote his counterfeit message in 1888.

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asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God's people.

The **Shaking** of the 1888 message is that we must **go back and recover some old truths** that we have **nailed to the cross**, so to speak. Specifically, what has wrongly been nailed to the cross are the **rest of God's Holy Law**.

Q: What law can save us?

A: No law can save us.

Q: If no law can save us, then how can it be placed on the cross that was reserved for the One Who saves?

A: Through deceptive teachings of another order, not according to the order of Christ, and therefore, no law can be placed on the we have believed we must nail some things to the cross along with Christ. However, Christ was alone on the cross.

We have two choices when Truth shakes us up. We can spend time with it, get to know it, appreciate it, learn it, and spread it. Or, we can simply reject it. If you reject it, at some point in your life, you will surely speak against it at some level.

I can honestly say to you, I do not know ALL of God's known law that is found in the Old Testament. What we do know is that this law is carried into the future by those who live during the New Testament—which is all the people since the cross of Calvary. I know my Lord winks at ignorance (see below).

Acts 17:30-31, “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”

Now that we know that no law can save us order, not according to the order of Christ, and therefore, no law can be placed on the we have believed we must nail some things cross that was reserved for the One Who saves us, then some of us must repent, according to Acts 17 above.

Sadly, we have seen our story before in King Josiah's day. 2 Kings 22 tells us a very similar story to what we are experiencing right now as we study this.

2 Kings 22:8-13, ***"And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord. And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go ye, enquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us."***

Sadly, our SDA fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book. Instead, the majority of our people, including us, have been taught the false 1888 message from Butler.

For the record, Uriah Smith later apologized to Ellen White. This is very significant because he recognized that he was going against God Himself. Yet, still today, the majority continues to get rid of some of God's law as George Butler taught in his book of another order.

The Holy law of God is His Holy Covenant. We must not pick and choose which law will be written in our hearts. For if the God of the universe is writing, then He is surely to write Holy Law. If we want to pick and choose which law He will write, then He will not write any of them in our hearts; for He is God, shall man judge God?

We plead with you now, please allow this to settle in your hearts. We will continue to share more of what 1888 was about. We will look at the verses that were presented in the Minneapolis meeting—which is where the 1888 meeting was held.

For now, allow it to settle in your heart, for as it is settling in your heart, the God of the universe is writing it there. Let His law settle right where He wants it—in you! As Ellen White said, we are to be new bottles filled with new wine. For many of us, this is new light about old truths. Old truths, she said, would be recovered and ***"re-placed"*** in the framework of ***truth. We must take the WHOLE LAW off of the cross***, for when we talk about Christ alone on the cross, He shall be high and lifted up!

The 1888 Message of Christ

Fulfilling the Law

Lesson 3

In Lesson 2, we established the Law of God as holy, everlasting, representing His character, and is His Holy Covenant that He wants to write in our hearts. We also learned that because the Law is as eternal as God Himself, it cannot be nailed to the cross or done away with - especially, as heaven and earth are still here. This is a reference to Matthew 5:17-18 where we read that Jesus did not come to destroy the law or the prophets; but to fulfill them. This lesson will look at what this means.

Fulfilling God's Law

Matthew 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

Here we see that Jesus considers the law and the prophets significant and connected. So, I am very clear, I will go ahead and say something very significant to Seventh-day Adventists. The Spirit of Prophecy (SOP) is found inside of God's Law itself. Therefore, if we nail any part of the law to the cross, we obliterate the SOP found inside the law! We will build onto this, so you are able to see.

This statement should give us a little insight as to how the enemy is causing many SDAs to "give up the Spirit of Prophecy"

"Satan is ... constantly pressing in the spurious—to lead away from the truth. The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. 'Where there is no vision, the people perish' (Proverbs 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God's remnant people in the true testimony." Publishing Ministries, 360.4

"One thing is certain: Those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan's banner will first give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the TESTIMONIES of GOD's SPIRIT." Letter 156, 1903. PM 360.1

There are more ways than we can probably realize as to how the enemy has and will continue to fool people into giving up the true testimony of God's Spirit. Because we know the Son of God did not come to do away

with the law or the prophets, then every word that exists in them is relevant to some part of our lives.

Isaiah 8:20 states, ***“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”***

This does not say partial light is in them. This is very serious and solemn. For the law is what represents God's character, given to Moses by Christ Himself, and is the Covenant that God wants to write in our hearts. 2 Thessalonians tells us that when we have come to a point of no return, God's Spirit is not in us to help us from becoming delusional minded.

“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

To get to this point, we would have had to grieve away His Holy Spirit.

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

“Quench not the Spirit.” 1 Thessalonians 5:19

The reason we have this counsel written for us is due to people in Paul's day pushing the Holy Spirit

away with certain types of beliefs and behaviors. When we push away the Holy Spirit of God, we will not be able to discern the full measure God wants us to have regarding the “Testimony of Jesus.” The Testimony of Jesus is a message(s) that comes through prophetic inspiration—it is how Jesus speaks to His people.

“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Revelation 12:17

When we put this together, we can see that the enemy of souls, the devil, hates those of us who invite God's Spirit into our hearts, keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of His Son—which is Christ speaking to us. This is why there is a defined attack on us. This is why there are two 1888 messages—one from Christ and at least one from the enemy.

Let us look deeper into what Jesus has said to us. Jesus told us to study the book of Daniel.

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whosoever readeth, let him understand:)” Matthew 24:15.

We see Jesus telling us that we are to read the Prophet Daniel. Again, Jesus is not getting rid of the law or the prophets. Therefore, let us see what Daniel told us about the abomination of desolation in Daniel 9:27.

“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.” Daniel 9:27

Questions:

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Jesus Christ (see pages 44-47, though there are many quotes from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy)

What is the Holy Spirit?

We are counseled not to entertain this question!!!

When did He Become the Holy Spirit?

On the Day of Pentecost after Jesus was ordained in Heaven and when the people had become on one accord. Acts 2.

Where did He Become the Holy Spirit?

In Heaven (Acts 2:2)

How did He Become the Holy Spirit?

“The Holy Spirit is Himself, divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Christ would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit,—as the Omnipresent.”
—Ellen White, PPT May 30, 1895, par. 7

Other References to Study:

- 1 Cor 15:45
- Gal 4:6
- Acts 20:28
- Matt 24:24
- 2 Cor 4:6
- John 17:22
- John 12:23
- 1 John 4:2-3
- The Southern Review, 9/13/1898
- Christ Object Lessons 143.2
- AT Jones GCB/GCDB 1895, p. 133
- EJ Waggoner PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 516
- Ellen White 1SAT 210
- Ellen White, BE and ST, January 15, 1893
- DA 166.2
- ST April 7, 1890
- Ellen White, PPT May 30, 1895, par. 7
- 7LTM, Lt7, 1891, par 14

This verse is packed with prophecy. We see Daniel prophesying about the following points:

- The Messiah will confirm “the covenant” that has already been established prior.
- The Messiah will die in the midst of a week.
- Messiah will get rid of two things: 1) Sacrifices and 2) Oblations.
- There will be an entity that will bring an abomination to an area related to the covenant [God’s law].
- This same evil entity will cause desolation to the law.
- This timeframe will last until there is a consummation between Christ and His bride.
- At the end of a determined time, God’s wrath will be poured out on those who are making his law desolate in the hearts where He had wanted to write His law.



The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a **great reformation** was to take place among **Seventh-day Adventists**, and that this reformation would consist in **giving up the doctrines** which stand as the **pillars of our faith**, and engaging in a **process of reorganization**. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principle of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the **last fifty years** would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The **Sabbath** of course, would be **lightly regarded**, as also the **God who created it**. **Nothing** would be **allowed to stand in the way of the new movement**. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but **God being removed**, they would place their **dependence on human power**, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and **storm and tempest** would **sweep away the structure**.—Ellen White ISM 204, 1904

1888 Conference Meeting in Minneapolis

Reorganization Process Began

If Jesus had come to do away with His Father's Holy Law, then He would have not told us to study this subject and understand. If Jesus would have done away with His prophets, then He would not have referred to any Old Testament prophet. But, since His prophecies speak of Himself, His holy law, and His people, then we are to hold onto these truths by faith. Those who get rid of ANY part of His law or prophets, get rid of the Spirit of Prophecy that testified and testify of Christ. Also, we must establish now, if it has not come to your attention yet, there are some prophecies that are found in the holy law of God and have not yet been fulfilled. Let us touch on some of these.

Even Daniel 9:27 tells us there are some prophecies related to God's law that will not be fulfilled until there is a consummation between Christ and His Bride/Church. We can see why the enemy wants to get rid of these prophecies from our minds. He does not want us to know them, believe them, or hold onto them as promises. It is a promise that Christ will consummate with His Bride. It is a promise that God will pour Himself out onto the wicked and consume them in the last judgement.

We see Daniel 9:27 being fully fulfilled and described in Psalm 50:3-6:

³ Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

⁴ He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

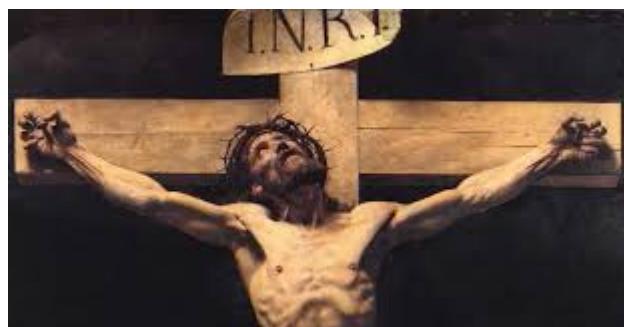
⁵ Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

I want to point out something very special in this passage. It is related to the covenant of God. Look in verse 5. It describes the covenant being connected to a sacrifice. There may be many ways to elaborate and describe this scene—and perhaps we will discuss this for eternity, but let me please introduce to you an uplifted and holy sacrifice of God' here.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16





The 1888 message focused on replacing God's law in its right place—which is off of the cross. The 1888 message was also lifting up Christ as the only begotten Son of God. The 1888 message was about God's sacrifices for humanity. You see, God has at least 3 sacrifices for the sake of humanity being reconciled with Heaven. Let me list them below.

God's 3 Sacrifices for Humanity

1.Genesis 3:21 "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the **Lord God make coats of skins**, and clothed them."

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

3.Ezekiel 39:17, "And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to **my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you**, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood."

These three sacrifices show how much God and Jesus love us. In 1888, Jesus was to be lifted up high and above the WHOLE law. Had the Latter Rain that started pouring in 1888 not been quenched, God's people would have been able to know more about these things by now. This, in and of itself, is a testimony to Father and Son and how They have lovingly worked with us for so long.

If we abolish any part of God's law by nailing it to the cross, we abolish law associated with prophecy. We will now call this type of law "**Prophetic Law**" and/or "**Spirit of Prophecy**." We may interchange these terms in these studies. If we nail prophetic law to the cross, then we are nailing the rest of the plan of salvation. Some could argue that we would be nailing the entire plan of salvation to the cross, thereby making the Spirit of Prophecy of no effect, and thereby giving "**up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the testimonies of God's Spirit.**" Letter 156, 1903. PM 360.1

Peter shares in Acts 3:17-21, "**And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and be converted,**

that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."

We see that when we embrace and believe in the spirit of prophecy, given to us by God's prophets, we will see the living Christ fulfilling them. We will see the uplifted Savior of the world, blotting out our sins. God will send His only begotten Son to our hearts. The Jesus that fulfilled these prophecies will be the same Who will fulfill the rest of them. The uplifted Savior is still fulfilling prophetic law—perhaps the most life changing is when He writes His law in our hearts.

"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Romans 3:31

"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Romans 10:4

Furthermore, the law has been our schoolmaster. Other words for schoolmaster can be: Guardian, tutor, disciplinarian, custodian, instructor, supervisor, trainer, or caretaker.

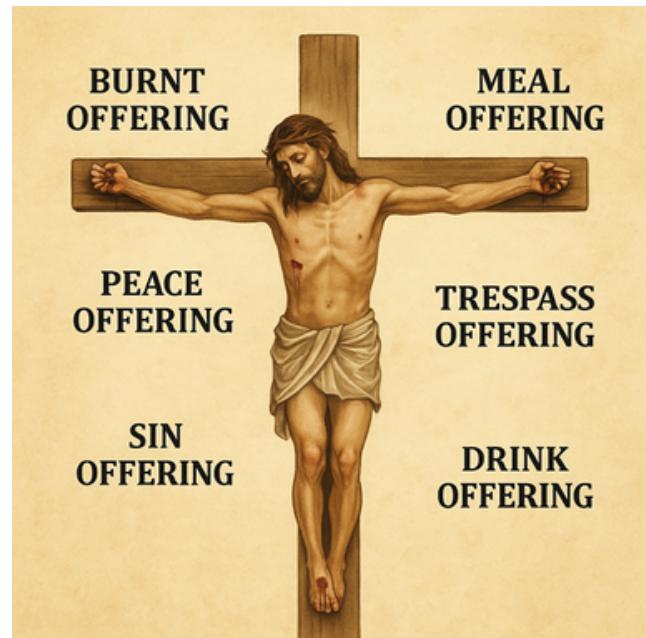


Figure: Christ is God's Offerings to Man

Matthew 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." [note the word "law" is singular]

Daniel 7:25, "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and ***think to change appointed times and laws:*** and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

Daniel 9:27, "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week ***he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,*** and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Summary: Christ came to keep, fulfill, and expand the laws of God. What He took with Him to the cross were: ***man's sins against God, man's sacrifices to God, and man's oblations to God.*** It is the Roman antichrist system who thinks he can get away with changing appointed times and holy laws. Christ came to be all these things for man and for God. On Calvary, Christ was the Holy Lamb of God. God sacrificed and gave His Only Begotten Son to mankind and for mankind. This is how much the Father and Son love us. His Sacrifice is holy and sufficient for all.

God's Law Under the "Moral Law"	
Law Category	Of the Ten Commandments, Which Law Does this Category Expand and Protect?
Agricultural / Environmental Laws (Land rest, Jubilee, Stewardship of Resources)	Commands: 4th, 8th, 10th
Ceremonial / Sanctuary Laws (Appointed Times, Temple Services)	Commands: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th
Civil / Judicial Laws (Property Rights, Restitution, Penalties for Crime)	Commands: 6th, 8th, 9th
Economic & Business Laws (Fair Trade, No Exploitation, No Usury)	Commands: 8th, 9th, 10th
Family & Relationship Laws (Marriage, Sexual Purity, Family Honor)	Commands: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th
Health Laws (Clean/Unclean Foods, Sanitation, Disease Control)	Commands: 6th, 8th
Judicial Procedure Laws (Witness Requirements, No Bribery, Equal Justice)	Commands: 9th
Military / War Laws (Limits on Warfare, Treatment of Captives)	Commands: 6th, 8th, 9th
Social / Humanitarian Laws (Care for Poor, Strangers, Honest Measures)	Commands: 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th
Worship & Devotional Laws (Sabbath Observance, Worship Regulations, No Idolatry)	Commands: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Figure: Moral Law Expanded and Not Destroyed

The alphabetized chart of law categories helps us see **all** of **God's Holy Law** in a snapshot. **1888 was about taking all of God's Holy Law off the cross**, including those that bring **prejudices** to us. It may be **uncomfortable** for us to go through some of these. This is normal because God's **moral law and our flesh are not compatible**. It does not feel good. Yet, this is not about our comfort or feeling. It is strictly allowing the law to display to us God's character. Remember, Paul said the **law is our tutor**—to teach us about God's character and to point us to the only One Who has kept the Holy Law in the flesh—Christ Himself. **Each law tells us about the Holy Father's and Son's character and love.** I will admit that the Holy Spirit will guide each one of us. I say that to say this: perhaps you will be able to see more commands that can be added in the right column. **We shall be learning for eternity**, and I am so excited about this. For now, this chart will get us started.

As you can see, 1888 was too short to go through each category of the law to see its significance to God's character and to our lives. 1888 was just an introduction to what God's people should have been studying all along. That said, I will quote O. A. Olsen:

“Instead of being vexed over the idea that the Lord is taking us over the same ground, let us thank Him, and praise Him unceasingly, for this is God’s mercy and compassion. Anything else than this is our ruin and destruction.” General Conference Bulletin 1893, p 188

Here we are again today, looking at the magnitude of God's Holy Law. For you, there may be great excitement and joy. For another, there may be discomfort or resentment. The leading men in 1888 saw how big the 1888 message was, and they became frightened. It will be okay—God wants to be a blessing to us and loves us.

This is where His Son comes in to save us. ***“I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”*** Phillipians 4:13. Do you see how precious the Son is when talking about the Holy Law? We must not be overwhelmed by how big the law is, or how different the law is, or anything else about the law. 1888 brought out the uplifted Savior of the world! 1888 brought out how big the Holy Father's Holy Sacrifice was and

still is. 1888 brought out how eternal and worthy His Son is. 1888 brought out how complete the Father's Sacrifice was, is, and will always be.

Where man's sacrifice was so incomplete, they had to sacrifice daily. Yet, the Holy Father's Sacrificial Lamb was so complete, there only needs to be One! This is **Christ being placed ALONE on the cross.** For no law can save us—they all simply point to the One Who can save us. This is what 1888 was about. Yes, the Holy Law of God is massive. Yes, this is a challenge. Yes, there is a lot to read and study. Yet, when we stop to think about it, we will see Christ in more areas of our lives than we have ever seen Him before. When we see how big the Holy Law is and how many, then we are to know, Christ's blood is more than enough, for it covers ALL of the Law. Then, by faith, we accept His sacrifice—and the Law of God will be written in our hearts and He will make us “DOERS” of His law.

This is when Romans 13:8 will come alive in our lives: ***“Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.”***

There is more we will learn about Christ fulfilling the Holy Law. We pray you have enjoyed this lesson. The 1888 message, “In Verity” will be taught for eternity. How exciting!

The 1888 Message Bringing Forth the Magnitude of God's Law and the Uplifted Savior

LESSON 4

In Lesson 3, we started to break down God's Holy Law into categories and briefly discussed Christ fulfilling the law. We also talked about the Holy Father's Holy Sacrifice being enough to cover the WHOLE of His eternal law, for all of eternity, for all people, whoever allows God to write His law in their hearts. Lesson 4 will bring out the Moral Law and the Law of Moses.

First, we do not want to forget to add this to this series, it is also true that in 1888, Uriah Smith presented the ten horns of Daniel 7 and there was much debate and discussion between the sessions. However, Ellen White was extremely displeased at how the enemy of souls was taking the minds of people off the uplifted Savior, as it relates to Daniel 9:24-25, and placing their minds on the ten kingdoms. We will not be talking about the ten kingdoms in this series since the most important of all is the uplifted Savior.

Despite Uriah Smith initially being against the true 1888 message from Jones and Waggoner, we do appreciate his brief notations in the daily bulletins during the meetings.

He stated that Ellet J. Waggoner spoke about the Law of Moses and the Moral Law. He spoke about the Ceremonial Law; which is why Ellen White had to stand and tell the leading men to get rid of their prejudices against the message from the Lord and the messengers of the Lord.

"Elder E. J. Waggoner gave another lesson on the LAW and GOSPEL. In this lesson the first and second chapters of Galatians, in connection with Acts 15, were partially presented by him to show that the same HARMONY existed there as elsewhere; that the key to the book was 'justification by faith in Christ,' with the emphasis on the latter word; that liberty in Christ was always freedom from brought bondage. He stated incidentally that 'the LAW OF MOSES' and 'THE LAW OF GOD' were NOT distinctive terms as applied to the CEREMONIAL AND MORAL LAWS, and cited Num. 15:22-24, and Luke 2:23-24, as proof."

[Uriah Smith, "Second Day's Proceedings," General Conference Daily Bulletin 2, no. 1 (19 Oct. 1888): 2.]

As you can see, an opponent to the message of God clearly stated that Waggoner was preaching about the Ceremonial Law of God. Waggoner, Jones, and White, for the rest of their lives, preached that none of God's Holy Law was nailed to the cross. They are part of the Moral Law and because they are moral, they are eternal. Again, this is the first time in Protestant history, an established denomination wrestled with the entire Moral Law of God. Not since Apostolic Times has a people wrestled with the Moral Law after Calvary.

Ellen White explained it this way, ***"Notwithstanding the widespread declension of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. Before the final visitation of God's judgements upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of PRIMITIVE GODLINESS as has not been witnessed since Apostolic Times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon HIS children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and his Word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at THIS TIME, to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to HINDER this work; and BEFORE***

THE TIME OF SUCH A MOVEMENT SHALL COME, he will endeavor to prevent it, by introducing a COUNTERFEIT. In THOSE churches which he can bring under his deceptive power, he will make it APPEAR that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be MANIFEST what is THOUGHT to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working MARVELOUSLY for them, when the work is that of ANOTHER SPIRIT. Under a RELIGIOUS GUISE, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.

(GC88 464.1)



E. J. Waggoner with his dog named Bruce. He lived in Battle Creek, Michigan at this time. He had just returned to America after his time in England. His time in England was a punishment from the Conference leadership to separate him, Ellen White [who was shipped to Australia] and A. T. Jones - due to the 1888 message they kept speaking about.

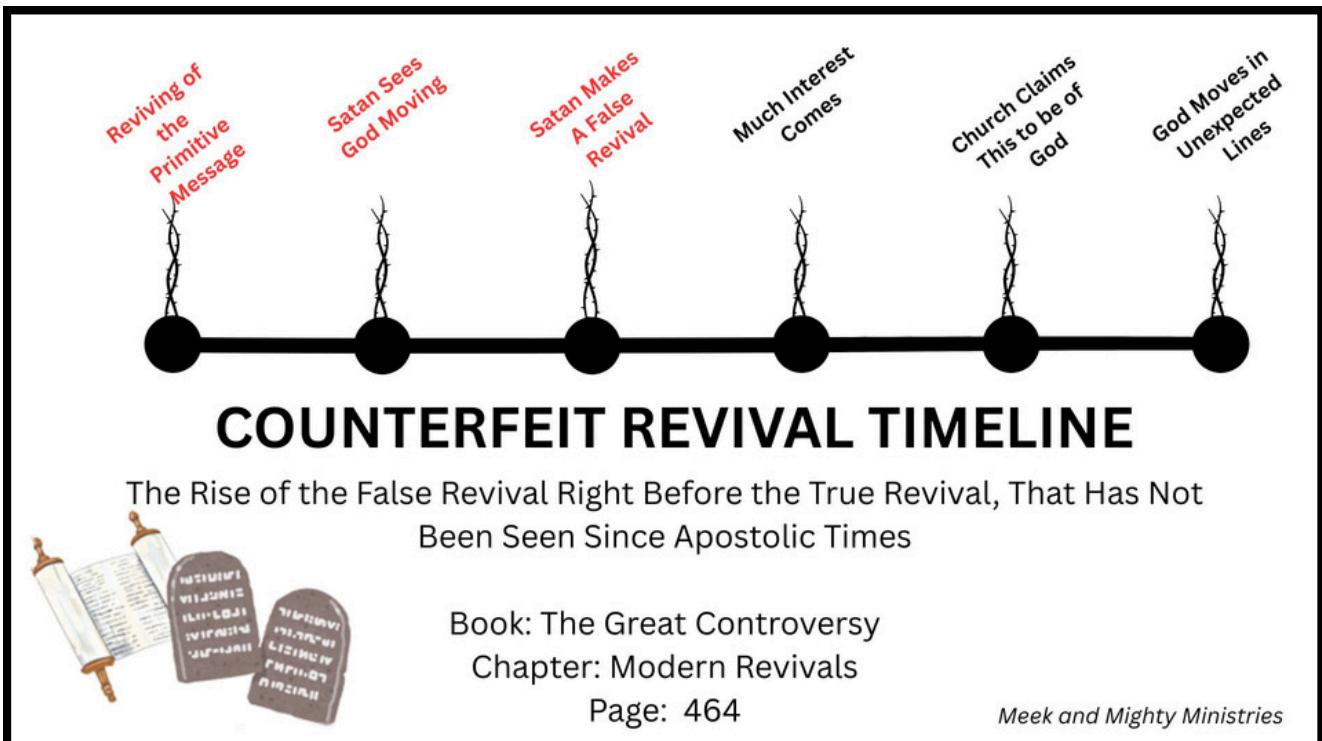


Figure: Counterfeit Revival Timeline

“In the light of God's Word it is NOT DIFFICULT to determine the NATURE of these movements. Wherever men neglect the testimony of the Bible, turning away from those plain, SOUL-TESTING truths which require SELF-DENIAL and RENUNCIATION of the WORLD, there we may be sure that God's blessing is not bestowed. And by the rule which Christ himself has given, “Ye shall KNOW them BY THEIR FRUITS,” [Matthew 7:16] it is evident that these movements are not the work of the Spirit of God.” (GC88 464.2)

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly.... But his delight is in the LAW OF THE Lord; and IN HIS LAW doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” [Psalm 1:1-3]. It is only as the LAW OF GOD is RESTORED to its RIGHTFUL POSITION that there can be a REVIVAL of PRIMITIVE FAITH and GODLINESS among his professed people. “Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.” [Jeremiah6:16]” (GC88 478.3)

PRIMITIVE GODLINESS is WHEN GOD'S ENTIRE LAW IS RE-POSITIONED WHERE IT BELONGS

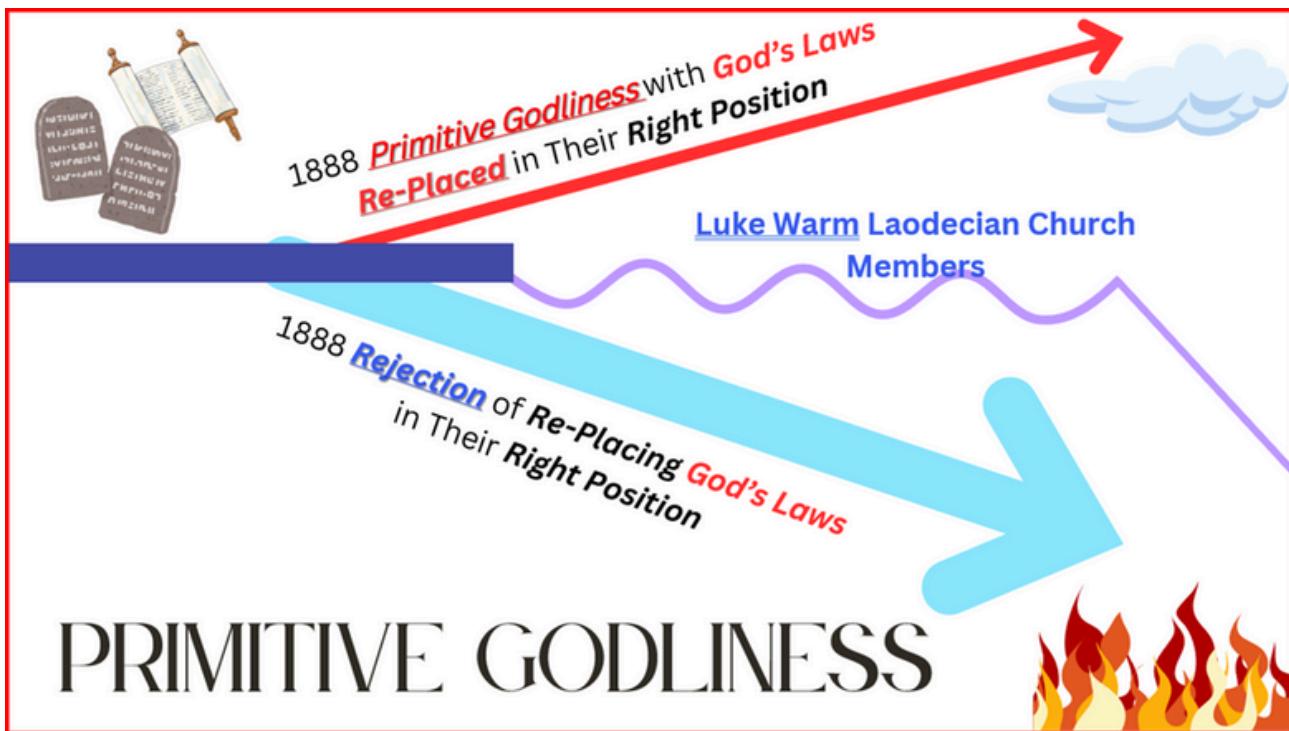


Figure: Primitive Godliness

Q: Am I re-placing and re-positioning God's Holy Law where He wants it?

Q: Am I rejecting God's message about re-placing and re-positioning His Holy Law off of the cross?

The Holy Law of God is not to be nailed to the cross of Calvary. Instead, He is trying to write it in our hearts.

"From the light which God has given me it would be for our advantage to study the DIRECTIONS given to Israel (read Malachi 4). Verse 4 especially has meaning which all have not comprehended. Let it be carefully considered."

{PH087, 8.2} E. G. White: Pamphlets - PH087 - Special Testimony to Battle Creek Church (1897)

Malachi 4:4 was referenced in 1897, even after the 1888 meetings. This verse further expands on what Jones, Waggoner, and White were saying about the Moral Law of God.

“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.” Malachi 4:4

Let's go into the specific verses Uriah Smith spoke of in the 1888 bulletin, since he said Waggoner used some specific verses to prove his point.

On May 12, 1921, there was a letter to C. E. Holmes that we find very profound, concerning the 1888 meetings.

“I can't now name anyone who accepted the truth at that 1888 meeting openly [besides Ellen White, obviously]. But later many said they were greatly helped by it. One Battle Creek man said at that meeting after one of Dr. Waggoner's meetings: ‘Now we could say amen to all of that if that is all there were to it. But away down yonder there is still something to come. And this is to lead us to that.... And if we say amen to this we will have to say amen to that, and then we are caught.’ There was no such thing, and so they robbed themselves of what their own hearts told them was the truth; and by fighting what they only imagined, they fastened themselves

in opposition to what they knew that they should have said amen to.

Sadly, the leading men in 1888 believed they would be caught in a trap they could not get out of. It is very sad that God's law is seen as a trap. However, the majority will continue to see His Law as a trap, just as Lucifer did when the mystery of sin arose in his heart.

If we were to see Justification by Faith for what it is, we will be made “Doers of the law by faith.” For we can never “do the law” in our own flesh for the flesh is not compatible with Holiness.

“Being JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, then, is simply being MADE A DOER of the law by faith. What the LAW cannot do, the grace of God does. It JUSTIFIES a man. It does not mean that He glosses over a man's faults, so that the man is counted righteous, although he is really wicked; but it means that He MAKES that man a DOER of the law. The moment God declares an ungodly man RIGHTEOUS, that instant that man is a DOER of the law. It will be seen, therefore, that there can be no higher state than that of JUSTIFICATION [by faith]. It does everything that God can do for a man SHORT of MAKING him IMMORTAL, which is done only at the RESURRECTION.” Signs of the Times, May 1, 1893

“Justification has to do with the law. The term means **MAKING JUST**. Now in Romans 2:13 we are told who the just ones are: "For not the hearers of the LAW are just before God, but the **DOER OF THE LAW** shall BE justified." The just man, is the one who **DOES THE LAW**. To be **JUST**, means to be righteous. Therefore since the **JUST** man is the one who **DOES THE LAW**, it follows that to **JUSTIFY** a man, that is, to **MAKE** him **JUST**, is to **MAKE** him a **DOER** of the **LAW**. Being justified by faith, then, is simply being **MADE** a **DOER** of the **LAW** by **FAITH**. How is the man justified, or made righteous?—"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is **IN** Christ Jesus." Romans 3:24.

—E. J. Waggoner

In 1888, Waggoner used the following scriptures to show how God's Moral Law and God's Ceremonial Law are not distinct terms. If we use these as distinct terms, we then separate these into classes of laws. When we do this, we can then be led to believe some are to be nailed to the cross.



Robert D. Hottel was a delegate in 1888. He was from Virginia. He kept a diary of the 1888 events which give us more insight as to what was spoken of.

Ellet J. Waggoner Used the Following Verses for Certain Points Made in 1888	
Justification By Faith in Christ AND	Law of Moses & Law of God are Not Distinct Terms.
Galatians 1 & 2	Numbers 15:22-24
Acts 15	Luke 2:23-24

Figure: Ellet J. Waggoner's 1888 Scripture Usage

Looking at Galatians 1 and 2 as well as Acts 15, we see these points made by Waggoner before, during, and after the 1888 meetings.

- The gospel is everlasting.
- There is a true gospel and many false gospels. These can be subtle.
- Keeping any law, in the flesh, like circumcision, as a way to “DO” something for salvation is another gospel and is not the true gospel.
- Christ was nailed to the cross to take away ALL of man’s “DOING.”
- Since Christ came, we are righteous by faith in what Christ DID for man.
- The Jerusalem Council grappled with the Mosaic Law just like the SDA church was supposed to do in 1888.
- Apostolic Times had the correct view of the Moral Law and Messiah.
- There will be a people right before the Second Coming who will have a revival of primitive godliness that has not been seen since Apostolic Times—wrestling with the Moral Law as a whole in the light of Christ being the “Doer” of the law as well as having “faith” in Christ to make us “doers of the law” too.
- To be a “doer” of the law is to be born again.
- To be made a “doer” of the law is to fulfill the love of God.
- To be made a “doer” of the law is to allow God to write His WHOLE law in our hearts.
- We cannot pick and choose which law God wants to write. Rest assured, all of them will be Holy and “in verity.”

Comparing Numbers and Luke, we see the following use of these terms and how they are interchangeable when discussing a male ***opening the womb**** and sacrifices.

Numbers 15:22, “***...Lord had spoken to Moses.***”

Numbers 15:23, “***...Lord hath commanded you by the hand of Moses....Lord commanded Moses...***”

Luke 2:23, “***...law of the Lord...***”

Luke 2:24, “***...law of the Lord...***”

Let me reiterate here the following. Christ did not get rid of the Law of God. He got rid of man’s sacrifices to God, man’s oblations to God, and man’s sins when we repent. The point of Waggoner using these verses is not to focus on the sacrifices but to explain how all of God’s law is holy and not nailed to the cross—thereby, the phrase “Moral Law” includes the WHOLE of the law of God, as if the phrase is an umbrella and all the parts of the law are under or categorized. Or, another way to look at this is this way: “Moral Law” can be applied to the Ten Commandments as well as all the sections of the law that explain and expound each of the ten. In the figure called “Moral Law Expounded,” earlier shown, we see how the Ten Commandments are to be hedged by the rest of God’s Holy Law.

We see this written and elaborated by Ellen White ***“In consequence of continual transgression, the MORAL LAW was REPEATED in awful grandeur from Sinai. CHRIST GAVE TO MOSES RELIGIOUS PRECEPTS which were to govern the everyday life. These STATUTES were explicitly given to GUARD the TEN COMMANDMENTS. They were NOT SHADY TYPES to PASS AWAY with the death of Christ.”*** Review and Herald, May 6, 1875, par.11.

Waggoner looked at Numbers and Luke and saw how the terms ***“Law of Moses,” “Law of God,” “Ceremonial Law,” and “Moral Law”*** were interchangeable. Therefore, the 1888 message brought to the forefront, the fact that the Moral Law is larger than we had previously believed. When reading Waggoner’s writings that elaborate on his 1888 presentations, here are just some points we can glean from these verses and others:



Ellet & wife, Jessie, with two daughters, Bessie Isadore (b. 1882) and Winnie Pearl (b. 1885). They went to England in 1892.

*See page 37 for the Covenant note.

*Found as a reference in Exodus 34:19.

Exodus 34 elaborates on the Holy Covenant and Ten Commandments.

- The terms can be used interchangeably since all of God's law is moral.
- Laws were never the means of salvation, before or after the cross.
- No law has ever saved anyone, not even Christ Himself. We are to have faith.
- He kept them all and died for us to remove the curse of the second death from us.
- Moral Law was spoken of by God.
- Moses never made any Holy Law. He simply wrote down what God said.
- God wanted to write all of His law in the hearts of Israel, but in Exodus 20, right after God spoke the Ten Commandments, the people told Moses they no longer wanted to listen to God (v. 18-21). Therefore, God had to speak them to Moses and Moses wrote them in a book which stood against all who rejected God.
- Law is meant to teach us and reveal the character of God.
- Law is to teach us about the Only Begotten Son of the Father.
- Law is to teach us about prophecy—spirit of prophecy or prophetic law.

Furthermore, *Glad Tidings*, written after 1888, explains what Paul was saying very well.

"The LAW is holy, and the COMMANDMENT holy, and just, and good."
Rom. 7:12. Why, then, are as many as are of the works of the law under the curse?— Because it is written, "CURSED is every one that continueth NOT in all things which are written in the BOOK OF THE LAW [Torah] to do them." Mark it well: **They are not cursed because they DO the law, but because they DO NOT DO IT.**" Dr. Ellet J. Waggoner, 1900

In a letter from Dan Jones to J.D. Pegg, on March 17, 1890, we see the distress the leading men continue to have after 1888 conference meetings were over. The everlasting gospel was still upsetting many people.

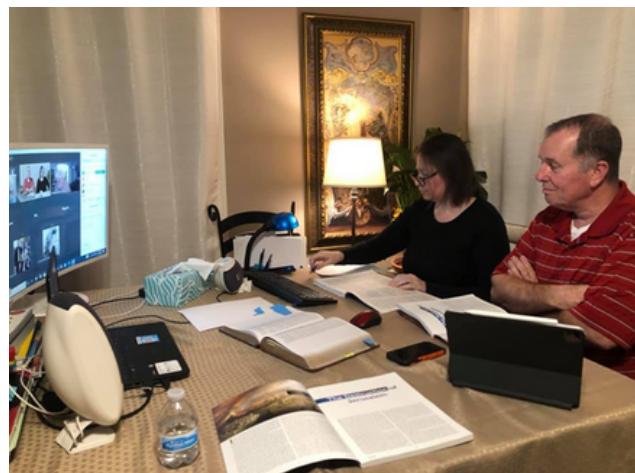
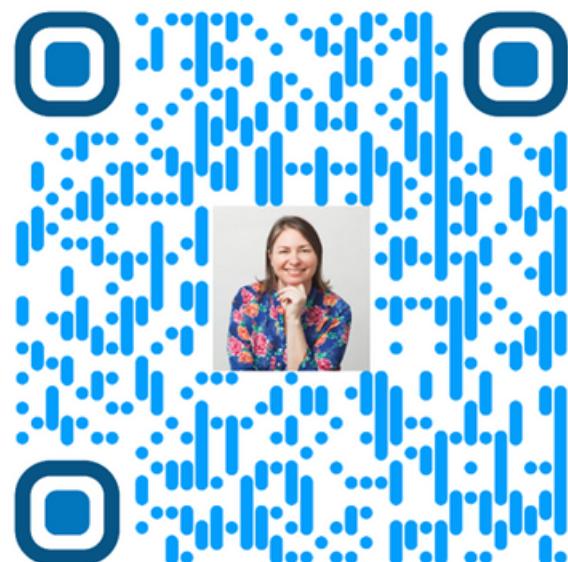
“It seems to me that her position is evidently the **CORRECT ONE**, and the principle will apply to other matters with just as much **FORCE** as it applies to the **COVENANT** question, or the law in **Galatians**....” (Letter From Dan Jones to J. D. Pegg, March 17, 1890).

What principle can be applied to anything related to the Holy Law of God or the Holy Covenant of God? It can never be done away with, for it is an everlasting gospel that points to the Holy Father's only begotten Son...for all of eternity! Anyone who wants to get rid of any law, will fall into the crime against Heaven in Daniel 7:25 when they **“...think to change appointed times and laws...”**

There's so much more than can be said—for we will study the Law of God for eternity. Meek and Mighty Ministry's hope is to simply re-position God's Holy Law in front of us all—ourselves included. Our ministry has fallen in love with Christ all over again and we want to lift Him up high and mighty.



We invite you to watch our 7-part series on the 1888 message. We are sure there are better ways to say things. We actually encourage you all to learn this message and spread it as the Holy Spirit inspires you. Here's a QR code you can scan with your smart phone to get to our You Tube page. If you would like to have this series on a USB, please reach out via email.



The start of Meek and Mighty Ministries during “2020 Covid Times.”

The Two Covenants

Lesson 5

In Lesson 4, we looked at the terms: Moral Law, Mosaic Law, Ceremonial Law, and Law of Moses. We learned that in 1888, Jones, Waggoner, and White were teaching the church about the interchangeable use between them. We learned how there are no distinctions between these terms. We learned how every law is eternal and none of the law is to be shadowy types that could be nailed to the cross. We saw how the opponents of the 1888 message were privately speaking to each other about how they later agreed with the true 1888 message. Despite this being true, the truth still remains that the majority of the SDA leaders and laymen are learning George Butler's counterfeit gospel from his 1886 book, teaching another order, that does not align with the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy. In this lesson, we will look at another point taught in 1888 called, "The Two Covenants."

Alonzo T. Jones wrote, "**For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise, but God GAVE it to Abraham BY promise**" (Gal. 3:18). The Greek words are "ik nomos" "of law," not "ik tou nomos" "of the

law," signifying LAW IN GENERAL rather than any particular law. Thus the inheritance, exactly as justification, is received altogether by faith, and not at all by the works or deeds of any law. "And since this inheritance is altogether in the world to come, and includes the whole world to come, it is absolutely impossible for any one ever to obtain it by works it must come only as the gift of God, and can be received by men only by faith, altogether as the gift of God. And since the inheritance is the one great object in the call of Abraham, everything else that came from God to Abraham was only contributory to this great object; it was only to fit Abraham to enter upon and enjoy in all its fullness that wondrous inheritance which is the original and settled object of the call to him."

Here are some points to help grasp the depth of this:

- Our inheritance is according to the promises, not the law.
- This is true before and after the cross; for Abraham and us alike.
- Received altogether by faith—not works.
- What we have on earth currently is like a down payment or

contribution of what we will inherit from God.

- The full inheritance comes in the world to come—not this current fallen world.
- Because of this, it's absolutely impossible for any of us to obtain it by working for it.
- The inheritance is a gift from God.
- It can only be received by men through faith.
- All that we have currently, including abilities, talents, etc., is to fit us for the next world.



Figure: Confirmed Covenant by Man and Divine



Figure: Justification By Faith is Not a Dispensation that only Starts at the Cross



Figure: Divine Confirms the Covenant (Daniel 9:27 and Daniel 7:25)



Figure: Covenant is Doubly Confirmed (Daniel 9:27)

“Even though it has been a MAN’S COVENANT, yet, once confirmed, NO MAN could disannul it NOR ADD thereto. Much more, being GOD’S COVENANT, and being EVEN DOUBLY CONFIRMED, it could NOT POSSIBLY be DISANNULED, neither could anything be added thereto.” A.T. Jones

We must join our past ancient fathers of faith and accept the confirmed covenant of God. We are thankful that God confirmed the Covenant by oath, per Hebrews 6:17, so that we are heirs. Because **God [by oath]** and **Jesus [by death]** both confirmed the covenant, it is now considered **“Doubly Confirmed,”** according to the 1888 message. The significance is this: under no circumstance can anything be taken away, added to, or adjusted in the Holy Covenant Law.

If anyone takes away any law, that person is taking away from the Holy Covenant of God that He has made with mankind many years ago. We are to be meek and mighty like Abraham, who is called the Father of Faith.

Ellen White shared her personal experience when she heard the 1888 message that Waggoner [and Jones] spoke of. **“When Brother Waggoner brought out these ideas at Minneapolis, it was the first clear teaching on this subject from any human lips I had heard, excepting the conversations between myself and my husband.”** MS 5, 1889

What did James White write about these things? Here is a little bit, **“In the patriarchal and Jewish ages, Christ was slain in figure. In the Christian age, he is slain in fact. The Scriptures reveal but ONE PLAN by which fallen man may be saved. But in all the Bible there is NO intimation**

of three plans, one for the patriarchal age, one for the Jewish age, and one for the Christian Age. “We PROTEST, in the name of REASON and REVELATION, against the VAGUE HERESY that the LAW OF THE FATHER and the GOSPEL OF THE SON are OPPOSED TO EACH OTHER, the one designated to take the PLACE of the OTHER; AS IF the men of FORMER dispensations were SAVED BY THE LAW, and WITHOUT the GOSPEL, and those of the present dispensation are saved by the GOSPEL while disregarding the MORAL LAW.” (James White, Christ in the Old Testament, p1)

“Through that lamb, Abel saw the Lamb of God, the Redeemer of the world, and set his hope upon him...Abel saw the blood of Jesus Christ as truly as we see the dying Saviour in the broken bread and the fruit of the vine at the Lord’s supper. “Now to Abraham and his SEED were the PROMISES made. He saith not, And to SEEDS, as of MANY; but as of ONE, and to thy SEED, which is CHRIST.’ The PROMISE to Abraham, that in him all the families of the earth should be blessed, embraces Jesus Christ as the ONLY HOPE of salvation for men of ALL NATIONS. The GOSPEL was preached to the children of Israel in the days of Moses....in Hebrews 4:2, Paul states: ‘Unto us was the GOSPEL PREACHED, as well as UNTO THEM; but the word preached did not profit them, not being MIXED with FAITH in them that heard it.” (James White, Christ in the Old Testament, p3-4)

The last sacrifice of the New Covenant is a significant point to the Covenant. We see that God is not done with His special sacrifices. Let me explain. If you see in *“Figure: Justification By Faith is Not a Dispensation that only Starts at the Cross,”* you will see there are 3 sacrifices that God does. Remember, we saw this in lesson 3 as well.

If we nail the Spirit of Prophecy to the cross, we are nailing Prophetic Law to the cross that talks about the coming Holy Assembly God is going to call. This is a Holy Convocation or gathering where God will have His final judgement against those who grieved away His Holy Spirit.

To assemble is to be “One Accord” or **“Unity.”** The Holy Assembly found in Ezekiel 39:17 shows us that those who God calls to gather around Him are standing in His presence and are One with Him. This assembly includes all who have been given immortality and everlasting life.

When we see the Hebrew word for **“My Sacrifice,” (H2077)** we see the word “Zebah.” This word can mean:

1. Sacrifices of righteousness
2. Sacrifices of strife
3. Sacrifices to dead things
4. Th

The Lord writes on the Tables

Exodus 34:1, “And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I WILL WRITE upon these TABLES the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.”



Moses writes on the Tables

Exodus 34:28 “And he [Moses] was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he WROTE UPON THE TABLES the words of the COVENANT, the ten commandments.”



5. The Passover
6. Annual sacrifice
7. Thank offering



This is retribution given to God’s faithful. This is punishment for Sin and Rebellion against God’s Moral Law. The last sacrifice is called Judgement—which is Holy Judgement that can only come from God, according to the curse of the law—the Second Death for the wicked.

Luke 22:20, **“Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the NEW TESTAMENT in MY BLOOD, which is shed for you.”**

Matthew 26:28, **“For this is MY BLOOD of the NEW TESTAMENT, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”**

Other verses to read: Hebrews 9:15-17, 8:6-13. To **“confirm a covenant”** means to **“strengthen”** it, to **“prevail”**, to make great, to be valiant per the Hebrew words “Confirm the Covenant (H1395).”

Therefore, in order to recognize something as an abomination, one must first have the standard of God’s Holy Law to measure and assess it. Therefore, since the Covenant has been confirmed — meaning strengthened and made unchangeable—we can now identify what God calls, “An Abomination that makes Desolate,” per Daniel 9:27.

*Lord writes on the two tables.
Then, Moses writes on the two tables.
Historians have said the
Ten Commandments were written
on both sides.*

**Read Exodus 34 to see what is part
of the Holy Covenant*

Can you see now why the enemy had to get rid of all of the law that protected and expounded the Ten Commandments? The “overspeading of abominations” means to make the law desolate.

Looking at the Hebrew words for “**Overspreading of Abominations**” WE SEE “**Kanaph** [Wing, Edge, or Extremity] which translates to, “and upon the wing of abominations, a desolator.” In our 7-part series on the 1888, we go through this in detail as it relates to the Hebrew meaning. For the sake of brevity, we will share our understandings. ***The Abomination is so vast, that it is an attack on the Law that Moses wrote and placed in the side of the Ark of the Covenant,*** all the way to the pinnacle of the other wings of the Covering Angels. From wingtip to wingtip, the enemy of souls, through the Antichrist, has and will continue to attack the New Covenant until Christ and His Bride consummate.

Paul said, Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, ***except there come a falling away first,*** and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.”

2 Thessalonians 2:3

This “**Falling Away**” started during his time and gained steam after the Apostles’ deaths. We recommend you read the letters from Bishop Polycarp of Smyrna and Bishop Polycrates of Ephesus. These two men stood for the

faith. Polycarp was appointed by Apostle John the Revelator. Polycarp was martyred in the stadium as an older man. A voice from Heaven was heard that said, “Be strong, Polycarp, and play the man.” The voice was heard by many but no one was seen. He was called an Atheist because he believed in one God and one Son. The word Atheist was used in a different manner than compared to today.

I smile when I read, “Have respect to thine old age. Swear by the genius of Caesar; repent; say, ‘Away with the Atheists! Then Polycarp looked with a serious countenance on the multitude of the lawless heathen gathered in the stadium, and he beckoned with his hand, and looked up to heaven with a groan and said, “Away with the Atheists.”

When commanded to swear against Christ, he said, “Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He hath done me no wrong: how then can I blaspheme my King Who saved me?”

Later, as the Falling Away continued between western and eastern Rome, those in the East continued in the faith, even losing their lives.

“At God’s command he [Moses] had prepared two tables of stone, and had taken them with him to the summit; and again the Lord ‘wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.”

Patriarchs and Prophets 329.4

Bishop Polycrates wrote a letter to Victor I of Rome and said, *“Concerning the Day of Keeping the Passover. Our author presided over the church of Ephesus, where the traditions of St. John were yet fresh in men’s minds at the date of his birth. He had doubtless known Polycarp, and Irenaeus. He seems to have presided over a synod of Asiatic bishops (AD 196) that came together to consider this matter of the Paschal feast. It is surely noteworthy that nobody doubted that it was kept by a Christian and Apostolic ordinance. So St. Paul argues from its Christian observance, in his rebuke of the Corinthians. They were keeping it “unleavened” ceremonially, and he urges a spiritual unleavening as more important. The Christian hallowing of Pentecost connects with the Paschal argument. The Christian Sabbath hinges on these points. As for us, then, we scrupulously observe the exact day, neither adding nor taking away. For in Asia great luminaries have gone to their rest, who shall rise again in the day of the coming of the Lord, when He cometh with glory from heaven and shall raise again all the saints. I speak of Philip, one of the twelve apostles, who is laid to rest at Hierapolis; and his two daughters, who arrived at old age unmarried; his other daughter also, who passed her life under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and reposes at Ephesus; John, moreover, who reclined on the Lord’s bosom, and who became a priest wearing the mitre, and a witness and a teacher—he rests at Ephesus. Then there is Polycarp, both bishop and martyr at Smyrna; and Thraseas from Eumenia, both bishop and martyr, who rests at Smyrna. Why should I speak of Sagaris, bishop and martyr, who rests at Laodicea? Papirius Melito the eunuch...these all kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month, in accordance with the GOSPEL, without EVER deviating from it, but KEEPING to the RULE OF FAITH. Moreover I also, Polycrates, who am the least of you all, in accordance with the tradition of my relatives, some of whom I have succeeded --7 of my relatives were bishops, and I am the 8th, and my relatives ALWAYS OBSERVED THE DAY when the people PUT AWAY the LEAVEN--For those who are greater than I have said, “We ought to obey God rather than men.”*

The *Falling Away* started with something called “The Quartodecimanism.” This is the start of Easter coming into the church. We SDAs have taught for many years of how the Roman Bishops merged with the *Pagan* festivals and beliefs. This is what Jesus and Daniel called, *“The Abomination that makes Desolate”* that will not stop until Christ and His Bride consummate. In 1888, we were to move forward with this by taking God’s Holy Law and placing it back where it belongs—every part of it. Even the parts that we have had so much prejudices against.

“The ten commands were termed God’s ‘covenant’ before the covenant was made with Israel. They were not an agreement made, but something which God commanded them to perform. Thus the Ten Commandments - God’s covenant - became the bases of the covenant made between Him and Israel. The Ten Commandments in all their details are ‘all these words.’ concerning which the covenant was made” Patriarchs and Prophets 760.3

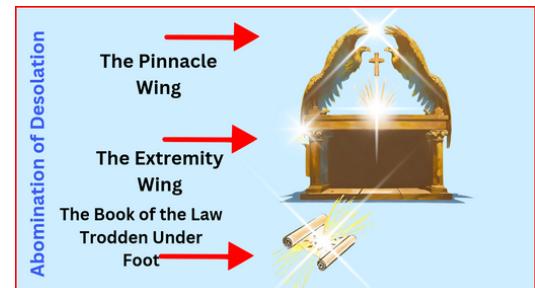


Figure: Abomination of Desolation (Daniel 9:27) Part A

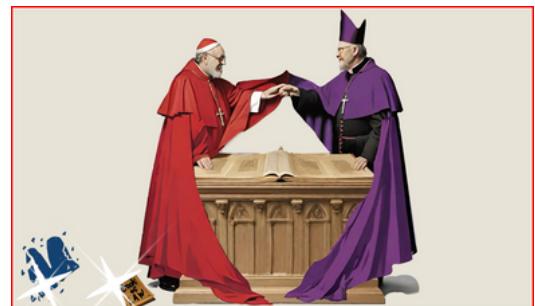


Figure: Abomination of Desolation (Daniel 9:27) Part B

Remember, it is not about what makes us feel good and comfortable. It is about lifting up Christ, honoring the Father, having Faith in what Christ has done and is doing for us, and allowing the Father to write His Holy Law in our hearts.



Figure: Abomination of Desolation (Daniel 9:27) Part C
Paganism Causing the Falling Away



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The Personage of Christ According to the 1888 Materials

Lesson 6

The personage of Christ has been under attack since Lucifer was an exalted being in heaven. We have been taught to have strong prejudices on this very topic—so strong that churches and even homes have been split over this. Let us pray for humility of spirit and open hearts as we seek not our own understanding, but Light from our Heavenly Father. The purpose of this study is not to divide, but to unite in spirit and in truth.

Q: Why is it Important to know This?

A: Matt 24:24 says:

“For there shall arise **false Christs**, and **false prophets**, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, **if it were possible**, they shall deceive the very elect.”

It is of utmost importance that we understand who Jesus really is so we will not be deceived in these last days. This was exemplified in a solemn vision that was given to Ellen White regarding God's people at the end of time. Only excerpts will be printed here; however, it can be read in full in Early Writings beginning on page 54.

“Before the throne I saw the Advent people... Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light. Many came out from under it and immediately resisted it; others were careless and did not cherish the light, and it moved off from them. Some cherished it, and went and bowed down with the little praying company. This company all received the light and rejoiced in it, and their countenances shone with its glory... Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him...(and) would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and pray, “My Father, give us Thy Spirit.” Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.

I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, “Father, give us Thy Spirit.” Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much

power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children." Ellen White EW 54-56

In this vision all were at the throne. Some were deceived into receiving a false spirit. It is for this reason that we believe it is so important for us to understand the personage of Christ. Let us begin this study with the War in Heaven. We are likely familiar with the Great Controversy that began in heaven.

War In Heaven

Q: What was the war about?

A: Isaiah 14:12-14 says:

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

We see here that the war began when Lucifer decided in his heart that he would ascend into heaven, exalt his throne above the stars of God, sit upon the mount of the congregation—which has to do with the Law of God—and be like the Most High.

We further understand what brought this on in the following quotes.

"SATAN was once an honored angel in heaven, NEXT TO CHRIST. His countenance, like those of the other angels, was mild and expressive of happiness. His forehead was high and broad, showing great intelligence. His form was perfect; his bearing noble and majestic. But when God said to His Son, 'Let us make man in our image,' Satan was jealous of Jesus."
EW 145

"It was in seeking to exalt himself above the Son of God that Satan had sinned in heaven." DA 129

"His beauty was so highly exalted that he thought he should be as God, and Christ must be second to him; but the Lord informed Satan this could not be possible. Christ was His only begotten Son. Ellen White, Letter 157, 1910

"Christ was the only begotten Son of God, and Lucifer, that glorious angel, got up a warfare over the matter, until he had to be thrust down to the earth." Ellen White, Manuscript 86, August 21, 1910

We read here that the warfare was over the matter of Christ being the only begotten Son of God. We also see from the following quote that Satan understood the implications of Jesus coming to Earth as the Son of God.

“Satan knew that if Christ was indeed the Son of God, the world’s Redeemer, it was for no good to himself that the Lord had left the royal courts of heaven to come to a fallen world. He feared that his own power was thenceforth to be limited, and that his deceptive wiles would be discerned and exposed, and his influence over man would be weakened.” Ellen White, Con 18

This is why in his temptations of Jesus, Satan prefaced each of them with the words, “If thou be the Son of God...” (Matt 4:3,6; 27:40) Satan knew that this would be a greater temptation for Jesus to prove He was indeed the Son of God—this had been the subject of the original war!

The Sonship of Christ

Q: Was Jesus truly the begotten Son of God?

A: John 3:16; 5:26

“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.”

“For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;”

Why is it difficult to understand this? There are so many beliefs even within the church regarding Christ, His Sonship, begottenness, and origin, regardless of what the Bible says. Here is the reason for this:

It is the special work of Satan to cause dissension, that the evidence of oneness which should exist with them might be hindered, that the world should be deprived of the most powerful testimony Christians can give it that God has sent His Son to bring into harmony turbulent, proud, envious, jealous, bigoted minds.... “15MR 127

“Christ had to meet the enemy. What had he [Satan] been doing prior to Christ’s coming to this earth? Why, he had been trying to gain the hearts of evil men and evil women. When Christ came to our world, Satan had been working with all the deceptive powers that he could command with his angels to gain the hearts of evil men and women, and combined with Satan they will work on the children of disobedience... He was weaving himself into the Jewish nation, and they were led captive and would not acknowledge Christ as the Son of God, notwithstanding the mighty evidences which accompanied Him.” EGW1888 Mat 122

This very deception is what caused the Jews not to recognize Jesus as the Son of God! And now today, at the end of time, we have the same deception facing us.

“And Peter, describing the dangers to which the church was to be exposed in the last days, says that as there were false prophets who led Israel into sin, so there will be false teachers, “And

many shall follow their pernicious ways.” 2 Peter 2:1, 2. Here the apostle has pointed out one of the marked characteristics of spiritualist teachers. They refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God... He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.” 1 John 2:22, 23. Spiritualism, by denying Christ, denies both the Father and the Son, and the Bible pronounces it the manifestation of antichrist.” PP 686

“Said the angel, Think ye that the Father yielded up his dearly beloved Son without a struggle? No, no. It was even a struggle with the God of Heaven, whether to let guilty man perish, or to give his beloved Son to die for them. ... Nothing but the death and intercessions of his Son would pay the debt, and save lost man from hopeless sorrow and misery.” Ellen White, ISP 48.1

“When I read in the Bible of how many refused to believe that Christ was the Son of God, sadness fills my heart. Ellen White, Letter 398, To Dr. & Mrs. D.H. Kress, December 26, 1906

“Let the missionaries of the cross proclaim that there is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, who is Jesus Christ the Son of the Infinite God. This needs to be proclaimed throughout every church in our land.” Ellen White, 1888

Materials, p. 886

There is no question that Ellen White agreed with the Bible that Jesus Christ is the Son of God—literally—and strongly taught against denying that fact. That they believed in the Sonship of Christ is evident, but what about whether Jesus was begotten or eternally existent? In answering this question, we must consider the terms begotten and first-born. Neither of them indicates eternally existent. Both to be begotten and to be born require a beginning. There cannot be a son that existed from the beginning of the father. The father must come first.

“God had promised to give the First-born of heaven to save the sinner.” DA 51

“Christ is the star that should arise out of Jacob, and the one in whom all the nations of the earth should be blessed, as the first born of heaven, and the only begotten of the Father, filled with all the treasures of eternity. He assumed humanity, and impressed upon it the glorious image of the everlasting God.” Ellen White, Letter 101, February 17, 1896

“A complete offering has been made; for ‘God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,’—not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father’s person.... — Ellen White, ST, May 30, 1895

We will sum up the section on the Sonship of Christ with this quote from EJ Waggoner in January 1889, shortly after the 1888 Conference.

“We know that Christ “proceeded forth and came from God:” (John 8:42), but it was so far back in the ages of eternity as to be far beyond the grasp of the mind of man. –EJ Waggoner, Christ and His Righteousness, January 1889

The Holy Spirit of Christ

Q: Who is the Holy Spirit?

A: John 14:16-21; and 1John 2:1 say:

“And 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... but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you... ye see me... ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you... I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.”

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have and *advocate* with the Father, *Jesus Christ the righteous.*”

Here Jesus is speaking to His disciples, and clearly assures them that He, Whom they have known, will manifest Himself to them as the Comforter. The passage in 1 John 2:1

uses the title Advocate, which is the same word in the Greek as the word Comforter in John 14:16. Jesus, our Advocate is also our Comforter—the Holy Spirit.

There are many Scriptures that show this including 1Cor 15:45 and Gal 4:6; however, the most revealing is Acts 20:28: **“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the *Holy Ghost* hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with *HIS OWN BLOOD.*”**

The only One who is able to purchase any of us with His own blood is the Son of God, Jesus Christ. This is clear from the Bible, now let us take a look at what was being taught in 1888 by Ellen White, AT Jones and EJ Waggoner.

“That Christ should manifest Himself to them, and yet be invisible to the world, was a mystery to the disciples... 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.—Ellen White, The Southern Review, Sept. 13, 1898

“What saith our Saviour? ‘I will not leave thee comfortless; I will come unto you.’ (John 14:18 quoted) When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of Christ, remember that He

(Christ) is an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit...." Ellen White, DG, 185, 1897

"What then could show a more universal reign of the form of godliness, not only without the power but denying the power? For this form of godliness will deny that JESUS CHRIST is come in the flesh. Every spirit that confesseth that JESUS CHRIST is come in the flesh, that is the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesseth not that JESUS CHRIST is come—not that he did come, but now is come in my flesh—CHRIST in you the hope of glory, CHRIST abiding within, God reigning in the kingdom of God that is within you—that is what this signifies. Every spirit that confesseth not that JESUS CHRIST is come in the flesh is not of God. And this is that spirit of antichrist." AT Jones GCB/GCDB 1895, p. 133

"God gives His Holy Spirit, His own personal representative...Look to JESUS, not simply as One who "is to come," but as One "who IS." Our only hope in the coming of the Lord is our personal acquaintance with Him NOW. If we know Him, and love His PRESENCE WITH us, then we shall "love His appearing." ... The Lord can never be the eternal reward of any of whom He is not the PRESENT REWARD." —EJ Waggoner PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 516

God help us that we may be sanctified through the truth; and that sanctification shall have its influence to leaven those that are around us. Not the leaven of malice; not the leaven of jealousy; not the leaven of evil surmisings, but it is the leaven of the SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST, which is sent down from heaven, called the Holy Ghost, and that Spirit affects the heart and the character." Ellen White 1SAT 210

"By the Spirit the Father and the Son will come and make their abode with you." Ellen White, BE and ST, January 15, 1893

"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, (Matthew 28:20 quoted). While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, His energizing presence is still with His church." {DA 166.2}

"Christ is withdrawn only from the eye of sense, but he is as truly present by his Spirit as when he was visibly present on earth." ST April 7, 1890

"Although our Lord ascended from earth to heaven, the Holy Spirit was appointed as His representative among men... 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. Christ would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit,—as the Omnipresent” Ellen White, PrT May 30, 1895

“It is not essential for you to know and be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is. John 14:26 refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.” EGW 7LtMs, Lt7, 1891

It is clear from the previous quotes that Ellen White along with Jones and Waggoner believed and taught that the Holy Spirit was in truth Jesus Christ divested of the personality of humanity, and could therefore be in all places. Further, the Father gave His Spirit to the Son, Who promises to dwell in each one of us always. Thus, the Holy Spirit is in us, Christ Jesus, Whose Spirit came from the Father. We are so connected if we so choose to have the faith of Jesus! If we are to be the very elect who are not deceived by the enemy of our souls, we must know the Truth!

“The Lord is soon to come. We want that complete and perfect understanding which the Lord alone can give.

It is not safe to catch the spirit from another. We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ. If we commune with God, we shall have strength and grace and efficiency.” Letter 66, April 10, 1894 EGW to WW Prescott

“The reason why the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die, is that the enemy has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. He has sought to shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter, as one who reproves, who warns, who admonishes them, saying, “This is the way, walk ye in it.” Christ has all power in heaven and in earth, and he can strengthen the wavering, and set right the erring. He can inspire with confidence, with hope in God; and confidence in God always results in creating confidence in one another.” RH August 26, 1890 p10

If we believe for a moment that Jesus Christ is not Himself, the Comforter, we have been influenced by the discouraging nature of the enemy of our souls!

Here We see that that is the very truth we are to use to test the spirits.

We have already learned that all true prophets will speak in harmony with the law of God and the testimony of His Word. The apostle John gives another rule describing the teaching of true prophets.

He says: ***“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets have gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”*** Note carefully the foregoing scripture. It does not say that whosoever confesseth that Jesus Christ “did come in the flesh,” ***“but is come in the flesh; that is, that he comes, by his Spirit, and dwells in us, in response to our faith. This, in fact, is the central truth of the gospel, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*** 9GSAM 302-303

Jesus comes by His Spirit to dwell in us. This means that the indwelling Holy Spirit is actually Jesus Christ—Christ in you, the hope of glory. This is the central truth of the gospel! This is what has been attacked and misconstrued by the enemy of our souls. Now it is getting clear how the very elect, if possible, could be deceived! We can also see how the vision of Ellen White that we opened this section with could actually take place among our people. Let us not despair, but take courage in the following statement from Ellen White in the 1888 edition of The Great Controversy:

“Notwithstanding the widespread declension of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches. Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon his children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and his Word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at THIS TIME, to prepare a people for the Lord’s second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it, by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power, he will make it appear that God’s special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of ANOTHER SPIRIT. Under a religious guise, SATAN will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.” Ellen White GC88 464

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