

The Holy Spirit:
Christ's Representative,
Successor, a Distinct Person
and Third Member
of the Eternal Godhead

A Bible Study on the Third Person of the Godhead

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

“The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fulness of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ.” Ellen White, Manuscript, 21, 1906.11.

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Introduction

This is the third part of a multi-part series of Bible Studies on the Godhead, developed to provide overwhelming evidence for the existence of the Holy Spirit as a distinct Person and member of the Eternal Godhead. Repeatedly spoken of in the Old and New Testament, it functions at the present time as the Representative and Successor of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth.

This study looks at the Person, work and attributes of the Holy Spirit, including the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit throughout the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit as a member of the Godhead, and three sections that address specific questions on the Holy Spirit—the personhood of the Holy Spirit, the Deity of the Holy Spirit, and responding to suggestions the Holy Spirit is only a spiritual manifestation or presence of Christ.

I have complete confidence in the Personhood, Deity, and work of the Holy Spirit! The presence and activity of the Holy Spirit during the Old Testament time period, the gift described by Christ in John 14-16, the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit in Christ's life, the personal activity of the Holy Spirit directing the Early Church, the visitations of the Holy Spirit in our church historically and in the recent past, the desire of the Holy Spirit to make us His temples, the numerous "Three" statements in the Spirit of Prophecy and the quotations on the personhood of the Holy Spirit, bring perfect confidence in the reality of this most precious gift.

I have added footnotes to give support for the inclusion of some of the verses, and to direct readers to other helpful sources on particular topics.

The asterisk (*) occasionally found at the beginning of texts is to indicate a more important reference on the topic.

Unless indicated otherwise, quotations come from the writings of Ellen G. White.

I continue to primarily use the KJV, however in the Old Testament section of this study I have used the NKJV because the phrase "Holy Spirit" is usually capitalized, to better highlight the role of the Holy Spirit during that time period.

I pray you will learn much about the Holy Spirit through this study.

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The Lines of Evidence

The lines of evidence include...

- The non-communicable attributes shared with the other members of the Godhead;
- The frequent mentions of the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments;
- The presence and activity of the Holy Spirit in the life of Christ;
- Christ's teachings regarding the Holy Spirit as a distinct and independent Person;
- Christ's abundant promises regarding the gift of the Holy Spirit;
- Christ's assertions regarding the Holy Spirit as His successor and representative;
- Christ's assertions regarding the Holy Spirit taking His place as "another" Comforter;
- The role of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth;
- Recognition that the titles of the Holy Spirit are interchangeable;
- Christ's instruction that believers were to be baptized in the name of all three Members of the Godhead;
- The fulfilment of Christ's promises regarding the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost;
- The active role of the Holy Spirit in the early church;
- The Holy Spirit's role in directing ongoing missionary activity;
- The numerous mentions of the Holy Spirit after the book of Acts;
- The continuing role of the Holy Spirit in modern times;
- The mentions of the Holy Spirit in Revelation;
- The confirming "Three" statements in the Spirit of Prophecy;
- Actions manifesting the Personhood of the Holy Spirit;
- Actions manifesting the Deity of the Holy Spirit;
- And recognition that the Holy Spirit is a real person and not a "spiritual manifestation" or "presence" of Christ.

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The Bible Study

Brief Introductory Facts on the Holy Spirit

- 1 • The Holy Spirit is frequently mentioned throughout the Scriptures.
2 There are 88 references to the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and
3 325 references in the New Testament.¹
- 4 • The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead.
5 Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them
6 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”
- 7 • Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit.
8 John 16:7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that
9 I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you;
10 but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”
- 11 • Christ's promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.
12 Acts 2:2-4 “And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a
13 rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were
14 sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire,
15 and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy
16 Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them
17 utterance.”
- 18 • The Holy Spirit was recognized as God by the early believers.
19 Acts 5:3-4 “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart
20 to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
21 4 Whilst it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was
22 it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine
23 heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”
- 24 • The Holy Spirit was known and referred to as a distinct Person.
25 Acts 10:19-20 “While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto
26 him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 Arise therefore, and get thee
27 down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.”

1. Norman Gully, “Trinity in the Old Testament,” *Journal of the Adventist Theological Society*, 17 (Spring 2006): 93.

28 Acts 13:2 “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost
29 said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have
30 called them.”

31 • The Holy Spirit makes effectual the work of Christ.²
32 Luke 2:25-28 “And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose
33 name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for
34 the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. 26 And it
35 was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see
36 death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the
37 Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,
38 to do for him after the custom of the law, 28 Then took he him up in
39 his arms, and blessed God.”

40 • This is the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.
41 Acts 2: 17 “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will
42 pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.”³

43 *The Attributes of the Holy Spirit*

44 The Holy Spirit is eternal.⁴
45 Hebrews 9:14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who
46 through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge
47 your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”
48 *Notice that the Hebrew word underlying “eternal” in Hebrews 9:14 is*
49 *the same word used to describe God as “eternal” in Romans 16:26.*
50 Romans 16:26 “But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the
51 prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God,

2. “The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world’s Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.” White, *Desire of Ages* 671.2.

3. “The dispensation in which we are now living is to be, to those that ask, the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.” White, *Review and Herald*, March 2, 1897, par. 13.

4. Like the other members of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit has the non-communicable attributes of deity, including eternal, immutable, omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient.

52 made known to all nations for the obedience of faith.”

53 The Holy Spirit is unchanging (immutable).⁵

54 1 John 2:4 “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his command-
55 ments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

56 The Holy Spirit is present in all places, at all times (omnipresent).⁶

57 Psalms 139:7-12 (NKJV) “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where
58 can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are
59 there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the
60 wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10
61 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold
62 me. 12 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night
63 shall be light about me.”

64 The Holy Spirit is all powerful (omnipotent).⁷

65 Luke 1:35-37 “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy
66 Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall
67 overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of
68 thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin
69 Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the
70 sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing
71 shall be impossible.”

72 *Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is
73 come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,
74 and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the
75 earth.”

76 Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
77 and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were
78 oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

79 The Holy Spirit is all knowing (omniscient).

5. “The Spirit and the word agree. The voice of God to the hearts of men does not contradict the utterances proclaimed in awful grandeur from Sinai’s mount. God never contradicts himself. He claims obedience. The laws by which he governs the world are not only holy, just, and good, but they are immutable also, and by them the world is soon to be judged.” *Signs of the Times*, July 21, 1887, par. 6.

6. “The Spirit of God has unconfined range of the heavenly universe;” *Review and Herald*, August 25, 1896, par. 10.

7. “The omnipotent power of the Holy Spirit is the defense of every contrite soul. Not one that in penitence and faith has claimed His protection will Christ permit to pass under the enemy’s power.” *The Desire of Ages*, 490.5.

80 Romans 8:27 “And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the
81 mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints
82 according to the will of God.”

83 * Corinthians 2:9-11 “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear
84 heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which
85 God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed
86 them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the
87 deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man,
88 save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God
89 knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”

90 The Holy Spirit has a will (sovereign).

91 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same
92 Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same
93 Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God
94 which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given
95 to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the
96 word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
97 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by
98 the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another
99 prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of
100 tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these
101 worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man
102 severally as he will.”

103 The Holy Spirit is good.

104 *Ps. 143: 10 (NKJV) “Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God;
105 Your Spirit is good.”

106 Nehemiah 9:20 (NKJV) “You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct
107 them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave
108 them water for their thirst.”

109 The Holy Spirit loves.

110 Romans 5:5 “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God
111 is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto
112 us.”

113 Romans 15:30 “Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus
114 Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with
115 me in your prayers to God for me;”

116 The Holy Spirit is holy.

117 *The Holy Spirit is referred to as “holy” at least 89 times.*⁸
118 Psalms 51:11 (NKJV) “Do not cast me away from Your presence, And
119 do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”
120 The Holy Spirit is a mystery.⁹
121 John 3:8 “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the
122 sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it
123 goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

124 *The Holy Spirit in the Scriptures*

125 *The Holy Spirit was Active in Old Testament Times*

126 *Genesis 1:2 (NKJV) “The earth was without form, and void; and
127 darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was
128 hovering over the face of the waters.”¹⁰
129 Genesis 6:3 (NKJV) “And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive
130 with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one
131 hundred and twenty years.”
132 Genesis 41:38 (NKJV) “And Pharaoh said to his servants, ‘Can we
133 find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?’”
134 Exodus 28:3 (NKJV) “So you shall speak to all who are gifted
135 artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may
136 make Aaron’s garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me
137 as priest.”
138 Exodus 31:2-3 (NKJV) “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of
139 Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 And I have filled him with

8. Jo Ann Davidson, “A Power or Person: The Nature of the Holy Spirit,” *Journal of the Adventist Theological Society*, 27 (2016): 35.

9. “The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not strengthen the church. Regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding, silence is golden.” *The Acts of the Apostles*, 52.1.

10. For further discussion see Richard M. Davidson, “The Nature and Work of the Holy Spirit in the Pentateuch” (2016). Faculty Publications. 862. (<https://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/pubs/862>): Davidson, a professor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, provides persuasive evidence for the Holy Spirit in twelve verses in the Pentateuch (Gen 1:2; 6:3; 41:38; Exod 31:3; 35:31; Num. 11:17, 25, 26, 29; 24:2; 27:18; Deut 34:9), arguments for including three other verses (Exod 15:8, 10; 28:3) and typological indications of the Holy Spirit in the Sanctuary service.

140 the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in
141 all manner of workmanship,”

142 *Exodus 35:31 (NKJV) “He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in
143 wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of
144 workmanship,”

145 Numbers 11:17 (NKJV) “Then I will come down and talk with you
146 there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same
147 upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that
148 you may not bear it yourself alone.”

149 *Numbers 11:25 (NKJV) “Then the Lord came down in the cloud, and
150 spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the
151 same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested
152 upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again.”

153 Numbers 11:26 (NKJV) “But two men had remained in the camp: the
154 name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the
155 Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who
156 had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp.”

157 Numbers 11:29 (NKJV) “Then Moses said to him, ‘Are you zealous
158 for my sake? Oh, that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the
159 Lord would put His Spirit upon them!’”

160 Numbers 24:2 (NKJV) “And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw Israel
161 encamped according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon
162 him.”

163 *Numbers 27:18 (NKJV) “And the Lord said to Moses: “Take Joshua
164 the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your
165 hand on him;”

166 Deuteronomy 34:9 (NKJV) 9 “Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of
167 the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the
168 children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded
169 Moses.”¹¹

170 Judges 3:9-10 (NKJV) “When the children of Israel cried out to the
171 Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who
172 delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. 10
173 The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went

11. For a complete discussion see Keith Mattingly, “The Laying on of Hands on Joshua: An Exegetical Study of Numbers 27:12-23 and Deuteronomy 34:9” (Ph.D. dissertation, Andrews University, 1997). A summary of relevant information for this study can be found in Richard Davidson, 46-55.

174 out to war, and the Lord delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of
175 Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-
176 Rishathaim.”

177 *Judges 6:34 (NKJV) “But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon;
178 then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.”

179 Judges 11:29 “Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he
180 passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead,
181 and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of
182 Ammon.”

183 Judges 13:24-25 (NKJV) “So the woman bore a son and called his
184 name Samson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. 25 And
185 the Spirit of the Lord began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan
186 between Zorah and Eshtaol.”

187 Judges 14:5-6 (NKJV) “So Samson went down to Timnah with his
188 father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah. Now to his
189 surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. 6 And the Spirit of
190 the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one
191 would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his
192 hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.”

193 Judges 14:19 “And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he went
194 down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil,
195 and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle.
196 And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.”

197 Judges 15:14 “And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted
198 against him: and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and
199 the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with
200 fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.”

201 1 Samuel 10:6, 9 “And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and
202 thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.
203 ... 9 And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from
204 Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass
205 that day. 10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company
206 of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he
207 prophesied among them.”

208 1 Samuel 11:5-6 (NKJV) “Now there was Saul, coming behind the
209 herd from the field; and Saul said, “What troubles the people, that they
210 weep?” And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh. 6 Then the
211 Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard this news, and his anger

212 was greatly aroused.”

213 *1 Samuel 16:13 (NKJV) “Then Samuel took the horn of oil and
214 anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord
215 came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to
216 Ramah.”

217 1 Samuel 19:20 (NKJV) “And Saul sent messengers to take David:
218 and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and
219 Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon
220 the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.”

221 2 Samuel 23:1-2 (NKJV) “Now these are the last words of David.
222 Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on
223 high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of
224 Israel: 2 “The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, And His word was on
225 my tongue.”

226 1 Kings 18:12 (NKJV) “And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am
227 gone from you, that the Spirit of the LORD will carry you to a place I
228 do not know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he
229 will kill me. But I your servant have feared the LORD from my
230 youth.”

231 1 Kings 22:21-24 (NKJV) “Then a spirit came forward and stood
232 before the LORD, and said, ‘I will persuade him.’ 22 The LORD said
233 to him, ‘In what way?’ So he said, ‘I will go out and be a lying spirit
234 in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And the LORD said, You shall
235 persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.’ 23 Therefore look!
236 The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of
237 yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you.” 24 Now
238 Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the
239 cheek, and said, “Which way did the spirit from the LORD go from
240 me to speak to you?”¹²

241 1 Chronicles 12:18 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief
242 of the captains, and he said: ‘We are yours, O David; We are on your
243 side, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, And peace to your helpers!
244 For your God helps you.’”

245 1 Chronicles 28:11-12 (NKJV) “Then David gave his son Solomon the
246 plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its
247 inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; 12 and the plans for
248 all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, of

12. See Richard Davidson, 49 for the Spirit coming upon prophets.

249 all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and
250 of the treasuries for the dedicated things;”

251 2 Chronicles 15:1-2 “And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the
252 son of Oded: 2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear
253 ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The Lord is with you, while
254 ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye
255 forsake him, he will forsake you.”

256 2 Chronicles 20:14 “Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son
257 of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons
258 of Asaph, came the Spirit of the Lord in the midst of the
259 congregation;”

260 2 Chronicles 24:20 “And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the
261 son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto
262 them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the
263 Lord, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the Lord, he
264 hath also forsaken you.”

265 Nehemiah 9:20 (NKJV) “You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct
266 them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave
267 them water for their thirst.”

268 Nehemiah 9:30 (NKJV) “Yet for many years You had patience with
269 them, And testified against them by Your Spirit in Your prophets. Yet
270 they would not listen; Therefore You gave them into the hand of the
271 peoples of the lands.”

272 Job 26:13 (NKJV) “By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; His hand
273 pierced the fleeing serpent.”

274 *Job 33:4 (NKJV) “The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of
275 the Almighty gives me life.”

276 Psalms 33:6 (NKJV) “By the word of the Lord the heavens were
277 made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. [*ruach* =
278 *spirit*].”

279 &Psalms 51:11 (NKJV) “Do not cast me away from Your presence,
280 And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”

281 Psalms 104:30 (NKJV) “You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
282 And You renew the face of the earth.”

283 *Psalms 139:7 (NKJV) “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where
284 can I flee from Your presence?”

285 Psalms 143:10 (NKJV) “Teach me to do Your will, For You are my

286 God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.”

287 Isaiah 11:1-3 (NKJV) “There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of
288 Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the
289 Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
290 The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the
291 fear of the Lord. 3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall
292 not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His
293 ears;”

294 *Isaiah 32:15 (NKJV) “Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on
295 high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field
296 is counted as a forest.”

297 Isaiah 40:13 “Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his
298 counsellor hath taught him?”

299 Isaiah 42:1 (NKJV) “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect
300 One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He
301 will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.”

302 *Isaiah 44:3 (NKJV) “For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And
303 floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants,
304 And My blessing on your offspring;”

305 Isaiah 59:19 “So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west,
306 and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come
307 in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against
308 him.”

309 Isaiah 59:21 “As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the
310 Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in
311 thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of
312 thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from
313 henceforth and for ever.”

314 Isaiah 61:1 (NKJV) “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because
315 the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has
316 sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives,
317 And the opening of the prison to those who are bound.”

318 *Isaiah 63:10 (NKJV) “But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;
319 So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought
320 against them. 11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his
321 people, saying: “Where is He who brought them up out of the sea With
322 the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit
323 within them,”

324 Isaiah 63:14 (NKJV) “As a beast goes down into the valley, And the
325 Spirit of the Lord causes him to rest, So You lead Your people, To
326 make Yourself a glorious name.”

327 *Ezekiel 2:2 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to
328 me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me.”

329 Ezekiel 3:12 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind
330 me a great thunderous voice: ‘Blessed is the glory of the Lord from
331 His place!’”

332 Ezekiel 3:14 (NKJV) “So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away,
333 and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the
334 Lord was strong upon me.”

335 Ezekiel 3:24 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit entered me and set me on my
336 feet, and spoke with me and said to me: “Go, shut yourself inside your
337 house.”

338 Ezekiel 8:3 (NKJV) “He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me
339 by a lock of my hair; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and
340 heaven, and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of
341 the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the image of
342 jealousy was, which provokes to jealousy.”

343 Ezekiel 11:1 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to
344 the East Gate of the Lord's house, which faces eastward; and there at
345 the door of the gate were twenty-five men, among whom I saw
346 Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of
347 the people.”

348 Ezekiel 11:4-5 (NKJV) ““Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy,
349 O son of man!’ 5 Then the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and said to
350 me, ‘Speak! ‘Thus says the Lord: “Thus you have said, O house of
351 Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind.”

352 Ezekiel 11:24 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit took me up and brought me in
353 a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to those in captivity. And
354 the vision that I had seen went up from me.”

355 Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NKJV) “I will give you a new heart and put a new
356 spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and
357 give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause
358 you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do
359 them.”

360 Ezekiel 37:14 (NKJV) ““I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall
361 live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that

362 I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it,' says the Lord.”

363 Ezekiel 39:29 (NKJV) “And I will not hide My face from them
364 anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,’
365 says the Lord God.”

366 Ezekiel 43:5 (NKJV) “The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the
367 inner court; and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple.”

368 *Joel 2:28-29 (NKJV) “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will
369 pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall
370 prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see
371 visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I
372 will pour out My Spirit in those days.”

373 Micah 2:7 (NKJV) “You who are named the house of Jacob: “Is the
374 Spirit of the Lord restricted? Are these His doings? Do not My words
375 do good To him who walks uprightly?”

376 Micah 3:8 (NKJV) “But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the
377 Lord, And of justice and might, To declare to Jacob his transgression
378 And to Israel his sin.”

379 Haggai 2:4-5 (NKJV) “Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ says the Lord;
380 ‘and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be
381 strong, all you people of the land,’ says the Lord, ‘and work; for I am
382 with you,’ says the Lord of hosts. 5 ‘According to the word that I
383 covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit
384 remains among you; do not fear!’”

385 *Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV) “So he answered and said to me: “This is the
386 word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by
387 My Spirit,’ Says the Lord of hosts.”

388 Zechariah 7:12 (NKJV) “Yes, they made their hearts like flint,
389 refusing to hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had
390 sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came
391 from the Lord of hosts.”

392 *The Holy Spirit was Active in the Life of Christ* ¹³

393 Luke 1:15 “For he [John the Baptist] shall be great in the sight of the
394 Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be
395 filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.”

396 *Luke 1:34-35 “Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be,
397 seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto
398 her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the
399 Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which
400 shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

401 Matthew 1:18 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When
402 as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came
403 together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.”

404 Luke 1:67 “And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost,
405 and prophesied....”

406 Luke 1:41 “And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the
407 salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was
408 filled with the Holy Ghost.”

409 Luke 2:25-27 “And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose
410 name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for
411 the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. 26 And it
412 was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see
413 death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the
414 Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,
415 to do for him after the custom of the law.”

416 Matthew 3:11 “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but
417 he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not
418 worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with
419 fire.”

420 *Mark 1:10 “And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the
421 heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him.”

422 John 1:32 “And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending
423 from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him
424 not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me,
425 Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on

13. “The same Holy Spirit that abode in Christ when He imparted to them the instruction He was constantly receiving was to be the source of their intelligence and the secret of their power in doing the very same work that Christ Himself had done.” Letter 218, 1906.16.

426 him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.”

427 Matt. 4:1 “Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be
428 tempted of the devil.”

429 Mark 1:12 “And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the
430 wilderness.”

431 *Luke 3:21-22 “Now when all the people were baptized, it came to
432 pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was
433 opened, 22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a
434 dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art
435 my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.”

436 *Luke 4:1 “And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from
437 Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.”

438 *Luke 4:14-15 “And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into
439 Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round
440 about. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.”

441 *Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath
442 anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal
443 the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and
444 recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
445 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

446 Matthew 12:15-18 (NKJV) “But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew
447 from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them
448 all. 16 Yet He warned them not to make Him known, 17 that it might
449 be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 18
450 “Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My
451 soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will
452 declare justice to the Gentiles.”

453 Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
454 and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were
455 oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

457 Christ described the Holy Spirit as a distinct and
458 independent Person in John 14-16.¹⁴

459 *In the following Scriptures, Christ's words contain an anomaly of the*
460 *Greek grammar: the word "Spirit" (Greek *pneuma*) in the neuter*
461 *gender, is repeatedly associated with the personal pronoun "He" or*
462 *"Him" (Greek *ekeinos*), which is in the masculine gender.¹⁵*

463 *John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another
464 Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;"

465 John 14:17 "Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive,
466 because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for
467 he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

468 *John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the
469 Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
470 all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

471 John 15:26 "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto
472 you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from
473 the Father, he shall testify of me."

474 *John 16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you
475 that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto
476 you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

477 John 16:8 "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and
478 of righteousness, and of judgment."

479 John 16:13 "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will
480 guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but
481 whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you
482 things to come."

14. "The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God." Manuscript 20, 1906.32. "There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ." Manuscript 21, 1906.11. Three distinct agencies, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, work together for human beings. They are united in the work of making the church on earth like the church in heaven." Manuscript 27a, 1900.22.

15. For further discussion see Jo Ann Davidson, 27.

483 *John 16:14 “He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and
484 shall shew it unto you.”

485 Christ made abundant promises regarding the gift of the
486 Holy Spirit.

487 Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto
488 your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the
489 Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

490 John 7:37-39 “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood
491 and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
492 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly
493 shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit,
494 which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was
495 not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”

496 *Luke 24:49 “And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you:
497 but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power
498 from on high.”

499 Acts 1:4-5 “And, being assembled together with them, commanded
500 them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the
501 promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For
502 John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy
503 Ghost not many days hence.”

504 *Acts 1:8-9 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is
505 come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,
506 and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the
507 earth. 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he
508 was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.”

509 Receiving the Holy Spirit would be life-changing, and
510 would greatly advance Christ’s Kingdom.

511 Matthew 12:28 “But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the
512 kingdom of God is come unto you.”

513 *John 3:6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is
514 born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must
515 be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest
516 the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it
517 goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

518 John 3:34-35 “For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God:
519 for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. 35 The Father

520 loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.”

521 *John 6:63 (NKJV) “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits
522 nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”

523 The Holy Spirit would be Christ’s successor.¹⁶

524 *John 16:7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you
525 that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto
526 you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”

527 The Holy Spirit would function as Christ’s

528 representative.¹⁷

529 *John 15:26 “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto
530 you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from
531 the Father, he shall testify of me.”

532 John 16:14 “He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and
533 shall shew it unto you.”

534 The Holy Spirit would be a Comforter—“another

535 Comforter”—after Christ went to heaven.

536 *The term “another” comforter is significant, for it reminds that Christ*
537 *was a comforter while He was living among humankind. Upon His*
538 *departure to heaven, the Holy Spirit took over the role of comforter on*
539 *earth.*¹⁸ *There are a few statements that suggest Christ was the*
540 *comforter—and He was while He was on earth—but upon returning to*
541 *heaven, the Holy Spirit, took over Christ’s role!*

16. “He promised to send them His Spirit as His successor.” Manuscript 114, 1904.18. “When Christ ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit took his place, and was a perfect representation of him.” Letter 126, 1898. “Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is always there, one given in Christ’s place, to act in His stead.” Manuscript 70a, 1897.

17. “Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. ... By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not ascended on high.” *Desire of Ages*, 669.2. “Jesus is present in the person of His representative, the Holy Spirit” *Review and Herald*, October 8, 1908, par. 6. “The Lord Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit; for it is his representative. Through it he infuses spiritual life into the soul.” *Review and Herald*, August 25, 1896, par. 6.

18. “The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fulness of the Godhead....” Manuscript 21, 1906.11. “The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, in Christ’s name. He personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality.” Manuscript 93, 1893.8. “Now that He is in heaven, the Holy Spirit is our Comforter.” Manuscript 175, 1897.

542 *John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another
543 Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.”

544 The Holy Spirit would be the Spirit—teacher—of truth.

545 John 16:8-10 “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin,
546 and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe
547 not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see
548 me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is
549 judged. ... 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will
550 guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but
551 whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you
552 things to come.”¹⁹

553 Believers were to be baptized in the name of the Father,
554 Son and the Holy Ghost.

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

557 The Holy Spirit is called by interchangeable names.²⁰

558 *I describe these as “synonyms” of the name of the Holy Spirit, and
559 include: the “Holy Spirit,” “Holy Ghost,” “Spirit of Christ,” “Spirit of
560 the Lord,” “Spirit of God,” “Divine Spirit,” and “His Spirit.”

19. “The Comforter is called ‘the Spirit of truth.’ His work is to define and maintain the truth.” *Desire of Ages*, 671.1.

20. Scriptures paired with quotations demonstrating the interchangeability of the titles of the Holy Spirit follow: (1) 1 Peter 1:11 “Searching what, or what manner of time the *Spirit of Christ* who was in them was indicating.” “The *Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ* (emphasis added), it is His representative.” Letter 18, 1895.12. (2) Luke 2:25 “And the *Holy Ghost* (emphasis added) was upon him [Simeon].” “The secret of Simeon’s life was that the *Spirit of the Lord was upon him* (emphasis added). He was *under the influence of the Holy Spirit*” (emphasis added). Letter 104, 1898.17. (3) 1 Corinthians 2:14 “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the *Spirit of God* (emphasis added): for they are foolishness unto him.” “*Without the Spirit of God* (emphasis added) a knowledge of His word is of no avail. The theory of truth, *unaccompanied by the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added), cannot quicken the soul or sanctify the heart.” *Christ Object Lessons*, 408.3. (4) Ephesians 3:16 (NKJV) “Strengthened with might through *His Spirit* (emphasis added) in the inner man.” “Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the *mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead* (emphasis added), who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. ... Through *the Spirit* [emphasis added] the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has *given His Spirit* (emphasis added) as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and

561 *The Holy Spirit was Active in the Early Church*

562 The Holy Spirit was poured out as promised.

563 John 20:21-22 “Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as
564 my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said
565 this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy
566 Ghost.”

567 *Acts 2:1-6 “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they
568 were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a
569 sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the
570 house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven
571 tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were
572 all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues,
573 as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling at
574 Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now
575 when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were
576 confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own
577 language.”²¹

578 *Acts 4:29-31 “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant
579 unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30
580 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may
581 be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had
582 prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together;
583 and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word
584 of God with boldness.”

585 Acts 8:14-17 “Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard
586 that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter
587 and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that
588 they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon
589 none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
590 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy
591 Ghost.”

592 *Acts 10:44-47 “While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost
593 fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision
594 which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because

to impress His own character upon His church.” *Desire of Ages* 671.2

21. “Christ gave His representative, the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. This gift could not be excelled. The divine Spirit, converting, enlightening, sanctifying, would be His donation, because He would give all gifts in one.” Manuscript 44, 1898.11.

595 that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46
596 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then
597 answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be
598 baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?"

599 Acts 19:16 "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy
600 Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

601 The Holy Spirit was active in the early church.

602 *The Scriptures that follow are listed in mostly chronological order to*
603 *reveal the constant activity of the Holy Spirit in the Early Church. Lat-*
604 *er, the same verses will be divided into two groups—first listing verses*
605 *demonstrating the personhood of the Holy Spirit, and then listing ver-*
606 *ses that reveal the Deity of the Holy Spirit—to confirm the Holy Spirit*
607 *was a Person and Deity of the Godhead.*

608 • The Holy Spirit instructed.

609 Acts 1:2 "Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through
610 the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he
611 had chosen."

612 • The Holy Spirit appointed leaders.

613 Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock,
614 over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the
615 church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

616 • Being filled with the Holy Spirit was necessary to hold office.

617 Acts 6:3 "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of
618 honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may
619 appoint over this business."

620 • The Holy Spirit filled believers.

621 Acts 7:55 "But he [Stephen], being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up
622 steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing
623 on the right hand of God," [Refers to the stoning of Stephen.]

624 *Acts 11:24 "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and
625 of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord."

626 Acts 13:52 "And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy
627 Ghost."

628 • The filling of the Spirit was sought on behalf of others through
629 prayer.

630 Acts 8:14-17 "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard

631 that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter
632 and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that
633 they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon
634 none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
635 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy
636 Ghost.”

637 • The Holy Spirit predicted future events.

638 *Acts 11:27-28 “And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem
639 unto Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and
640 signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all
641 the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.”

642 Acts 21:11 “And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and
643 bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So
644 shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and
645 shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

646 • Receiving the Holy Spirit was a key part of Paul's experience in
647 coming to Christ.

648 *Acts 9:17 “And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house;
649 and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus,
650 that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that
651 thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.”

652 • The manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Gentile believers
653 was accepted as proof that they were to be accepted in the church.

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

663 • The Holy Spirit's presence and direction was sought in determining
664 and confirming God's will.”

665 Acts 11:12-18 “And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing
666 doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we
667 entered into the man's house: 13 And he shewed us how he had seen
668 an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to

669 Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; 14 Who shall tell
670 thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. 15 And as I
671 began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.
672 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John
673 indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy
674 Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did
675 unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I
676 could withstand God? 18 When they heard these things, they held their
677 peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles
678 granted repentance unto life.” [Peter is rehearsing what is described in
679 Acts 10:44-48.]

680 • The Holy Spirit's presence and work was looked to for theological
681 direction.

682 Acts 15:6-10 “And the apostles and elders came together for to
683 consider of this matter. 7 And when there had been much disputing,
684 Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how
685 that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by
686 my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. 8 And God,
687 which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy
688 Ghost, even as he did unto us; 9 And put no difference between us and
689 them, purifying their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore why tempt ye
690 God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our
691 fathers nor we were able to bear?”

692 Acts 15:28 “For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay
693 upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.”

694 • The Holy Spirit was recognized as the authority in making believers
695 spiritual leaders.

696 Acts 20:28 “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock,
697 over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the
698 church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

699 • The Holy Spirit communicated through various believers.

700 Acts 21:4 “And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who
701 said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.”

702 The Holy Spirit directed and empowered missionary
703 activity.

704 • The Holy Spirit selected missionaries.

705 Acts 13:2 “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost

706 said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have
707 called them.”

708 • The Holy Spirit selected missionary venues.

709 Acts 8:29-30 “Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join
710 thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him
711 read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou
712 readest?”

713 Acts 10:19-20 “While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto
714 him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 Arise therefore, and get thee
715 down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.”

716 Acts 11:12 “And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting.
717 Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the
718 man's house.”

719 Acts 13:4 “So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto
720 Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.”

721 Acts 16:6-7 “Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the
722 region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the
723 word in Asia, 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go
724 into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.”

725 • The Holy Spirit supernaturally transported Philip to another location
726 in the course of a missionary journey.

727 Acts 8:39 “And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of
728 the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he
729 went on his way rejoicing.”

730 • The Holy Spirit gave believers boldness in witnessing.

731 Acts 4:29-31 “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant
732 unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30
733 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may
734 be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had
735 prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together;
736 and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word
737 of God with boldness.”

738 • The Holy Spirit gave the early believers success in witnessing.

739 Acts 4:4 “Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and
740 the number of the men was about five thousand.”

741 *Acts 4:33 “And with great power gave the apostles witness of the
742 resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.”

743 Acts 6:6-7 “Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had
744 prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God
745 increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem
746 greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.”
747 Acts 11:21 “And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great
748 number believed, and turned unto the Lord.”
749 Acts 13:48-49 “And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and
750 glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to
751 eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was published
752 throughout all the region.”

753 *Scriptures on the Holy Spirit After the Book of Acts*

754 • The Holy Spirit brought about conversions and provided spiritual
755 edification.
756 Romans 5:5 “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God
757 is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto
758 us.”
759 Romans 8:3-4 “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak
760 through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful
761 flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness
762 of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but
763 after the Spirit.”
764 Romans 15:16 “That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the
765 Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the
766 Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.”
767 Galatians 4:6 “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit
768 of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.”
769 2 Thessalonians 2:13 “But we are bound to give thanks alway to God
770 for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the
771 beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit
772 and belief of the truth.”
773 *Titus 3:5-6 “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but
774 according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration,
775 and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly
776 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.”
777 1 Peter 1:2 “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
778 through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of

779 the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

780 • The Holy Spirit instructed believers.

781 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 “Now we have received, not the spirit of the
782 world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things
783 that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not
784 in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost
785 teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural
786 man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are
787 foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are
788 spiritually discerned.”

789 • The Holy Spirit filled the believers.

790 *Ephesians 5:18 “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but
791 be filled with the Spirit.”

792 • The Holy Spirit performed signs and wonders.

793 Romans 15:19 “Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of
794 the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto
795 Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.”

796 • The Holy Spirit inspired the writing of the Scriptures.

797 *2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of
798 man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy
799 Ghost.”

800 • The Holy Spirit helps with prayers.

801 *Romans 8:26 (NKJV) “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our
802 weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we
803 ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings
804 which cannot be uttered.”

805 Jude 1:20 “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy
806 faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.”

807 • The Holy Spirit brings about new relationships with God.

808 Romans 8:14 “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the
809 sons of God.”

810 Galatians 4:6 “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit
811 of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.”

812 • The Holy Spirit brings joy.

813 *Romans 14:17 “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but

814 righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

815 Romans 15:13 “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
816 believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy
817 Ghost.”

818 • The Holy Spirit brings power.

819 1 Corinthians 2:4 “And my speech and my preaching was not with
820 enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit
821 and of power.”

822 • The Holy Spirit witnesses for Christ.

823 1 Corinthians 12:3 “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man
824 speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man
825 can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”

826 • The Holy Spirit dispenses gifts.

827 *1 Corinthians 12:4-11 “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the
828 same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the
829 same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same
830 God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is
831 given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit
832 the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same
833 Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of
834 healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to
835 another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers
836 kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all
837 these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man
838 severally as he will.”

839 • The Holy Spirit seals.

840 Ephesians 1:13-14 “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the
841 word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye
842 believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is
843 the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased
844 possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

845 • The Holy Spirit communicates messages to the churches.

846 Revelation 2:7 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
847 unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree
848 of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”

849 *Revelation 2:11 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit
850 saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the

851 second death.”

852 Revelation 2:17 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
853 unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the
854 hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new
855 name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”

856 Revelation 2:29 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
857 unto the churches.”

858 Revelation 3:6 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
859 unto the churches.”

860 Revelation 3:13 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
861 unto the churches.”

862 Revelation 3:22 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
863 unto the churches.”

864 Revelation 14:13 “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,
865 Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:
866 Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their
867 works do follow them.”

868 Revelation 22:17 “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him
869 that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And
870 whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

871 *The Holy Spirit in More Recent Times*

872 *Joel 2:28-29 “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out
873 my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall proph-
874 esy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see vi-
875 sions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those
876 days will I pour out my spirit.”

877 Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is
878 come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,
879 and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the
880 earth.”

881 • Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes as a Heavenly Messenger.

882 Ephesians 5:18-20 “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess;
883 but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and
884 hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart
885 to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the

886 Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;”²²

887 • Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes with a tidal wave of power.²³

888 Acts 4:31 “And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where
889 they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy
890 Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”

891 • Sometimes the Holy Spirit is experienced as a baptism of power.²⁴

892 Acts 1:5 “For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized
893 with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”

894 *The Holy Spirit is a Distinct Member of the Godhead*

895 *Here is a sampling of the verses where the Holy Spirit is listed with the*
896 *other members of the Godhead. These verses will be repeated in the*
897 *final “Eternal ‘Three’” and “LORD is one” study.*

898 Isaiah 48:16 “Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken
899 in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and
900 now the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me.”

901 Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath
902 anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal
903 the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and
904 recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
905 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

22. “Have you not been afraid of the Holy Spirit? At times this Spirit has come with all-pervading influence into the school at Battle Creek and into the schools at other places. Did you recognize His presence? Did you accord Him the honor due to a heavenly messenger? When the Spirit seemed to be striving with the youth, did you say: “Let us put aside all study, for it is evident that we have among us a heavenly guest? Let us give praise and honor to God.” Did you, with contrite hearts, bow in prayer with your students, pleading that you might receive the blessing that the Lord was presenting to you?” *Testimonies*, Vol. 8, 61.2. [She was writing of a revival that took place at the school in Battle Creek.]

23. “The glory of God came into that meeting. It seemed at times at the commencement of the meeting that the glory of God was about to drop upon us, it did not come only to a few, but at this time, like a tidal wave, it swept through that congregation and what a time of rejoicing!” Manuscript 49, 1894.

24. “When God's people will believe, when they will turn their attention to that which is true, and living, and real, the Holy Spirit, in strong heavenly currents, will be poured upon the church.” White, Manuscript 21, 1900. “Before giving us the baptism of the Holy Spirit, our heavenly Father will try us, to see if we can live without dishonoring Him. . . . Do not think that you can have great spiritual blessings without complying with the conditions God Himself has laid down.” Letter 22, 1902.

906 *John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another
907 Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.”

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

911 Romans 8:16-17 “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that
912 we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of
913 God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that
914 we may be also glorified together.”

915 1 Corinthians 12:3-6 “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no
916 man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no
917 man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. 4 Now
918 there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are
919 differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are
920 diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in
921 all.”

922 *2 Corinthians 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love
923 of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.”

924 Ephesians 2:18 “For through him we both have access by one Spirit
925 unto the Father.”

926 *Ephesians 4:4-6 “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are
927 called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
928 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in
929 you all.”

930 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 “But we are bound to give thanks alway to
931 God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the
932 beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit
933 and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to
934 the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

935 *Hebrews 9:14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who
936 through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge
937 your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

938 1 Peter 1:2 “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
939 through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of
940 the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

941 *Jude 1:20-21 “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most
942 holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love
943 of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal

944 life.”

945 *The Holy Spirit in Revelation*

946 *The seven Spirits represent the activity of the Holy Spirit in Revelation*
947 *1:4-5*

948 Revelation 1:4-5 “John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace
949 be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which
950 is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5
951 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first
952 begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him
953 that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.”

954 *The “Three” Statements of Ellen White*

955 *Ellen White made many statements in which the names of the Father,*
956 *Son and the Holy Spirit are mentioned together, along with a*
957 *statement regarding some joint activity, or descriptor, that clearly*
958 *identifies the Holy Spirit as part of the Godhead. Some of these*
959 *statements follow. These quotations are definitely part of the*
960 *compelling evidence that affirms our understanding that the Holy*
961 *Spirit is part of the Godhead Some of these statements will be repeated*
962 *in the fourth Godhead Bible Study.*

963 Here are sample quotations of the “Three” descriptors of the Godhead.

964 • Father, Son, Holy Ghost

965 “‘If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love
966 him, and we will come unto him.’ ‘*We, that is, the Father, Son, and*
967 *the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added) —‘and make our abode with him.’”
968 [Verse 23.] {Lt44-1893.12}

969 “Before He left them, Christ gave His followers a positive promise
970 that after His ascension He would send them the Holy Spirit. ‘Go, ye
971 therefore,’ He said, ‘and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name
972 *of the Father (a personal God) and of the Son (a personal Prince and*
973 *Saviour), and of the Holy Ghost (sent from heaven to represent Christ)*
974 (emphasis added); teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I
975 have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end
976 of the world.’” [Matthew 28:19, 20.] {Ms41-1897.34}

977 • Father, Son, Holy Spirit

978 “The Godhead was stirred with pity for the race, and *the Father, the*
979 *Son, and the Holy Spirit gave Themselves* (emphasis added) to the
980 working out of the plan of redemption.” {CH 222.2}

981 • Godhead

982 “*Christ unites in His person the fulness and perfection of the godhead*
983 *and the fulness and perfection of sinless humanity.* (emphasis added)
984 He met all the temptations by which Adam was assailed and overcame
985 these temptations because in His humanity He relied upon divine
986 power.” {Ms31-1911.6}

987 • Powers of heaven

988 “*Three distinct agencies, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,*
989 *work together for human beings* (emphasis added). They are united in
990 the work of making the church on earth like the church in heaven.
991 They place the resources of heaven at the disposal of those who will
992 appreciate and impart these spiritual treasures, multiplying them by
993 using them to the glory of God. Every diligent effort to improve adds
994 to the gifts we have. *The powers of heaven* (emphasis added) work
995 with human beings on the plan of multiplication.” {Ms27a-1900.22}

996 • Three great powers in heaven

997 “In baptism we are given to the Lord as a vessel to be used. Baptism is
998 a most solemn renunciation of the world. Self is by profession dead to
999 a life of sin. The waters cover the candidate, and in the presence of the
1000 whole heavenly universe the mutual pledge is made. In the name of
1001 *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added), man is laid
1002 in his watery grave, buried with Christ in baptism, and raised from the
1003 water to live the new life of loyalty to God. The *three great powers in*
1004 *heaven* (emphasis added) are witnesses; they are invisible but
1005 present.” {Ms57-1900.10}

1006 “‘Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you,
1007 that ye should go and bring forth fruit.’ [Verse 16.] We are ordained
1008 unto God to bear fruit. Was this not our experience when we were led
1009 down into the water and baptized in the name of *the Father, and of the*
1010 *Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added)? What did that mean?—
1011 It meant that the *three great powers in heaven* (emphasis added) were
1012 pledged to keep us so long as we remain one with Christ, united to the
1013 vine.” {Ms37-1908.24}

1014 • Three great powers of heaven

1015 “Our sanctification is the work of *the Father, the Son, and the Holy*
1016 *Spirit* (emphasis added). It is the fulfilment of the covenant God has
1017 made with those who bind themselves up with Him, to stand with
1018 *Him, His Son, and His Spirit* (emphasis added) in holy fellowship.
1019 Have you been born again? Have you become a new being in Christ
1020 Jesus? Then co-operate with *the three great powers of heaven*
1021 (emphasis added) who are working in your behalf. Thus you will
1022 reveal to the world the principles of righteousness.” {Ms11-1901.4}

1023 “‘Baptized in the name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy*
1024 *Ghost* (emphasis added).’ [Matthew 28:19.] What are these *three great*
1025 *Powers of heaven* (emphasis added)? We are baptized in their name.
1026 What does that mean? These *heavenly Powers* (emphasis added) are
1027 obligated if we will place ourselves in right relation to God, according
1028 to the best of our accountability; if we will watch against the
1029 temptations of the enemy; if we will resist the devil, that he shall flee
1030 from us, if we guard our appetite—man is to do that which he can do
1031 for himself. And when he goes down into the water to be baptized and
1032 raised up out of the water he is to live a new life, and place himself so
1033 these *three great Powers* (emphasis added) can cooperate with Him
1034 and He can cooperate with them.” {Ms183-1907.7}

1035 “Those who proclaim the third angel’s message must put on the whole
1036 armor of God, that they may stand boldly at their post, in the face of
1037 detraction and falsehood, fighting the good fight of faith, resisting the
1038 enemy with the Word, “It is written.” Keep yourselves where the *three*
1039 *great powers of heaven* (emphasis added) — *the Father, the Son, and*
1040 *the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added) — can be your efficiency. These
1041 powers work with the one who gives himself unreservedly to God.
1042 The strength of heaven is at the command of God’s believing ones.
1043 The man who makes God His trust is barricaded by an impregnable
1044 wall.” {Lt1-1904.2}

1045 • Heavenly powers

1046 “Well, now, that is, if you maintain your baptismal vows. Here was a
1047 contract made with God. We were baptized in the name of *the Father,*
1048 *and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added), and the
1049 contract was made with God that these *three great heavenly powers*
1050 (emphasis added) would be with us, to help us at every step, it we will
1051 unite with these powers to be helped.” {Ms192-1903.22}

1052 • These powers

1053 “This is the work to be done in every family. Parents, your neglect to
1054 do this work will be revealed in the characters of your children and in
1055 your own relation to the church. You have pledged yourself to fulfill
1056 your obligations to your children, and the fact that you have been
1057 baptized in the name of *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*
1058 (emphasis added) is an assurance that *these powers* (emphasis added)
1059 will help you in every emergency, if you will claim their help.”

1060 {Ms70-1900.8}

1061 “The baptism took place in the name of *the Father and of the Son and*
1062 *of the Holy Ghost, the three great powers in heaven.* (emphasis added)
1063 *These powers* (emphasis added) we have taken hold of.”

1064 {Ms182-1907.10}

1065 • Three highest powers of heaven

1066 “Have you been baptized in these names? These *three highest powers*
1067 *in heaven* (emphasis added) are pledged to you if you have died unto
1068 sin, been buried with Christ in baptism, and rise, to live just the same
1069 life you did before? No,—in newness of life. *These powers* (emphasis
1070 added) are pledged and they will never fail one of you. You can just as
1071 surely and utterly rely upon *these powers* (emphasis added) when you
1072 are downcast. And when you are oppressed, you may remember that
1073 pledge—*the three highest powers of heaven* (emphasis added)—that
1074 you need not obey the world; you need not follow their fashions; you
1075 need not be corrupted with their society.” {Ms191-1905.20}

1076 • Three great Worthies

1077 “When you baptize them, and you see that they are in error in any
1078 respect, do you, any one of you that feel that you have a message from
1079 God, go to them kindly, and tell them, between them and you alone,
1080 where their trouble is, and where their difficulties will come in unless
1081 they change the course of their action? This is the work that is to rest
1082 upon us. And then what? Why, it says, “Baptizing them in the name of
1083 *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added).”
1084 [Verse 19.] *Three personalities* (emphasis added); and these *three*
1085 *personalities* (emphasis added) are the pledged power from God that
1086 His people shall have, if they have been baptized in the name of *the*
1087 *Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.* (emphasis added) Now
1088 there is no excuse for souls to be left in ignorance and weakness if
1089 they will be gospel believers, if they will carry out these principles,
1090 and know that the *three great Worthies, the Powers in heaven*

1091 (emphasis added), are pledged to the church of God that will work in
1092 harmony with Christ's teachings." {Ms139-1906.15}

1093 • Three highest powers in the universe

1094 The presence of *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three*
1095 *highest powers in the universe* (emphasis added), and those in whose
1096 name the believer is baptized, is pledged to be with every striving
1097 soul. They will impart grace and strength to all who will watch unto
1098 prayer, to all who will purify the soul by obedience to the truth. And
1099 they will make the believer instrumental in leading other souls to
1100 accept Christ by faith. {Ms67-1908.4}

1101 "The Lord has pledged himself to make his name a praise in the earth.
1102 What power he has promised to all who will work in co-operation with
1103 heaven! The *three highest powers in the universe* (emphasis added) are
1104 pledged to labor with those who will seek to save the lost." {RH
1105 August 12, 1909, par. 3}

1106 • Three great heavenly powers

1107 "The world has no claim to our service; for by a solemn, holy
1108 covenant we accepted God's badge of service at the time of our
1109 baptism. On that occasion we pledged ourselves, in the presence of *the*
1110 *three great heavenly Powers* (emphasis added), to come out from the
1111 world and be separate." {Ms130-1902.15}

1112 "Now, every soul that claims to believe in Christ is to be a partaker of
1113 the divine nature, His nature which they accepted when they were led
1114 down into the water, when they were baptized in the name of *the*
1115 *Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added). What
1116 does that mean? They have extended their service. They here were led
1117 down into the water, and *three great heavenly powers* were vouched to
1118 care for them, to work for them, if they carry out the principles, come
1119 out from the world and be separate, and do not be just as they were
1120 before they professed to be followers of Christ. What evidence has He
1121 given you of the work that He requires every one of us to do?"
1122 {Ms186-1907.7}

1123 • Three highest powers in heaven

1124 We are to co-operate with the *three highest powers in heaven—the*
1125 *Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added); and these
1126 powers will work through us, making us workers together with God.
1127 {Lt253a-1903.18}

1128 “Have you been baptized in these names? These *three highest powers*
1129 *in heaven* (emphasis added) are pledged to you if you have died unto
1130 sin, been buried with Christ in baptism, and rise, to live just the same
1131 life you did before? No,—in newness of life. *These powers* (emphasis
1132 added) are pledged and they will never fail one of you. You can just as
1133 surely and utterly rely upon *these powers* (emphasis added) when you
1134 are downcast. And when you are oppressed, you may remember that
1135 pledge—*the three highest powers of heaven* (emphasis added)—that
1136 you need not obey the world; you need not follow their fashions; you
1137 need not be corrupted with their society.” {Ms191-1905.20}

1138 • Heavenly agencies

1139 “Those who come out of the world in spirit and in all practice may
1140 regard themselves as sons and daughters of God. They may believe
1141 His word as a child believes every word of his parents. Every promise
1142 is sure to him that believes. Those who unite with *the Father, the Son,*
1143 *and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added), who show by their lives that
1144 they are no longer following the course they followed before they
1145 united with these divine instrumentalities, will receive wisdom from
1146 above. They will not depend on human wisdom. In order to deal
1147 righteously with the world, as members of the royal family, children of
1148 the heavenly King, Christians must feel their need of a power which
1149 comes only from *the heavenly agencies* (emphasis added) who have
1150 pledged themselves to work in their behalf. After we have formed a
1151 union with the *great threefold power* (emphasis added), we shall
1152 regard our duty toward the members of God’s family with a much
1153 more sacred awe than we have ever done before.” {Ms11-1901.8}

1154 • Three great Worthies in heaven

1155 “When you went down into the water and were baptized in the name
1156 of the *three great Worthies in heaven* (emphasis added), you professed
1157 to be dead unto the world. As a solemn token of your profession of
1158 faith, you were laid under the water, in the sight of the heavenly
1159 universe, and were baptized in the name of *the Father, and of the Son,*
1160 *and of the Holy Ghost.* (emphasis added) At that time, the apostle
1161 declares, “Ye are dead, and your life is hid”—where?—“with Christ in
1162 God.” [Colossians 3:3.] He who chooses to have a living connection
1163 with our Saviour will have a living connection with our God; and he
1164 will exemplify the spirit of Christ in life and character.”
1165 {Ms145-1906.12}

1166 • Three mighty powers

1167 “Our pledge was to not sin against God. And the pledge, the baptism
1168 in the name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*
1169 (emphasis added), commits every soul that enters the family of God,
1170 that binds up with Jesus Christ, that in every perplexity *they have a*
1171 *Father; they have the Son, and the Holy Ghost—the three mighty*
1172 *powers of heaven* (emphasis added). If they call upon God, He will
1173 help them in every emergency.” {Ms229-1902.23}

1174 “Give us power to be baptized in the name of *the Father, and of the*
1175 *Son, and of the Holy Ghost.* (emphasis added) And there with these
1176 *three mighty powers* (emphasis added) promised, how can our faith be
1177 a nonentity, how can our faith be feeble and weak?” {Ms142-1906.50}

1178 • Three great infinite powers

1179 “Christ has given you a work to do. His commission is, Go through
1180 and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of *the*
1181 *Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.* (emphasis added)
1182 Before the disciples shall compass the threshold, there is to be the
1183 imprint of the sacred name, baptizing the believers in *the name of the*
1184 *threefold powers in the heavenly world* (emphasis added). The human
1185 mind is impressed in this ceremony, the beginning of the Christian
1186 life. It means very much. The work of salvation is not a small matter,
1187 but so vast that *the highest authorities* (emphasis added) are taken
1188 hold of by the expressed faith of the human agency. *The Father, the*
1189 *Son, and the Holy Ghost, the eternal Godhead* (emphasis added) is
1190 involved in the action required to make assurance to the human agent
1191 to unite all heaven to contribute to the exercise of human faculties to
1192 reach and embrace the fulness of the *threefold powers* (emphasis
1193 added) to unite in the great work appointed, confederating *the*
1194 *heavenly powers* (emphasis added) with the human, that men may
1195 become, through heavenly efficiency, partakers of the divine nature
1196 and workers together with Christ.” {Ms45-1904.16}

1197 • Three great, infinite powers²⁵

1198 “Have you thought of what this means to us;—that in this prayer is
1199 included every son and daughter of Adam, who will believe in Christ
1200 as a personal Saviour, and take the requisite steps in repentance,

25...The only difference between this phrase and the one before, would appear minor, a comma, but when researching the writings of Mrs. White, finding alternative wordings brings new results. This variation is accordingly included.

1201 conversion, faith, and baptism? We are baptized in the name of *the*
1202 *Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three great, infinite powers*
1203 (emphasis added) are unitedly pledged to work in our behalf if we will
1204 co-operate with them.” {GCB April 4, 1901, Art. A, par. 16}

1205 • Divine instrumentalities

1206 “Those who come out of the world in spirit and in all practice may
1207 regard themselves as sons and daughters of God. They may believe
1208 His word as a child believes every word of his parents. Every promise
1209 is sure to him that believes. Those who unite with *the Father, the Son,*
1210 *and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added), who show by their lives that
1211 they are no longer following the course they followed before they
1212 united with these *divine instrumentalities* (emphasis added), will
1213 receive wisdom from above. They will not depend on human wisdom.
1214 In order to deal righteously with the world, as members of the royal
1215 family, children of the heavenly King, Christians must feel their need
1216 of a power which comes only from *the heavenly agencies* (emphasis
1217 added) who have pledged themselves to work in their behalf. After we
1218 have formed a union with the *great threefold power* (emphasis added),
1219 we shall regard our duty toward the members of God’s family with a
1220 much more sacred awe than we have ever done before.”
1221 {Ms11-1901.8}

1222 • Threefold powers

1223 “The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the eternal Godhead is
1224 involved in the action required to make assurance to the human agent
1225 to unite all heaven to contribute to the exercise of human faculties to
1226 reach and embrace the fulness of the threefold powers to unite in the
1227 great work appointed, confederating *the heavenly powers* (emphasis
1228 added) with the human, that men may become, through heavenly
1229 efficiency, partakers of the divine nature and workers together with
1230 Christ.” {Ms45-1904.16}

1231 • Heavenly Trio

1232 “The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to
1233 heaven, is the Spirit in all the fulness of the Godhead, making manifest
1234 the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a
1235 personal Saviour. There are *three living persons of the heavenly trio*
1236 (emphasis added); in the name of *these three great powers—the*
1237 *Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added)—those who
1238 receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-

1239 operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the
1240 new life in Christ.” {Ms21-1906.11}

1241 • Eternal Godhead

1242 “The work of salvation is not a small matter, but so vast that the
1243 highest authorities are taken hold of by the expressed faith of the
1244 human agency. *The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the eternal*
1245 *Godhead* (emphasis added) is involved in the action required to make
1246 assurance to the human agent to unite all heaven to contribute to the
1247 exercise of human faculties to reach and embrace the fulness of *the*
1248 *threefold powers* (emphasis added) to unite in the great work
1249 appointed, confederating the heavenly powers with the human, that
1250 men may become, through heavenly efficiency, partakers of the divine
1251 nature and workers together with Christ.” {Ms45-1904.16}

1252 • Eternal heavenly dignitaries

1253 “Christ tells them they were to fight in fellowship with all the children
1254 of light; that satanic agencies would combine their forces to extinguish
1255 the light of the life of Christ out of their ranks. But they were not left
1256 to fight the battles in their own human strength; that the angelic host
1257 coming as ministers of God would be in that battle, and also there
1258 would be *the eternal heavenly dignitaries—God, and Christ, and the*
1259 *Holy Spirit* (emphasis added) —arming them with more than mortal
1260 energy, and [who] would advance with them to the work, and convince
1261 the world of sin. {Ms130-1901.52}

1262 • Powers infinite and omniscient

1263 “*The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, powers infinite and*
1264 *omniscient* (emphasis added), receive those who truly enter into
1265 covenant relation with God.” {Ms27a-1900.10}

1266 • The name of God and of Christ and of the Holy Spirit

1267 *The heavenly powers* (emphasis added) have pledged themselves to
1268 minister to human agents to make the name *of God and of Christ and*
1269 *of the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added) their living efficiency, working
1270 and energizing the sanctified man, to make this name above every
1271 other name. All the treasures of heaven are under obligation to do for
1272 man infinitely more than human beings can comprehend by
1273 multiplying threefold the human with the heavenly agencies.
1274 {Ms45-1904.17}

1275 • Three dignitaries and powers of heaven

1276 “We are not to think that as soon as we are baptized we are ready to
1277 graduate from the school of Christ. When we have accepted Christ,
1278 and in the name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*
1279 *have pledged ourselves to serve God, the Father, Christ, and the Holy*
1280 *Spirit—the three dignitaries and powers of heaven* (emphasis
1281 added) —pledge themselves that every facility shall be given to us if
1282 we carry out our baptismal vows to “come out from among them, and
1283 be ... separate, ... and touch not the unclean thing.” When we are true
1284 to our vows, He says, “I will receive you.” [2 Corinthians 6:17.]
1285 {Ms85-1901.4}

1286 • Three distinct agencies

1287 *Three distinct agencies, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost*
1288 (emphasis added), work together for human beings. They are united in
1289 the work of making the church on earth like the church in heaven.”
1290 {Ms27a-1900.22}

1291 • Three great agencies

1292 By our baptismal pledge we avouched and solemnly confessed the
1293 Lord Jehovah as our Ruler. We virtually took a solemn oath, in the
1294 name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis
1295 added), that henceforth our lives would be merged into the life of
1296 *these three great agencies* (emphasis added), that the life we should
1297 live in the flesh would be lived in faithful obedience to God’s sacred
1298 law.” {Ms67-1907.12}

1299 • Three great and glorious heavenly characters

1300 “The *three great and glorious heavenly characters* are present on the
1301 occasion of baptism. All the human capabilities are to be henceforth
1302 consecrated powers to do service for God in representing *the Father,*
1303 *the Son, and the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added) upon whom they
1304 depend. *All heaven is represented by these three in covenant relation*
1305 (emphasis added) with the new life. “If ye then be risen with Christ,
1306 seek those things that are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand
1307 of God.” [Colossians 3:1.]” {Ms45-1904.18}

1308 • Three great authorities of heaven

1309 “When you gave yourself up to die to the world, you were baptized in
1310 the name of *the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. The*
1311 *three great authorities of heaven* (emphasis added) that are pledged,
1312 pledged to be with you, will carry you through the temptations and

1313 trials that there are in this life, if you will only be obedient.”

1314 {Ms177-1907.15}

1315 • Three great individual agencies

1316 “At the baptismal ceremony we virtually take a most solemn oath in

1317 the name of *the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost*

1318 (emphasis added), that henceforth our lives will be merged into the life

1319 of these *three great individual Agencies* (emphasis added); that the life

1320 we now live in the flesh we will live in faithful obedience to God’s

1321 sacred and holy law, keeping all His statutes and His commandments;

1322 that we will live in newness of life as men and women having a new

1323 birth unto God.” {Ms68-1900.12}

1324 • Three great instrumentalities of heaven

1325 “Christ is the greatest Teacher the world has ever known. From Him

1326 teachers must learn what to teach, that by their lessons they may show

1327 that they are striving to answer His prayer. The fruits of His rich grace

1328 will appear as they receive His glory, or character. Their unity will be

1329 complete. Their lives, hid with Christ in God, will be made perfect in

1330 one. The excellence of *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*

1331 (emphasis added) will appear in them as, in conformity with their

1332 baptismal vows, they give themselves to obedience to God’s will. The

1333 Redeemer gives them the glory given to Him. The *three great*

1334 *Instrumentalities of heaven* (emphasis added) co-operate for their

1335 complete and perfect unity, that the world may see in their lives the

1336 fruit of heaven and the excellence of the principles of truth.”

1337 {Ms11-1901.19}

1338 • Three great personal dignitaries of heaven

1339 We are to “hold fast” and live up to all the light we receive from

1340 heaven. Why? Because God wants us to grasp the eternal truth, and act

1341 as His helping hand by communicating the light to those who are not

1342 acquainted with His love for them. When you gave yourself to Christ,

1343 you made a pledge in the presence of *the Father, the Son, and the Holy*

1344 *Spirit—the three great personal dignitaries of heaven* (emphasis

1345 added). “Hold fast” to this pledge. {Ms92-1901.5}

1346 • Three great personal powers

1347 “All power” are the words used to show the authority of Jesus Christ.

1348 “Is given unto me,” as Mediator between God and man. “Teach all

1349 nations,” for the purpose of persuading them to become My disciples.

1350 “Baptizing them in the name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the*
1351 *Holy Ghost*”—*the three great personal powers, the authorities of*
1352 *heaven* (emphasis added). “And, lo, I am with you,” in the work—to
1353 guide you, to comfort you, to sanctify and sustain you in this
1354 aggressive warfare; to render you successful in bringing many souls to
1355 acknowledge the truth, confessing their sins. {Lt205-1901.8}

1356 • Three highest authorities in the universe

1357 Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass
1358 from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one
1359 of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be
1360 called the least in the kingdom of heaven (by the Father, the Son, and
1361 the Holy Ghost): but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same
1362 shall be called great (*by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost*) in
1363 the kingdom of heaven (emphasis added).” [Verses 17-19.] The *three*
1364 *highest authorities in the universe* (emphasis added), with all the
1365 heavenly family, shall call great, in the fullest sense of the term, those
1366 who do and teach the commandments of our heavenly Father.
1367 {Ms129-1907.28}

1368 • Three highest authorities of the heavenly courts

1369 We took our baptismal vows in the presence of the *three highest*
1370 *authorities of the heavenly courts* (emphasis added)—*the Father, the*
1371 *Son, and the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added). We solemnly pledged
1372 ourselves before all Heaven to die to sin and to walk in newness of
1373 life.” [Verses 1-4.] {Ms87-1902.36}

1374 • Three holiest beings in heaven

1375 “Here is where the work of the Holy Ghost comes in, after your
1376 baptism. You are baptized in the name of *the Father, of the Son, and of*
1377 *the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added). You are raised up out of the water to
1378 live henceforth in newness of life—to live a new life. You are born
1379 unto God, and you stand under the sanction and the power of *the three*
1380 *holiest beings in heaven* (emphasis added), who are able to keep you
1381 from falling. You are to reveal that you are dead to sin; your life is hid
1382 with Christ in God. Hidden “with Christ in God”—wonderful
1383 transformation. [Colossians 3:3.] This is a most precious promise.
1384 When I feel oppressed and hardly know how to relate myself toward
1385 the work that God has given me to do, I just call upon *the three great*
1386 *Worthies* (emphasis added), and say: You know I cannot do this work
1387 in my own strength. You must work in me, and by me, and through

1388 me, sanctifying my tongue, sanctifying my spirit, sanctifying my
1389 words, and bringing me into a position where my spirit shall be
1390 susceptible to the movings of the Holy Spirit of God upon my mind
1391 and character.” {Ms95-1906.29}

1392 • Three holy dignitaries of heaven

1393 “*The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three holy dignitaries of*
1394 *heaven* (emphasis added), have declared that they will strengthen men
1395 to overcome the powers of darkness. All the facilities of heaven are
1396 pledged to those who by their baptismal vows have entered into a
1397 covenant with God. {Ms92-1901.26}

1398 • Three Personalities

1399 When you baptize them, and you see that they are in error in any
1400 respect, do you, any one of you that feel that you have a message from
1401 God, go to them kindly, and tell them, between them and you alone,
1402 where their trouble is, and where their difficulties will come in unless
1403 they change the course of their action? This is the work that is to rest
1404 upon us. And then what? Why, it says, “Baptizing them in the name of
1405 *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*” [Verse 19.] *Three*
1406 *personalities; and these three personalities* (emphasis added) are the
1407 pledged power from God that His people shall have, if they have been
1408 baptized in the name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy*
1409 *Ghost.* (emphasis added) Now there is no excuse for souls to be left in
1410 ignorance and weakness if they will be gospel believers, if they will
1411 carry out these principles, and know that *the three great Worthies, the*
1412 *Powers in heaven* (emphasis added), are pledged to the church of God
1413 that will work in harmony with Christ’s teachings. {Ms139-1906.15}

1414 • Three representative powers of the Godhead

1415 Before that Gift could be bestowed, the Church of heaven was stirred
1416 to its unfathomable depths. Of all His infinite resources, God gave the
1417 whole. *The three representative powers of the Godhead, the Father,*
1418 *the Son, and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added), were pledged to carry
1419 out God’s plan for the salvation of the lost race. Thus fully did the
1420 Lord engage the heavenly universe in the work of redemption. How
1421 few understand and appreciate this infinite sacrifice!
1422 {Ms139-1907.10}

1423 • Threefold powers in heaven

1424 “Let it into your soul. It is all waiting to take possession of the heart.

1425 The *threefold powers in heaven* (emphasis added) are waiting to lift up
1426 for you a standard against the enemy, as you draw nigh to God in
1427 humble prayer, and let your petition take right hold of the Mighty One.
1428 {Ms229-1902.41}

1429 • Threefold powers in the heavenly world

1430 Christ has given you a work to do. His commission is, Go through and
1431 make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of *the*
1432 *Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added).
1433 Before the disciples shall compass the threshold, there is to be the
1434 imprint of the sacred name, baptizing the believers in *the name of the*
1435 *threefold powers in the heavenly world* (emphasis added). The human
1436 mind is impressed in this ceremony, the beginning of the Christian
1437 life. It means very much. The work of salvation is not a small matter,
1438 but so vast that the highest authorities are taken hold of by the
1439 expressed faith of the human agency. *The Father, the Son, and the*
1440 *Holy Ghost, the eternal Godhead* (emphasis added) is involved in the
1441 action required to make assurance to the human agent to unite all
1442 heaven to contribute to the exercise of human faculties to reach and
1443 embrace the fulness of the *threefold powers* (emphasis added) to unite
1444 in the great work appointed, confederating *the heavenly powers*
1445 (emphasis added) with the human, that men may become, through
1446 heavenly efficiency, partakers of the divine nature and workers
1447 together with Christ. {Ms45-1904.16}

1448 *Quotations on the Holy Spirit*

1449 • The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead.

1450 “Christ gave His representative, the third person of the Godhead, the
1451 Holy Spirit. This gift could not be excelled. The divine Spirit,
1452 converting, enlightening, sanctifying, would be His donation, because
1453 He would give all gifts in one.” Manuscript 44, 1898.11.

1454 • The Holy Spirit is a person.

1455 “The Holy Spirit always leads to the written Word. The Holy Spirit is
1456 a person; for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the
1457 children of God. When this witness is borne, it carries with it its own
1458 evidence.” White, Manuscript 10, 1906, 31. The Holy Spirit has a
1459 personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our
1460 spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine
1461 person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the

1462 mind of God. ‘For what man knoweth the things of a man save the
1463 spirit of man, which is in him; even so the things of God knoweth no
1464 man, but the Spirit of God.’” Manuscript 10, 1906, 32.

1465 • The Holy Spirit is a mystery.
1466 "The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it,
1467 because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful
1468 views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human
1469 construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not
1470 strengthen the church. Regarding such mysteries, ... silence is golden.”
1471 *The Acts of the Apostles*, 52.1.

1472 • The Holy Spirit is one of three living person of the Heavenly Trio.
1473 *“There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of
1474 these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—
1475 those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers
1476 will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to
1477 live the new life in Christ.” Manuscript 21, 1906.11.

1478 *Appendices*

1479 *Actions Manifesting the Personhood of the Holy Spirit*

1480 *Here is the section mentioned earlier where verses indicating the Holy*
1481 *Spirit is a person—more than a mere influence—are listed. All of these*
1482 *references have already appeared in earlier sections of this study.*

1483 • Christ referred to the Holy Spirit using the masculine pronoun.
1484 John 15:26 “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto
1485 you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from
1486 the Father, he shall testify of me.”

1487 John 16:13-15 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will
1488 guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but
1489 whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you
1490 things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine,
1491 and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine:
1492 therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”

1493 • The Holy Spirit was intimately involved in Christ's earthly mission.
1494 Matthew 1:20 “But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel
1495 of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of
1496 David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is

1497 conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.”

1498 Matthew 3:16 “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway
1499 out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he
1500 saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him.”

1501 Mark 1:12 “And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the
1502 wilderness.”

1503 Luke 4:14 “And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee:
1504 and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.”

1505 Matthew 12:28 “But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the
1506 kingdom of God is come unto you.”

1507 Hebrews 9:14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who
1508 through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge
1509 your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

1510 Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the
1511 dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also
1512 quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

1513 Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
1514 and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were
1515 oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

1516 • The Holy Spirit appointed workers.

1517 Acts 13:2 “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost
1518 said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have
1519 called them.”

1520 Acts 20:28 “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock,
1521 over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the
1522 church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

1523 • The Holy Spirit directed the believers.

1524 Acts 8:29 “Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself
1525 to this chariot.”

1526 Acts 11:12 “And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting.
1527 Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the
1528 man's house.”

1529 1 Corinthians 6:19 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple
1530 of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are
1531 not your own?”

1532 • The Holy Spirit warned of things to come.

1533 Luke 2:26-27 “And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that
1534 he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And
1535 he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in
1536 the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.”

1537 Acts 1:16 “Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been
1538 fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before
1539 concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.”

1540 Acts 20:22-23 “And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto
1541 Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 Save
1542 that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and
1543 afflictions abide me.”

1544 Acts 21:11 “And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and
1545 bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So
1546 shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and
1547 shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

1548 • The Holy Spirit gave theological direction.

1549 Acts 15:28 “For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay
1550 upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.”

1551 • The Holy Spirit instructed.

1552 John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the
1553 Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
1554 all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

1555 Hebrews 3:7 “Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will
1556 hear his voice.”

1557 Hebrews 9:8 “The Holy Ghost thus signifying, that the way into the
1558 holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle
1559 was yet standing.”

1560 • The Holy Spirit can be resisted.

1561 Acts 7:51 “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do
1562 always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.”

1563 • The Holy Spirit strove with human beings.

1564 Genesis 6:3 (NKJV) “And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive
1565 with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one
1566 hundred and twenty years.”

1567 • The Holy Spirit can be lied to and tempted.

1568 Acts 5:3,4,9 “Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to

1569 lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
1570 Whilst it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it
1571 not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine
1572 heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. 9 Then Peter said ...
1573 How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?

1574 • The Holy Spirit can be grieved.

1575 Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye
1576 are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

1577 Hebrews 10:29 “Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he
1578 be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and
1579 hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified,
1580 an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?”

1581 • The Holy Spirit intercedes for us.

1582 Romans 8:26 (NKJV) 26 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our
1583 weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we
1584 ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings
1585 which cannot be uttered.”

1586 • The Holy Spirit dispenses gifts.

1587 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same
1588 Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same
1589 Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God
1590 which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given
1591 to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the
1592 word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
1593 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by
1594 the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another
1595 prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of
1596 tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these
1597 worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man
1598 severally as he will.”

1599 • Believers are baptized into His name.

1600 Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them
1601 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

1602 • There is a “communion” with the Holy Spirit.

1603 2 Cor. 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
1604 and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”

1605 • The Holy Spirit claims our bodies as His temple.
1606 1 Corinthians 6:19 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple
1607 of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are
1608 not your own?”

1609 • Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven.
1610 Matthew 12:31-32 “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and
1611 blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the
1612 Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever
1613 speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but
1614 whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven
1615 him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”

1616 Mark 3:29 “But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath
1617 never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.”²⁶

1618 *Actions Manifesting the Deity of the Holy Spirit*

1619 *Here are the verses revealing activities that only a God could perform.*

1620 • The Holy Spirit was involved in creation.
1621 Genesis 1:2 “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness
1622 was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the
1623 face of the waters.”

1624 Psalms 33:6 “By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all
1625 the host of them by the breath of his mouth.” [*ruach = spirit*]

1626 Psalms 104:30 (NKJV) “You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
1627 And You renew the face of the earth.”

1628 • The Holy Spirit brings life.
1629 Job 33:4 (NKJV) “The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of
1630 the Almighty gives me life.”

1631 • The Holy Spirit is the author of faith.
1632 John 3:3-8 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say
1633 unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of
1634 God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is
1635 old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be

26. You can learn more about the personhood of the Holy Spirit in W. Whidden, J. Moon, J. Reeve, “The Personality and Deity of the Spirit,” *The Trinity*, (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2002), 66-77.

1636 born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man
1637 be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of
1638 God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born
1639 of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be
1640 born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou the sound
1641 thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is
1642 every one that is born of the Spirit.”

1643 • The Holy Spirit instructs and brings to remembrance the teachings of
1644 Christ.

1645 John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the
1646 Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
1647 all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

1648 • The Holy Spirit has advanced knowledge.

1649 Acts 11:27-28 “And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto
1650 Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and
1651 signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all
1652 the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.”

1653 Acts 21:11 “And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and
1654 bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So
1655 shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and
1656 shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

1657 • The Holy Spirit brings about supernatural attributes.

1658 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the
1659 Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face
1660 beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the
1661 same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

1662 Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
1663 longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance:
1664 against such there is no law.”

1665 Ephesians 5:9 “(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and
1666 righteousness and truth;).”

1667 • The Holy Spirit enabled supernatural utterance.

1668 Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to
1669 speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

1670 Acts 4:29-31 “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant
1671 unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30
1672 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may

1673 be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had
1674 prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together;
1675 and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word
1676 of God with boldness.”

1677 • The Holy Spirit enabled supernatural signs and wonders.
1678 Acts 2:43 “And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and
1679 signs were done by the apostles.”

1680 • The Holy Spirit inspired the writing of the Scriptures.
1681 2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is
1682 profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in
1683 righteousness.”

1684 2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of
1685 man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy
1686 Ghost.”

1687 • The Holy Spirit may be blasphemed.
1688 Matthew 12:31-32 “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and
1689 blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the
1690 Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever
1691 speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but
1692 whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven
1693 him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”

1694 • The Holy Spirit seals.
1695 Ephesians 1:13-14 “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the
1696 word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye
1697 believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is
1698 the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased
1699 possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

1700 *The Holy Spirit is a Real Person*

1701 *In the following paragraphs I respond to assertions that the Holy*
1702 *Spirit is only a spiritual manifestation of Christ or the presence of*
1703 *Christ. There is strong evidence against either assertion, as you will*
1704 *discover below.—Dan*

1705 There are unfortunate suggestions being circulated these days, that the
1706 Holy Spirit is only a “spiritual manifestation” of Jesus, and a “third
1707 personification of divine power.” This study of the Holy Spirit has

1708 hopefully made it abundantly clear that, the Holy Spirit is a real
1709 Person, that the Holy Spirit revealed Himself as a Person and Deity
1710 throughout the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the
1711 Godhead and that we are living in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit!

1712 The idea of “spiritual manifestation” and “third personification” are
1713 not found in the Scriptures or in the writings of Ellen White. An
1714 exhaustive study on this very topic was made by Denis Kaiser, a
1715 professor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.
1716 Looking at Mrs. White’s use of the words personify, personified,
1717 personifies, personification, personate, personating, personation,
1718 personality, having a personality, being a personality, there was not
1719 even one instance where the Father or Christ are manifesting
1720 themselves through the Holy Spirit in the manner being suggested! In
1721 all cases the Father, Christ and the Holy Spirit are distinct Persons
1722 with distinct personalities.

1723 Regarding the idea that the Holy Spirit is only the presence of Christ,
1724 while it is true that Christ’s presence dwells within us, that indwelling
1725 is through the instrumentality and presence of the Holy Spirit! There
1726 are numerous statements on the presence and agency of the Holy
1727 Spirit that negate the suggestions being made in this regard. Notice the
1728 following:

1729 “Paul realized that his sufficiency was not in himself, but in the
1730 presence of the Holy Spirit, whose gracious influence filled his heart,
1731 bringing every thought into subjection to Christ.” *The Acts of the*
1732 *Apostles*, 251.

1733 “Shall we bear in mind that the presence of the Holy Spirit with us in
1734 the bed chamber, in the family circle, in the most difficult places we
1735 pass through, is shielding us from the shafts of the enemy, constantly
1736 counterworking his devisings, and carrying forward His work as a
1737 reprover of sin, imparting and impressing the mind with the words of
1738 Christ, bringing all things to our remembrance, that He may restore
1739 the moral image of God in man. We need to dwell more constantly and
1740 earnestly upon the grace of the Holy Spirit. This we do not discern
1741 with our natural eyes, yet by faith we see its office work, and we
1742 cannot render to God supreme love and honor if we do not recognize
1743 the Holy Spirit which the Lord sends. The Holy Spirit represents Jesus
1744 Christ. He is our refuge unto whom we can run and be safe. He is
1745 always present with the human agent.” Manuscript 59, 1900.34.

1747 • To reject the Holy Spirit are the sins that surpass all others.
 1748 “To reject the Holy Spirit, through whose power we conquer the forces
 1749 of evil, is the sin that surpasses all others; for it cuts us off from the
 1750 source of our power,—from Christ and communion with him.” *Review*
 1751 *and Herald*, August 25, 1896, par. 11.

1752 • We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
 1753 “We need to pray as we have never prayed before for the baptism of
 1754 the Holy Spirit; for if ever there was a time when we needed this
 1755 baptism, it is now. There is nothing the Lord has more frequently told
 1756 us He would bestow upon us, and nothing He would be more glorified
 1757 in bestowing, than the Holy Spirit.” *Signs of the Times*, October 11,
 1758 1899 par. 12.

1759 • God is anxious to give the Holy Spirit to His children.
 1760 Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto
 1761 your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the
 1762 Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

1763 • We will worship the Holy Spirit, along with the Father and Christ, up
 1764 in heaven.
 1765 “As the saints in the kingdom of God are accepted in the beloved, they
 1766 hear: “Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared
 1767 for you from the foundation of the world.” [Matthew 25:34.] And then
 1768 the golden harps are touched, and the music flows all through the
 1769 heavenly host, and they fall down and worship the Father and the Son
 1770 and the Holy Spirit.” Manuscript 139-1906.32.

1771 • We cannot honor God if we do not honor the Holy Spirit.
 1772 “We cannot render to God supreme love and honor if we do not
 1773 recognize the Holy Spirit which the Lord sends. The Holy Spirit
 1774 represents Jesus Christ. He is our refuge unto whom we can run and be
 1775 safe. He is always present with the human agent.” Manuscript 59
 1776 1900.34.

1777 • Responding
 1778 Acts 9:5-6 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am
 1779 Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the
 1780 pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou
 1781 have me to do?”

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