

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

Godhead Study Part 3

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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.

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 regarding 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 *Some 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 2 Kings 2:16 (NKJV) “Let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy
242 master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up,
243 and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said,
244 Ye shall not send.”

245 1 Chronicles 12:18 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief
246 of the captains, and he said: ‘We are yours, O David; We are on your
247 side, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, And peace to your helpers!
248 For your God helps you.’”

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

249 1 Chronicles 28:11-12 (NKJV) “Then David gave his son Solomon the
250 plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its
251 inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; 12 and the plans for
252 all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, of
253 all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and
254 of the treasuries for the dedicated things;”

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

260 2 Chronicles 20:14 “Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son
261 of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons
262 of Asaph, came the Spirit of the Lord in the midst of the
263 congregation;”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

289 Psalms 143:10 (NKJV) “Teach me to do Your will, For You are my
290 God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

322 *Isaiah 63:10 (NKJV) “But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;
323 So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought
324 against them. 11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his

325 people, saying: “Where is He who brought them up out of the sea With
326 the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit
327 within them,”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

356 Ezekiel 11:20 (NKJV) “Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went,
357 because there the spirit went; and the wheels were lifted together with
358 them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.”

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

362 Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NKJV) “I will give you a new heart and put a new

363 spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and
364 give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause
365 you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do
366 them.”

367 Ezekiel 37:14 (NKJV) “I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall
368 live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that
369 I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it,” says the Lord.”

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

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

375 Daniel 4:8,9 (NKJV) “But at last Daniel came before me (his name is
376 Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god; in him is the Spirit of
377 the Holy God), and I told the dream before him, saying: 9
378 “Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of
379 the Holy God is in you, and no secret troubles you, explain to me the
380 visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.”

381 Daniel 5:11 (NKJV) “There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the
382 Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and
383 understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found
384 in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—
385 made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and
386 soothsayers.”

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

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

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

398 Haggai 2:4-5 (NKJV) “Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,” says the Lord;
399 ‘and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be
400 strong, all you people of the land,’ says the Lord, ‘and work; for I am

401 with you,' says the Lord of hosts. 5 'According to the word that I
402 covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit
403 remains among you; do not fear.!'”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

428 Luke 2:25-27 “And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose
429 name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for
430 the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. 26 And it
431 was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see
432 death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the

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.

433 Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,
434 to do for him after the custom of the law.”

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

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

441 John 1:32 “And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending
442 from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him
443 not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me,
444 Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on
445 him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.”

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

448 Mark 1:12 “And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the
449 wilderness.”

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

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

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

460 *Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath
461 anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal
462 the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and
463 recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
464 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

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

471 declare justice to the Gentiles.”

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

475 *Christ's Teachings Regarding the Holy Spirit*

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

478 *In the following Scriptures, Christ's words contain an anomaly of the*
479 *Greek grammar: the word “Spirit” (Greek *pneuma*) in the neuter*
480 *gender, is repeatedly associated with the personal pronoun “He” or*
481 *“Him” (Greek *ekeinos*), which is in the masculine gender.¹⁵*

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

484 John 14:17 “Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive,
485 because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for
486 he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

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

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

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

496 John 16:8 “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and

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.

497 of righteousness, and of judgment.”

498 John 16:13 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will
499 guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but
500 whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you
501 things to come.”

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

504 Christ made abundant promises regarding the gift of the
505 Holy Spirit.

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

509 John 7:37-39 “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood
510 and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
511 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly
512 shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit,
513 which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was
514 not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”

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

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

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

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

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

532 *John 3:6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is

533 born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must
534 be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest
535 the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it
536 goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

537 John 3:34-35 “For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God:
538 for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. 35 The Father
539 loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.”

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

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

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

546 The Holy Spirit would function as Christ’s
547 representative.¹⁷

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

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

553 The Holy Spirit would be a Comforter—“another
554 Comforter”—after Christ went to heaven.

555 *The term “another” comforter is significant, for it reminds that Christ*
556 *was a comforter while He was living among humankind. Upon His*
557 *departure to heaven, the Holy Spirit took over the role of comforter on*

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.

558 *earth.*¹⁸ *There are a few statements that suggest Christ was the*
559 *comforter—and He was while He was on earth—but upon returning to*
560 *heaven, the Holy Spirit, took over Christ’s role!*

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

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

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

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

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

576 The Holy Spirit is called by interchangeable names.²⁰

577 *I describe these as “synonyms” of the name of the Holy Spirit, and
578 include: the “Holy Spirit,” “Holy Ghost,” “Spirit of Christ,” “Spirit of

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.

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

579 the Lord,” “Spirit of God,” “Divine Spirit,” and “His Spirit.”

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

581 The Holy Spirit was poured out as promised.

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

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

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

604 Acts 8:14-17 “Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard
605 that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter
606 and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that
607 they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon

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 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.

608 none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
609 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy
610 Ghost.”

611 *Acts 10:44-47 “While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost
612 fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision
613 which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because
614 that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46
615 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then
616 answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be
617 baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?”

618 Acts 19:16 “And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy
619 Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”

620 The Holy Spirit was active in the early church.

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

627 • The Holy Spirit instructed.

628 Acts 1:2 “Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through
629 the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he
630 had chosen.”

631 • The Holy Spirit appointed leaders.

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

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

636 Acts 6:3 “Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of
637 honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may
638 appoint over this business.”

639 • The Holy Spirit filled believers.

640 Acts 7:55 “But he [Stephen], being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up
641 steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing
642 on the right hand of God,” [Refers to the stoning of Stephen.]

643 *Acts 11:24 “For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and

644 of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.”

645 Acts 13:52 “And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy
646 Ghost.”

647 • The filling of the Spirit was sought on behalf of others through
648 prayer.

649 Acts 8:14-17 “Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard
650 that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter
651 and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that
652 they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon
653 none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
654 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy
655 Ghost.”

656 • The Holy Spirit predicted future events.

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

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

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

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

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

673 Acts 10:44-48 “While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell
674 on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision
675 which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because
676 that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46
677 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then
678 answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be
679 baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And
680 he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then

681 prayed they him to tarry certain days.”

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

684 Acts 11:12-18 “And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing
685 doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we
686 entered into the man's house: 13 And he shewed us how he had seen
687 an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to
688 Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; 14 Who shall tell
689 thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. 15 And as I
690 began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.
691 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John
692 indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy
693 Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did
694 unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I
695 could withstand God? 18 When they heard these things, they held their
696 peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles
697 granted repentance unto life.” [Peter is rehearsing what is described in
698 Acts 10:44-48.]

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

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

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

713 • The Holy Spirit was recognized as the authority in making believers
714 spiritual leaders.

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

718 • The Holy Spirit communicated through various believers.

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

721 The Holy Spirit directed and empowered missionary
722 activity.

723 • The Holy Spirit selected missionaries.

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

727 • The Holy Spirit selected missionary venues.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

749 • The Holy Spirit gave believers boldness in witnessing.

750 Acts 4:29-31 “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant
751 unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30
752 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may
753 be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had
754 prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together;

755 and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word
756 of God with boldness.”

757 • The Holy Spirit gave the early believers success in witnessing.
758 Acts 4:4 “Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and
759 the number of the men was about five thousand.”

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

762 Acts 6:6-7 “Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had
763 prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God
764 increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem
765 greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.”

766 Acts 11:21 “And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great
767 number believed, and turned unto the Lord.”

768 Acts 13:48-49 “And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and
769 glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to
770 eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was published
771 throughout all the region.”

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

773 • The Holy Spirit brought about conversions and provided spiritual
774 edification.

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

778 Romans 8:3-4 “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak
779 through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful
780 flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness
781 of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but
782 after the Spirit.”

783 Romans 15:16 “That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the
784 Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the
785 Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.”

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

788 2 Thessalonians 2:13 “But we are bound to give thanks alway to God
789 for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the
790 beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit

791 and belief of the truth.”

792 *Titus 3:5-6 “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but
793 according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration,
794 and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly
795 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.”

796 1 Peter 1:2 “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
797 through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of
798 the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

799 • The Holy Spirit instructed believers.

800 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 “Now we have received, not the spirit of the
801 world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things
802 that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not
803 in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost
804 teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural
805 man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are
806 foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are
807 spiritually discerned.”

808 • The Holy Spirit filled the believers.

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

811 • The Holy Spirit performed signs and wonders.

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

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

816 *2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of
817 man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy
818 Ghost.”

819 • The Holy Spirit helps with prayers.

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

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

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

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

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

831 • The Holy Spirit brings joy.

832 *Romans 14:17 “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but
833 righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

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

837 • The Holy Spirit brings power.

838 1 Corinthians 2:4 “And my speech and my preaching was not with
839 enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit
840 and of power.”

841 • The Holy Spirit witnesses for Christ.

842 1 Corinthians 12:3 “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man
843 speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man
844 can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”

845 • The Holy Spirit dispenses gifts.

846 *1 Corinthians 12:4-11 “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the
847 same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the
848 same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same
849 God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is
850 given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit
851 the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same
852 Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of
853 healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to
854 another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers
855 kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all
856 these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man
857 severally as he will.”

858 • The Holy Spirit seals.

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

864 • The Holy Spirit communicates messages to the churches.
865 Revelation 2:7 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
866 unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree
867 of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”
868 *Revelation 2:11 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit
869 saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the
870 second death.”
871 Revelation 2:17 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
872 unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the
873 hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new
874 name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”
875 Revelation 2:29 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
876 unto the churches.”
877 Revelation 3:6 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
878 unto the churches.”
879 Revelation 3:13 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
880 unto the churches.”
881 Revelation 3:22 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
882 unto the churches.”
883 Revelation 14:13 “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,
884 Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:
885 Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their
886 works do follow them.”
887 Revelation 22:17 “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him
888 that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And
889 whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

890 *The Holy Spirit in More Recent Times*

891 *Joel 2:28-29 “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out
892 my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall proph-
893 esy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see vi-
894 sions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those
895 days will I pour out my spirit.”
896 Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is
897 come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,
898 and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the
899 earth.”

900 • Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes as a Heavenly Messenger.
901 Ephesians 5:18-20 “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess;
902 but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and
903 hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart
904 to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the
905 Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;”²²

906 • Sometimes the Holy Spirit comes with a tidal wave of power.²³
907 Acts 4:31 “And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where
908 they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy
909 Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”

910 • Sometimes the Holy Spirit is experienced as a baptism of power.²⁴
911 Acts 1:5 “For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized
912 with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”

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

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

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

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.

920 Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath
921 anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal
922 the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and
923 recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
924 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

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

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

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

934 1 Corinthians 12:3-6 “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no
935 man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no
936 man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. 4 Now
937 there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are
938 differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are
939 diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in
940 all.”

941 *2 Corinthians 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love
942 of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.”

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

945 *Ephesians 4:4-6 “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are
946 called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
947 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in
948 you all.”

949 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 “But we are bound to give thanks alway to
950 God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the
951 beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit
952 and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to
953 the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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

957 1 Peter 1:2 “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,

958 through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of
959 the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

960 *Jude 1:20-21 “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most
961 holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love
962 of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal
963 life.”

964 *The Holy Spirit in Revelation*

965 *The seven Spirits represent the activity of the Holy Spirit in Revelation*
966 *1:4-5*

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

973 *The “Three” Statements of Ellen White*

974 *Ellen White made many statements in which the names of the Father,*
975 *Son and the Holy Spirit are mentioned together, along with a*
976 *statement regarding some joint activity, or descriptor, that clearly*
977 *identifies the Holy Spirit as part of the Godhead. Some of these*
978 *statements follow. These quotations are definitely part of the*
979 *compelling evidence that affirms our understanding that the Holy*
980 *Spirit is part of the Godhead Some of these statements will be repeated*
981 *in the fourth Godhead Bible Study.*

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

983 • Father, Son, Holy Ghost

984 “‘If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love
985 him, and we will come unto him.’ ‘We,’ that is, the Father, Son, and
986 the Holy Ghost (emphasis added) — ‘and make our abode with him.’”
987 [Verse 23.] Letter 44, 1893.12.

988 “Before He left them, Christ gave His followers a positive promise
989 that after His ascension He would send them the Holy Spirit. ‘Go, ye
990 therefore,’ He said, ‘and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name

991 *of the Father (a personal God) and of the Son (a personal Prince and*
992 *Saviour), and of the Holy Ghost (sent from heaven to represent Christ)*
993 (emphasis added); teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I
994 have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end
995 of the world.” [Matthew 28:19, 20.] Manuscript 41, 1897.34.

996 • Father, Son, Holy Spirit

997 “The Godhead was stirred with pity for the race, and *the Father, the*
998 *Son, and the Holy Spirit gave Themselves* (emphasis added) to the
999 working out of the plan of redemption.” *Counsels on Health*, 222.2.

1000 • Godhead

1001 “*Christ unites in His person the fulness and perfection of the godhead*
1002 *and the fulness and perfection of sinless humanity.* (emphasis added)
1003 He met all the temptations by which Adam was assailed and overcame
1004 these temptations because in His humanity He relied upon divine
1005 power.” Manuscript 31, 1911.6.

1006 • Powers of heaven

1007 “*Three distinct agencies, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,*
1008 *work together for human beings* (emphasis added). They are united in
1009 the work of making the church on earth like the church in heaven.
1010 They place the resources of heaven at the disposal of those who will
1011 appreciate and impart these spiritual treasures, multiplying them by
1012 using them to the glory of God. Every diligent effort to improve adds
1013 to the gifts we have. *The powers of heaven* (emphasis added) work
1014 with human beings on the plan of multiplication.” Manuscript 27a,
1015 1900.22.

1016 • Three great powers in heaven

1017 “In baptism we are given to the Lord as a vessel to be used. Baptism is
1018 a most solemn renunciation of the world. Self is by profession dead to
1019 a life of sin. The waters cover the candidate, and in the presence of the
1020 whole heavenly universe the mutual pledge is made. In the name of
1021 *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added), man is laid
1022 in his watery grave, buried with Christ in baptism, and raised from the
1023 water to live the new life of loyalty to God. The *three great powers in*
1024 *heaven* (emphasis added) are witnesses; they are invisible but
1025 present.” Manuscript 57, 1900.10.

1026 ““Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you,
1027 that ye should go and bring forth fruit.’ [Verse 16.] We are ordained

1028 unto God to bear fruit. Was this not our experience when we were led
1029 down into the water and baptized in the name of *the Father, and of the*
1030 *Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added)? What did that mean?—
1031 It meant that the *three great powers in heaven* (emphasis added) were
1032 pledged to keep us so long as we remain one with Christ, united to the
1033 vine.” Manuscript 37, 1908.24.

1034 • Three great powers of heaven

1035 “Our sanctification is the work of *the Father, the Son, and the Holy*
1036 *Spirit* (emphasis added). It is the fulfilment of the covenant God has
1037 made with those who bind themselves up with Him, to stand with
1038 *Him, His Son, and His Spirit* (emphasis added) in holy fellowship.
1039 Have you been born again? Have you become a new being in Christ
1040 Jesus? Then co-operate with *the three great powers of heaven*
1041 (emphasis added) who are working in your behalf. Thus you will
1042 reveal to the world the principles of righteousness.” Manuscript 11,
1043 1901.4.

1044 ““Baptized in the name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy*
1045 *Ghost* (emphasis added).’ [Matthew 28:19.] What are these *three great*
1046 *Powers of heaven* (emphasis added)? We are baptized in their name.
1047 What does that mean? These *heavenly Powers* (emphasis added) are
1048 obligated if we will place ourselves in right relation to God, according
1049 to the best of our accountability; if we will watch against the
1050 temptations of the enemy; if we will resist the devil, that he shall flee
1051 from us, if we guard our appetite—man is to do that which he can do
1052 for himself. And when he goes down into the water to be baptized and
1053 raised up out of the water he is to live a new life, and place himself so
1054 these *three great Powers* (emphasis added) can cooperate with Him
1055 and He can cooperate with them.” Manuscript 183, 1907.7.

1056 “Those who proclaim the third angel’s message must put on the whole
1057 armor of God, that they may stand boldly at their post, in the face of
1058 detraction and falsehood, fighting the good fight of faith, resisting the
1059 enemy with the Word, “It is written.” Keep yourselves where the *three*
1060 *great powers of heaven* (emphasis added) — *the Father, the Son, and*
1061 *the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added) — can be your efficiency. These
1062 powers work with the one who gives himself unreservedly to God.
1063 The strength of heaven is at the command of God’s believing ones.
1064 The man who makes God His trust is barricaded by an impregnable
1065 wall.” Letter 1, 1904.2.

1066 • Heavenly powers

1067 “Well, now, that is, if you maintain your baptismal vows. Here was a
1068 contract made with God. We were baptized in the name of *the Father,*
1069 *and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added), and the
1070 contract was made with God that these *three great heavenly powers*
1071 (emphasis added) would be with us, to help us at every step, it we will
1072 unite with these powers to be helped.” Manuscript 192, 1903.22.

1073 • These powers

1074 “This is the work to be done in every family. Parents, your neglect to
1075 do this work will be revealed in the characters of your children and in
1076 your own relation to the church. You have pledged yourself to fulfill
1077 your obligations to your children, and the fact that you have been
1078 baptized in the name of *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*
1079 (emphasis added) is an assurance that *these powers* (emphasis added)
1080 will help you in every emergency, if you will claim their help.”
1081 Manuscript 70, 1900.8.

1082 “The baptism took place in the name of *the Father and of the Son and*
1083 *of the Holy Ghost, the three great powers in heaven.* (emphasis added)
1084 *These powers* (emphasis added) we have taken hold of.” Manuscript
1085 182, 1907.10.

1086 • Three highest powers of heaven

1087 “Have you been baptized in these names? These *three highest powers*
1088 *in heaven* (emphasis added) are pledged to you if you have died unto
1089 sin, been buried with Christ in baptism, and rise, to live just the same
1090 life you did before? No,—in newness of life. *These powers* (emphasis
1091 added) are pledged and they will never fail one of you. You can just as
1092 surely and utterly rely upon *these powers* (emphasis added) when you
1093 are downcast. And when you are oppressed, you may remember that
1094 pledge—*the three highest powers of heaven* (emphasis added)—that
1095 you need not obey the world; you need not follow their fashions; you
1096 need not be corrupted with their society.” Manuscript 191, 1905.20.

1097 • Three great Worthies

1098 “When you baptize them, and you see that they are in error in any
1099 respect, do you, any one of you that feel that you have a message from
1100 God, go to them kindly, and tell them, between them and you alone,
1101 where their trouble is, and where their difficulties will come in unless
1102 they change the course of their action? This is the work that is to rest
1103 upon us. And then what? Why, it says, “Baptizing them in the name of
1104 *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added).”

1105 [Verse 19.] *Three personalities* (emphasis added); and these *three*
1106 *personalities* (emphasis added) are the pledged power from God that
1107 His people shall have, if they have been baptized in the name of *the*
1108 *Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.* (emphasis added) Now
1109 there is no excuse for souls to be left in ignorance and weakness if
1110 they will be gospel believers, if they will carry out these principles,
1111 and know that the *three great Worthies, the Powers in heaven*
1112 (emphasis added), are pledged to the church of God that will work in
1113 harmony with Christ's teachings." Manuscript 139, 1906.15.

1114 • Three highest powers in the universe

1115 The presence of *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three*
1116 *highest powers in the universe* (emphasis added), and those in whose
1117 name the believer is baptized, is pledged to be with every striving
1118 soul. They will impart grace and strength to all who will watch unto
1119 prayer, to all who will purify the soul by obedience to the truth. And
1120 they will make the believer instrumental in leading other souls to
1121 accept Christ by faith. Manuscript 67. 1908.4.

1122 "The Lord has pledged himself to make his name a praise in the earth.
1123 What power he has promised to all who will work in co-operation with
1124 heaven! The *three highest powers in the universe* (emphasis added) are
1125 pledged to labor with those who will seek to save the lost." *Review*
1126 *and Herald*, August 12, 1909, par. 3.

1127 • Three great heavenly powers

1128 "The world has no claim to our service; for by a solemn, holy
1129 covenant we accepted God's badge of service at the time of our
1130 baptism. On that occasion we pledged ourselves, in the presence of *the*
1131 *three great heavenly Powers* (emphasis added), to come out from the
1132 world and be separate." Manuscript 130, 1902.15.

1133 "Now, every soul that claims to believe in Christ is to be a partaker of
1134 the divine nature, His nature which they accepted when they were led
1135 down into the water, when they were baptized in the name of *the*
1136 *Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added). What
1137 does that mean? They have extended their service. They here were led
1138 down into the water, and *three great heavenly powers* were vouched to
1139 care for them, to work for them, if they carry out the principles, come
1140 out from the world and be separate, and do not be just as they were
1141 before they professed to be followers of Christ. What evidence has He
1142 given you of the work that He requires every one of us to do?"

1143 Manuscript 186, 1907.7.

1144 • Three highest powers in heaven

1145 We are to co-operate with the *three highest powers in heaven—the*
1146 *Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added); and these
1147 powers will work through us, making us workers together with God.
1148 Letter 253a, 1903.18.

1149 “Have you been baptized in these names? These *three highest powers*
1150 *in heaven* (emphasis added) are pledged to you if you have died unto
1151 sin, been buried with Christ in baptism, and rise, to live just the same
1152 life you did before? No,—in newness of life. *These powers* (emphasis
1153 added) are pledged and they will never fail one of you. You can just as
1154 surely and utterly rely upon *these powers* (emphasis added) when you
1155 are downcast. And when you are oppressed, you may remember that
1156 pledge—*the three highest powers of heaven* (emphasis added)—that
1157 you need not obey the world; you need not follow their fashions; you
1158 need not be corrupted with their society.” Manuscript 191, 1905.20.

1159 • Heavenly agencies

1160 “Those who come out of the world in spirit and in all practice may
1161 regard themselves as sons and daughters of God. They may believe
1162 His word as a child believes every word of his parents. Every promise
1163 is sure to him that believes. Those who unite with *the Father, the Son,*
1164 *and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added), who show by their lives that
1165 they are no longer following the course they followed before they
1166 united with these divine instrumentalities, will receive wisdom from
1167 above. They will not depend on human wisdom. In order to deal
1168 righteously with the world, as members of the royal family, children of
1169 the heavenly King, Christians must feel their need of a power which
1170 comes only from *the heavenly agencies* (emphasis added) who have
1171 pledged themselves to work in their behalf. After we have formed a
1172 union with the *great threefold power* (emphasis added), we shall
1173 regard our duty toward the members of God’s family with a much
1174 more sacred awe than we have ever done before.” Manuscript 11,
1175 1901.8.

1176 • Three great Worthies in heaven

1177 “When you went down into the water and were baptized in the name
1178 of the *three great Worthies in heaven* (emphasis added), you professed
1179 to be dead unto the world. As a solemn token of your profession of
1180 faith, you were laid under the water, in the sight of the heavenly

1181 universe, and were baptized in the name of *the Father, and of the Son,*
1182 *and of the Holy Ghost.* (emphasis added) At that time, the apostle
1183 declares, “Ye are dead, and your life is hid”—where?—“with Christ in
1184 God.” [Colossians 3:3.] He who chooses to have a living connection
1185 with our Saviour will have a living connection with our God; and he
1186 will exemplify the spirit of Christ in life and character.” Manuscript
1187 145, 1906.12.

1188 • Three mighty powers

1189 “Our pledge was to not sin against God. And the pledge, the baptism
1190 in the name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*
1191 (emphasis added), commits every soul that enters the family of God,
1192 that binds up with Jesus Christ, that in every perplexity *they have a*
1193 *Father; they have the Son, and the Holy Ghost—the three mighty*
1194 *powers of heaven* (emphasis added). If they call upon God, He will
1195 help them in every emergency.” Manuscript 229, 1902.23.

1196 “Give us power to be baptized in the name of *the Father, and of the*
1197 *Son, and of the Holy Ghost.* (emphasis added) And there with these
1198 *three mighty powers* (emphasis added) promised, how can our faith be
1199 a nonentity, how can our faith be feeble and weak?” Manuscript 142.
1200 1906.50.

1201 • Three great infinite powers

1202 “Christ has given you a work to do. His commission is, Go through
1203 and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of *the*
1204 *Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.* (emphasis added)
1205 Before the disciples shall compass the threshold, there is to be the
1206 imprint of the sacred name, baptizing the believers in *the name of the*
1207 *threefold powers in the heavenly world* (emphasis added). The human
1208 mind is impressed in this ceremony, the beginning of the Christian
1209 life. It means very much. The work of salvation is not a small matter,
1210 but so vast that *the highest authorities* (emphasis added) are taken
1211 hold of by the expressed faith of the human agency. *The Father, the*
1212 *Son, and the Holy Ghost, the eternal Godhead* (emphasis added) is
1213 involved in the action required to make assurance to the human agent
1214 to unite all heaven to contribute to the exercise of human faculties to
1215 reach and embrace the fulness of the *threefold powers* (emphasis
1216 added) to unite in the great work appointed, confederating *the*
1217 *heavenly powers* (emphasis added) with the human, that men may
1218 become, through heavenly efficiency, partakers of the divine nature

1219 and workers together with Christ.” Manuscript 45, 1904.16.

1220 • Three great, infinite powers²⁵

1221 “Have you thought of what this means to us;—that in this prayer is
1222 included every son and daughter of Adam, who will believe in Christ
1223 as a personal Saviour, and take the requisite steps in repentance,
1224 conversion, faith, and baptism? We are baptized in the name of *the*
1225 *Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three great, infinite powers*
1226 (emphasis added) are unitedly pledged to work in our behalf if we will
1227 co-operate with them.” *General Conference Bulletin*, April 4, 1901,
1228 Art. A, par. 16.

1229 • Divine instrumentalities

1230 “Those who come out of the world in spirit and in all practice may
1231 regard themselves as sons and daughters of God. They may believe
1232 His word as a child believes every word of his parents. Every promise
1233 is sure to him that believes. Those who unite with *the Father, the Son,*
1234 *and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added), who show by their lives that
1235 they are no longer following the course they followed before they
1236 united with these *divine instrumentalities* (emphasis added), will
1237 receive wisdom from above. They will not depend on human wisdom.
1238 In order to deal righteously with the world, as members of the royal
1239 family, children of the heavenly King, Christians must feel their need
1240 of a power which comes only from *the heavenly agencies* (emphasis
1241 added) who have pledged themselves to work in their behalf. After we
1242 have formed a union with the *great threefold power* (emphasis added),
1243 we shall regard our duty toward the members of God’s family with a
1244 much more sacred awe than we have ever done before.” Manuscript
1245 11, 1901.8.

1246 • Threefold powers

1247 “The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the eternal Godhead is
1248 involved in the action required to make assurance to the human agent
1249 to unite all heaven to contribute to the exercise of human faculties to
1250 reach and embrace the fulness of the threefold powers to unite in the
1251 great work appointed, confederating *the heavenly powers* (emphasis
1252 added) with the human, that men may become, through heavenly
1253 efficiency, partakers of the divine nature and workers together with

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.

1254 Christ.” Manuscript 45, 1904.16.

1255 • Heavenly Trio

1256 “The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to
1257 heaven, is the Spirit in all the fulness of the Godhead, making manifest
1258 the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a
1259 personal Saviour. There are *three living persons of the heavenly trio*
1260 (emphasis added); in the name of *these three great powers—the*
1261 *Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added)—those who
1262 receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-
1263 operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the
1264 new life in Christ.” Manuscript 21, 1906.11.

1265 • Eternal Godhead

1266 “The work of salvation is not a small matter, but so vast that the
1267 highest authorities are taken hold of by the expressed faith of the
1268 human agency. *The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the eternal*
1269 *Godhead* (emphasis added) is involved in the action required to make
1270 assurance to the human agent to unite all heaven to contribute to the
1271 exercise of human faculties to reach and embrace the fulness of *the*
1272 *threefold powers* (emphasis added) to unite in the great work
1273 appointed, confederating the heavenly powers with the human, that
1274 men may become, through heavenly efficiency, partakers of the divine
1275 nature and workers together with Christ.” Manuscript 45, 1904.16.

1276 • Eternal heavenly dignitaries

1277 “Christ tells them they were to fight in fellowship with all the children
1278 of light; that satanic agencies would combine their forces to extinguish
1279 the light of the life of Christ out of their ranks. But they were not left
1280 to fight the battles in their own human strength; that the angelic host
1281 coming as ministers of God would be in that battle, and also there
1282 would be *the eternal heavenly dignitaries—God, and Christ, and the*
1283 *Holy Spirit* (emphasis added) —arming them with more than mortal
1284 energy, and [who] would advance with them to the work, and convince
1285 the world of sin. Manuscript 130, 1901.52.

1286 • Powers infinite and omniscient

1287 “*The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, powers infinite and*
1288 *omniscient* (emphasis added), receive those who truly enter into
1289 covenant relation with God.” Manuscript 27a, 1900.10.

1290 • The name of God and of Christ and of the Holy Spirit

1291 The *heavenly powers* (emphasis added) have pledged themselves to
1292 minister to human agents to make the name *of God and of Christ and*
1293 *of the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added) their living efficiency, working
1294 and energizing the sanctified man, to make this name above every
1295 other name. All the treasures of heaven are under obligation to do for
1296 man infinitely more than human beings can comprehend by
1297 multiplying threefold the human with the heavenly agencies.
1298 Manuscript 45, 1904.17.

1299 • Three dignitaries and powers of heaven

1300 “We are not to think that as soon as we are baptized we are ready to
1301 graduate from the school of Christ. When we have accepted Christ,
1302 and in the name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*
1303 *have pledged ourselves to serve God, the Father, Christ, and the Holy*
1304 *Spirit—the three dignitaries and powers of heaven* (emphasis
1305 added) —pledge themselves that every facility shall be given to us if
1306 we carry out our baptismal vows to “come out from among them, and
1307 be ... separate, ... and touch not the unclean thing.” When we are true
1308 to our vows, He says, “I will receive you.” [2 Corinthians 6:17.]
1309 Manuscript 85, 1901.4.

1310 • Three distinct agencies

1311 *Three distinct agencies, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost*
1312 (emphasis added), work together for human beings. They are united in
1313 the work of making the church on earth like the church in heaven.”
1314 Manuscript 27a. 1900.22.

1315 • Three great agencies

1316 By our baptismal pledge we avouched and solemnly confessed the
1317 Lord Jehovah as our Ruler. We virtually took a solemn oath, in the
1318 name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis
1319 added), that henceforth our lives would be merged into the life of
1320 *these three great agencies* (emphasis added), that the life we should
1321 live in the flesh would be lived in faithful obedience to God’s sacred
1322 law.” Manuscript 67, 1907.12.

1323 • Three great and glorious heavenly characters

1324 “The *three great and glorious heavenly characters* are present on the
1325 occasion of baptism. All the human capabilities are to be henceforth
1326 consecrated powers to do service for God in representing *the Father,*
1327 *the Son, and the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added) upon whom they

1328 depend. *All heaven is represented by these three in covenant relation*
1329 (emphasis added) with the new life. “If ye then be risen with Christ,
1330 seek those things that are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand
1331 of God.” [Colossians 3:1.]” Manuscript 45, 1904.18.

1332 • Three great authorities of heaven

1333 “When you gave yourself up to die to the world, you were baptized in
1334 the name of *the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. The*
1335 *three great authorities of heaven* (emphasis added) that are pledged,
1336 pledged to be with you, will carry you through the temptations and
1337 trials that there are in this life, if you will only be obedient.”
1338 Manuscript 177, 1907.15.

1339 • Three great individual agencies

1340 “At the baptismal ceremony we virtually take a most solemn oath in
1341 the name of *the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost*
1342 (emphasis added), that henceforth our lives will be merged into the life
1343 of these *three great individual Agencies* (emphasis added); that the life
1344 we now live in the flesh we will live in faithful obedience to God’s
1345 sacred and holy law, keeping all His statutes and His commandments;
1346 that we will live in newness of life as men and women having a new
1347 birth unto God.” Manuscript 68, 1900.12.

1348 • Three great instrumentalities of heaven

1349 “Christ is the greatest Teacher the world has ever known. From Him
1350 teachers must learn what to teach, that by their lessons they may show
1351 that they are striving to answer His prayer. The fruits of His rich grace
1352 will appear as they receive His glory, or character. Their unity will be
1353 complete. Their lives, hid with Christ in God, will be made perfect in
1354 one. The excellence of *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*
1355 (emphasis added) will appear in them as, in conformity with their
1356 baptismal vows, they give themselves to obedience to God’s will. The
1357 Redeemer gives them the glory given to Him. The *three great*
1358 *Instrumentalities of heaven* (emphasis added) co-operate for their
1359 complete and perfect unity, that the world may see in their lives the
1360 fruit of heaven and the excellence of the principles of truth.”
1361 Manuscript 11, 1901.19.

1362 • Three great personal dignitaries of heaven

1363 We are to “hold fast” and live up to all the light we receive from
1364 heaven. Why? Because God wants us to grasp the eternal truth, and act

1365 as His helping hand by communicating the light to those who are not
1366 acquainted with His love for them. When you gave yourself to Christ,
1367 you made a pledge in the presence of *the Father, the Son, and the Holy*
1368 *Spirit—the three great personal dignitaries of heaven* (emphasis
1369 added). “Hold fast” to this pledge. Manuscript 92, 1901.5.

1370 • Three great personal powers

1371 “All power” are the words used to show the authority of Jesus Christ.
1372 “Is given unto me,” as Mediator between God and man. “Teach all
1373 nations,” for the purpose of persuading them to become My disciples.
1374 “Baptizing them in the name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the*
1375 *Holy Ghost*”—*the three great personal powers, the authorities of*
1376 *heaven* (emphasis added). “And, lo, I am with you,” in the work—to
1377 guide you, to comfort you, to sanctify and sustain you in this
1378 aggressive warfare; to render you successful in bringing many souls to
1379 acknowledge the truth, confessing their sins. Letter 205, 1901.8.

1380 • Three highest authorities in the universe

1381 Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass
1382 from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one
1383 of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be
1384 called the least in the kingdom of heaven (by the Father, the Son, and
1385 the Holy Ghost): but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same
1386 shall be called great (*by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost*) in
1387 the kingdom of heaven (emphasis added).” [Verses 17-19.] *The three*
1388 *highest authorities in the universe* (emphasis added), with all the
1389 heavenly family, shall call great, in the fullest sense of the term, those
1390 who do and teach the commandments of our heavenly Father.
1391 Manuscript 129, 1907.28.

1392 • Three highest authorities of the heavenly courts

1393 We took our baptismal vows in the presence of the *three highest*
1394 *authorities of the heavenly courts* (emphasis added)—*the Father, the*
1395 *Son, and the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added). We solemnly pledged
1396 ourselves before all Heaven to die to sin and to walk in newness of
1397 life.” [Verses 1-4.] Manuscript 87, 1902.36.

1398 • Three holiest beings in heaven

1399 “Here is where the work of the Holy Ghost comes in, after your
1400 baptism. You are baptized in the name of *the Father, of the Son, and of*
1401 *the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added). You are raised up out of the water to

1402 live henceforth in newness of life—to live a new life. You are born
1403 unto God, and you stand under the sanction and the power of *the three*
1404 *holiest beings in heaven* (emphasis added), who are able to keep you
1405 from falling. You are to reveal that you are dead to sin; your life is hid
1406 with Christ in God. Hidden “with Christ in God”—wonderful
1407 transformation. [Colossians 3:3.] This is a most precious promise.
1408 When I feel oppressed and hardly know how to relate myself toward
1409 the work that God has given me to do, I just call upon *the three great*
1410 *Worthies* (emphasis added), and say: You know I cannot do this work
1411 in my own strength. You must work in me, and by me, and through
1412 me, sanctifying my tongue, sanctifying my spirit, sanctifying my
1413 words, and bringing me into a position where my spirit shall be
1414 susceptible to the movings of the Holy Spirit of God upon my mind
1415 and character.” Manuscript 95, 1906.29.

1416 • Three holy dignitaries of heaven

1417 “*The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three holy dignitaries of*
1418 *heaven* (emphasis added), have declared that they will strengthen men
1419 to overcome the powers of darkness. All the facilities of heaven are
1420 pledged to those who by their baptismal vows have entered into a
1421 covenant with God. Manuscript 92. 1901.26.

1422 • Three Personalities

1423 When you baptize them, and you see that they are in error in any
1424 respect, do you, any one of you that feel that you have a message from
1425 God, go to them kindly, and tell them, between them and you alone,
1426 where their trouble is, and where their difficulties will come in unless
1427 they change the course of their action? This is the work that is to rest
1428 upon us. And then what? Why, it says, “Baptizing them in the name of
1429 *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*” [Verse 19.] *Three*
1430 *personalities; and these three personalities* (emphasis added) are the
1431 pledged power from God that His people shall have, if they have been
1432 baptized in the name of *the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy*
1433 *Ghost.* (emphasis added) Now there is no excuse for souls to be left in
1434 ignorance and weakness if they will be gospel believers, if they will
1435 carry out these principles, and know that *the three great Worthies, the*
1436 *Powers in heaven* (emphasis added), are pledged to the church of God
1437 that will work in harmony with Christ’s teachings. Manuscript 139,
1438 1906.15.

1439 • Three representative powers of the Godhead

1440 Before that Gift could be bestowed, the Church of heaven was stirred
1441 to its unfathomable depths. Of all His infinite resources, God gave the
1442 whole. *The three representative powers of the Godhead, the Father,*
1443 *the Son, and the Holy Spirit* (emphasis added), were pledged to carry
1444 out God's plan for the salvation of the lost race. Thus fully did the
1445 Lord engage the heavenly universe in the work of redemption. How
1446 few understand and appreciate this infinite sacrifice! Manuscript 139.
1447 1907.10.

1448 • Threefold powers in heaven

1449 "Let it into your soul. It is all waiting to take possession of the heart.
1450 The *threefold powers in heaven* (emphasis added) are waiting to lift up
1451 for you a standard against the enemy, as you draw nigh to God in
1452 humble prayer, and let your petition take right hold of the Mighty One.
1453 Manuscript 229. 1902.41.

1454 • Threefold powers in the heavenly world

1455 Christ has given you a work to do. His commission is, Go through and
1456 make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of *the*
1457 *Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* (emphasis added).
1458 Before the disciples shall compass the threshold, there is to be the
1459 imprint of the sacred name, baptizing the believers in *the name of the*
1460 *threefold powers in the heavenly world* (emphasis added). The human
1461 mind is impressed in this ceremony, the beginning of the Christian
1462 life. It means very much. The work of salvation is not a small matter,
1463 but so vast that the highest authorities are taken hold of by the
1464 expressed faith of the human agency. *The Father, the Son, and the*
1465 *Holy Ghost, the eternal Godhead* (emphasis added) is involved in the
1466 action required to make assurance to the human agent to unite all
1467 heaven to contribute to the exercise of human faculties to reach and
1468 embrace the fulness of the *threefold powers* (emphasis added) to unite
1469 in the great work appointed, confederating *the heavenly powers*
1470 (emphasis added) with the human, that men may become, through
1471 heavenly efficiency, partakers of the divine nature and workers
1472 together with Christ. Manuscript 45. 1904.16.

1473 *Quotations on the Holy Spirit*

1474 • The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead.

1475 "Christ gave His representative, the third person of the Godhead, the
1476 Holy Spirit. This gift could not be excelled. The divine Spirit,

1477 converting, enlightening, sanctifying, would be His donation, because
1478 He would give all gifts in one.” Manuscript 44, 1898.11.

1479 • The Holy Spirit is a person.

1480 “The Holy Spirit always leads to the written Word. The Holy Spirit is
1481 a person; for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the
1482 children of God. When this witness is borne, it carries with it its own
1483 evidence.” White, Manuscript 10, 1906, 31. The Holy Spirit has a
1484 personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our
1485 spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine
1486 person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the
1487 mind of God. ‘For what man knoweth the things of a man save the
1488 spirit of man, which is in him; even so the things of God knoweth no
1489 man, but the Spirit of God.’” Manuscript 10, 1906, 32.

1490 • The Holy Spirit is a mystery.

1491 "The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it,
1492 because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful
1493 views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human
1494 construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not
1495 strengthen the church. Regarding such mysteries, ... silence is golden.”
1496 *The Acts of the Apostles*, 52.1.

1497 • The Holy Spirit is one of three living person of the Heavenly Trio.

1498 *“There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of
1499 these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—
1500 those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers
1501 will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to
1502 live the new life in Christ.” Manuscript 21, 1906.11.

1503 *Appendices*

1504 *Actions Manifesting the Personhood of the Holy Spirit*

1505 *Here is the section mentioned earlier where verses indicating the Holy*
1506 *Spirit is a person—more than a mere influence—are listed. All of these*
1507 *references have already appeared in earlier sections of this study.*

1508 • Christ referred to the Holy Spirit using the masculine pronoun.

1509 John 15:26 “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto
1510 you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from
1511 the Father, he shall testify of me.”

1512 John 16:13-15 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will
1513 guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but
1514 whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you
1515 things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine,
1516 and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine:
1517 therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”

1518 • The Holy Spirit was intimately involved in Christ's earthly mission.
1519 Matthew 1:20 “But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel
1520 of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of
1521 David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is
1522 conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.”

1523 Matthew 3:16 “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway
1524 out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he
1525 saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him.”

1526 Mark 1:12 “And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the
1527 wilderness.”

1528 Luke 4:14 “And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee:
1529 and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.”

1530 Matthew 12:28 “But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the
1531 kingdom of God is come unto you.”

1532 Hebrews 9:14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who
1533 through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge
1534 your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

1535 Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the
1536 dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also
1537 quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

1538 Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
1539 and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were
1540 oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

1541 • The Holy Spirit appointed workers.

1542 Acts 13:2 “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost
1543 said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have
1544 called them.”

1545 Acts 20:28 “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock,
1546 over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the
1547 church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

1548 • The Holy Spirit directed the believers.

1549 Acts 8:29 “Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself
1550 to this chariot.”

1551 Acts 11:12 “And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting.
1552 Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the
1553 man's house.”

1554 1 Corinthians 6:19 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple
1555 of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are
1556 not your own?”

1557 • The Holy Spirit warned of things to come.

1558 Luke 2:26-27 “And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that
1559 he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And
1560 he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in
1561 the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.”

1562 Acts 1:16 “Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been
1563 fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before
1564 concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.”

1565 Acts 20:22-23 “And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto
1566 Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 Save
1567 that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and
1568 afflictions abide me.”

1569 Acts 21:11 “And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and
1570 bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So
1571 shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and
1572 shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

1573 • The Holy Spirit gave theological direction.

1574 Acts 15:28 “For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay
1575 upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.”

1576 • The Holy Spirit instructed.

1577 John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the
1578 Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
1579 all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

1580 Hebrews 3:7 “Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will
1581 hear his voice.”

1582 Hebrews 9:8 “The Holy Ghost thus signifying, that the way into the
1583 holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle
1584 was yet standing.”

1585 • The Holy Spirit can be resisted.

1586 Acts 7:51 “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do
1587 always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.”

1588 • The Holy Spirit strove with human beings.

1589 Genesis 6:3 (NKJV) “And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive
1590 with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one
1591 hundred and twenty years.”

1592 • The Holy Spirit can be lied to and tempted.

1593 Acts 5:3,4,9 “Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to
1594 lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
1595 Whilst it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it
1596 not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine
1597 heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. 9 Then Peter said ...
1598 How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?

1599 • The Holy Spirit can be grieved.

1600 Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye
1601 are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

1602 Hebrews 10:29 “Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he
1603 be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and
1604 hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified,
1605 an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?”

1606 • The Holy Spirit intercedes for us.

1607 Romans 8:26 (NKJV) 26 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our
1608 weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we
1609 ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings
1610 which cannot be uttered.”

1611 • The Holy Spirit dispenses gifts.

1612 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same
1613 Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same
1614 Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God
1615 which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given
1616 to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the
1617 word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
1618 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by
1619 the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another
1620 prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of
1621 tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these

1622 worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man
1623 severally as he will.”

1624 • Believers are baptized into His name.

1625 Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them
1626 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

1627 • There is a “communion” with the Holy Spirit.

1628 2 Cor. 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
1629 and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”

1630 • The Holy Spirit claims our bodies as His temple.

1631 1 Corinthians 6:19 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple
1632 of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are
1633 not your own?”

1634 • Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven.

1635 Matthew 12:31-32 “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and
1636 blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the
1637 Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever
1638 speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but
1639 whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven
1640 him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”

1641 Mark 3:29 “But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath
1642 never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.”²⁶

1643 *Actions Manifesting the Deity of the Holy Spirit*

1644 *Here are the verses revealing activities that only a God could perform.*

1645 • The Holy Spirit was involved in creation.

1646 Genesis 1:2 “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness
1647 was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the
1648 face of the waters.”

1649 Psalms 33:6 “By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all
1650 the host of them by the breath of his mouth.” [*ruach = spirit*]

1651 Psalms 104:30 (NKJV) “You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;

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.

1652 And You renew the face of the earth.”

1653 • The Holy Spirit brings life.

1654 Job 33:4 (NKJV) “The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of
1655 the Almighty gives me life.”

1656 • The Holy Spirit is the author of faith.

1657 John 3:3-8 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say
1658 unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of
1659 God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is
1660 old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be
1661 born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man
1662 be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of
1663 God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born
1664 of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be
1665 born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou the sound
1666 thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is
1667 every one that is born of the Spirit.”

1668 • The Holy Spirit instructs and brings to remembrance the teachings of
1669 Christ.

1670 John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the
1671 Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
1672 all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

1673 • The Holy Spirit has advanced knowledge.

1674 Acts 11:27-28 “And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto
1675 Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and
1676 signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all
1677 the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.”

1678 Acts 21:11 “And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and
1679 bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So
1680 shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and
1681 shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

1682 • The Holy Spirit brings about supernatural attributes.

1683 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the
1684 Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face
1685 beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the
1686 same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

1687 Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
1688 longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance:

1689 against such there is no law.”

1690 Ephesians 5:9 “(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and
1691 righteousness and truth;).”

1692 • The Holy Spirit enabled supernatural utterance.

1693 Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to
1694 speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

1695 Acts 4:29-31 “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant
1696 unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30
1697 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may
1698 be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had
1699 prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together;
1700 and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word
1701 of God with boldness.”

1702 • The Holy Spirit enabled supernatural signs and wonders.

1703 Acts 2:43 “And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and
1704 signs were done by the apostles.”

1705 • The Holy Spirit inspired the writing of the Scriptures.

1706 2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is
1707 profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in
1708 righteousness.”

1709 2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of
1710 man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy
1711 Ghost.”

1712 • The Holy Spirit may be blasphemed.

1713 Matthew 12:31-32 “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and
1714 blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the
1715 Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever
1716 speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but
1717 whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven
1718 him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”

1719 • The Holy Spirit seals.

1720 Ephesians 1:13-14 “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the
1721 word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye
1722 believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is
1723 the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased
1724 possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

1725 *The Holy Spirit is a Real Person*

1726 *In the following paragraphs I respond to assertions that the Holy*
1727 *Spirit is only a spiritual manifestation of Christ or the presence of*
1728 *Christ. There is strong evidence against either assertion, as you will*
1729 *discover below.—Dan*

1730 There are unfortunate suggestions being circulated these days, that the
1731 Holy Spirit is only a “spiritual manifestation” of Jesus, and a “third
1732 personification of divine power.” This study of the Holy Spirit has
1733 hopefully made it abundantly clear that, the Holy Spirit is a real
1734 Person, that the Holy Spirit revealed Himself as a Person and Deity
1735 throughout the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the
1736 Godhead and that we are living in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit!

1737 The idea of “spiritual manifestation” and “third personification” are
1738 not found in the Scriptures or in the writings of Ellen White. An
1739 exhaustive study on this very topic was made by Denis Kaiser, a
1740 professor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.
1741 Looking at Mrs. White’s use of the words personify, personified,
1742 personifies, personification, personate, personating, personation,
1743 personality, having a personality, being a personality, there was not
1744 even one instance where the Father or Christ are manifesting
1745 themselves through the Holy Spirit in the manner being suggested! In
1746 all cases the Father, Christ and the Holy Spirit are distinct Persons
1747 with distinct personalities.

1748 Regarding the idea that the Holy Spirit is only the presence of Christ,
1749 while it is true that Christ’s presence dwells within us, that indwelling
1750 is through the instrumentality and presence of the Holy Spirit! There
1751 are numerous statements on the presence and agency of the Holy
1752 Spirit that negate the suggestions being made in this regard. Notice the
1753 following:

1754 “Paul realized that his sufficiency was not in himself, but in the
1755 presence of the Holy Spirit, whose gracious influence filled his heart,
1756 bringing every thought into subjection to Christ.” *The Acts of the*
1757 *Apostles*, 251.

1758 “Shall we bear in mind that the presence of the Holy Spirit with us in
1759 the bed chamber, in the family circle, in the most difficult places we
1760 pass through, is shielding us from the shafts of the enemy, constantly
1761 counterworking his devisings, and carrying forward His work as a
1762 reprover of sin, imparting and impressing the mind with the words of
1763 Christ, bringing all things to our remembrance, that He may restore

1764 the moral image of God in man. We need to dwell more constantly and
1765 earnestly upon the grace of the Holy Spirit. This we do not discern
1766 with our natural eyes, yet by faith we see its office work, and we
1767 cannot render to God supreme love and honor if we do not recognize
1768 the Holy Spirit which the Lord sends. The Holy Spirit represents Jesus
1769 Christ. He is our refuge unto whom we can run and be safe. He is
1770 always present with the human agent.” Manuscript 59, 1900.34.

1771 *Final Thoughts*

1772 • To reject the Holy Spirit are the sins that surpass all others.
1773 “To reject the Holy Spirit, through whose power we conquer the forces
1774 of evil, is the sin that surpasses all others; for it cuts us off from the
1775 source of our power,—from Christ and communion with him.” *Review*
1776 *and Herald*, August 25, 1896, par. 11.

1777 • We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
1778 “We need to pray as we have never prayed before for the baptism of
1779 the Holy Spirit; for if ever there was a time when we needed this
1780 baptism, it is now. There is nothing the Lord has more frequently told
1781 us He would bestow upon us, and nothing He would be more glorified
1782 in bestowing, than the Holy Spirit.” *Signs of the Times*, October 11,
1783 1899 par. 12.

1784 • God is anxious to give the Holy Spirit to His children.
1785 Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto
1786 your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the
1787 Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

1788 • We will worship the Holy Spirit, along with the Father and Christ, up
1789 in heaven.
1790 “As the saints in the kingdom of God are accepted in the beloved, they
1791 hear: “Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared
1792 for you from the foundation of the world.” [Matthew 25:34.] And then
1793 the golden harps are touched, and the music flows all through the
1794 heavenly host, and they fall down and worship the Father and the Son
1795 and the Holy Spirit.” Manuscript 139-1906.32.

1796 • We cannot honor God if we do not honor the Holy Spirit.
1797 “We cannot render to God supreme love and honor if we do not
1798 recognize the Holy Spirit which the Lord sends. The Holy Spirit
1799 represents Jesus Christ. He is our refuge unto whom we can run and be

1800 safe. He is always present with the human agent.” Manuscript 59
1801 1900.34.

1802 • Responding

1803 Acts 9:5-6 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am
1804 Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the
1805 pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou
1806 have me to do?”

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