

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.

“We cannot render to God supreme love and honor if we do not recognize the Holy Spirit which the Lord sends.” Manuscript 59 1900.34.

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.

Dan Augsburger

The Lines of Evidence

The lines of evidence include...

- The Holy Spirit is listed as one of the Three Persons of the Godhead.
- 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 equal 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.”²

- 7 • The Holy Spirit participated in creation.
- 8 Genesis 1:1-2 “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 9 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon
- 10 the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the
- 11 waters.”
- 12 Job 26:13 “By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens;”

- 13 • Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit.
- 14 John 16:7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that
- 15 I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you;
- 16 but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”

- 17 • Christ's promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.
- 18 Acts 2:2-4 “And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a
- 19 rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were
- 20 sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire,
- 21 and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy
- 22 Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them
- 23 utterance.”

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

2. The equal personage of the Holy Spirit is seen in the varying order of listing the three members: Matthew 28:18-20 (Father, Christ, Holy Spirit), 2 Corinthians 13:14 (Christ, Father, Holy Spirit), Ephesians. 4:4-6 (Holy Spirit, Father, Christ). In Paul's epistles, Christ is listed first sixteen times; the Holy Spirit is listed first nine times; the Father is listed first six times. Kevin Giles, *Jesus and the Father: Modern Evangelicals Reinvent the Doctrine of the Trinity* [Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2006], 109-110).

24 • The Holy Spirit was recognized as God by the early believers.
25 Acts 5:3-4 “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart
26 to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
27 4 Whilst it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was
28 it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine
29 heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

30 • The Holy Spirit was known and referred to as a distinct Person.
31 Acts 10:19-20 “While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto
32 him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 Arise therefore, and get thee
33 down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.”

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

37 • The Holy Spirit makes effectual the work of Christ.³
38 Luke 2:25-28 “And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose
39 name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for
40 the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. 26 And it
41 was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see
42 death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the
43 Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,
44 to do for him after the custom of the law, 28 Then took he him up in
45 his arms, and blessed God.”

46 • This is the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.
47 Acts 2: 17 “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will
48 pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.”⁴

49 *Some Attributes of the Holy Spirit*

3. “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.

4. “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.

50 The Holy Spirit is unchanging (immutable).⁵
51 1 John 2:4 “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his command-
52 ments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

53 The Holy Spirit is present in all places, at all times (omnipresent).⁶
54 Psalms 139:7-12 (NKJV) “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where
55 can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are
56 there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the
57 wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10
58 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold
59 me. 12 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night
60 shall be light about me.”

61 The Holy Spirit is all powerful (omnipotent).⁷
62 Luke 1:35-37 “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy
63 Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall
64 overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of
65 thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin
66 Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the
67 sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing
68 shall be impossible.”

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

73 Acts 8:39-40 “And when they were come up out of the water, the
74 Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no
75 more: and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at
76 Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came
77 to Caesarea.”

78 Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost

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.

79 and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were
80 oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

81 The Holy Spirit is all knowing (omniscient).
82 Romans 8:27 “And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the
83 mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints
84 according to the will of God.”

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

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

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

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

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

115 Romans 15:30 “Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus

116 Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with
117 me in your prayers to God for me;”

118 The Holy Spirit is holy.

119 *The Holy Spirit is referred to as “holy” at least 89 times.*⁸

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

122 The Holy Spirit is a mystery.⁹

123 John 3:8 “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the
124 sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it
125 goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

126 *The Holy Spirit in the Scriptures*

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

128 *Genesis 1:2 (NKJV) “The earth was without form, and void; and
129 darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was
130 hovering over the face of the waters.”¹⁰

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

134 Genesis 41:38 (NKJV) “And Pharaoh said to his servants, ‘Can we
135 find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?’”

136 Exodus 28:3 (NKJV) “So you shall speak to all who are gifted
137 artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may

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.

138 make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me
139 as priest."

140 Exodus 31:2-3 (NKJV) "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of
141 Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 And I have filled him with
142 the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in
143 all manner of workmanship,"

144 *Exodus 35:31 (NKJV) "He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in
145 wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of
146 workmanship,"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

172 Judges 3:9-10 (NKJV) “When the children of Israel cried out to the
173 Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who
174 delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. 10
175 The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went
176 out to war, and the Lord delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of
177 Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-
178 Rishathaim.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

210 1 Samuel 11:5-6 (NKJV) “Now there was Saul, coming behind the

211 herd from the field; and Saul said, “What troubles the people, that they
212 weep?” And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh. 6 Then the
213 Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard this news, and his anger
214 was greatly aroused.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

247 1 Chronicles 12:18 (NKJV) “Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief

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

248 of the captains, and he said: ‘We are yours, O David; We are on your
249 side, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, And peace to your helpers!
250 For your God helps you.’”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

285 &Psalms 51:11 (NKJV) “Do not cast me away from Your presence,

286 And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

320 Isaiah 61:1 (NKJV) “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because
321 the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has
322 sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives,

323 And the opening of the prison to those who are bound.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

399 And to Israel his sin.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

430 Luke 2:25-27 “And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose

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.

431 name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for
432 the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. 26 And it
433 was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see
434 death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the
435 Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,
436 to do for him after the custom of the law.”

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

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

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

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

450 Mark 1:12 “And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the
451 wilderness.”

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

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

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

462 *Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath
463 anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal
464 the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and
465 recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
466 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

467 Matthew 12:15-18 (NKJV) “But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew
468 from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them

469 all. 16 Yet He warned them not to make Him known, 17 that it might
470 be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 18
471 “Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My
472 soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will
473 declare justice to the Gentiles.”

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

477 *Christ's Teachings Regarding the Holy Spirit*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

498 John 16:8 “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and
499 of righteousness, and of judgment.”

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

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

506 Christ made abundant promises regarding the gift of the
507 Holy Spirit.

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

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

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

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

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

530 Receiving the Holy Spirit would be life-changing, and

531 would greatly advance Christ's Kingdom.

532 Matthew 12:28 "But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the
533 kingdom of God is come unto you."

534 *John 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is
535 born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must
536 be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest
537 the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it
538 goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

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

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

544 The Holy Spirit would be Christ's successor.¹⁶

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

548 The Holy Spirit would function as Christ's
549 representative.¹⁷

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

553 John 16:14 "He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and
554 shall shew it unto you."

555 The Holy Spirit would be a Comforter—"another

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.

556 Comforter”—after Christ went to heaven.

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

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

565 **The Holy Spirit would be the Spirit—teacher—of truth.**

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

574 **Believers were to be baptized in the name of the Father,**
575 **Son and the Holy Ghost.**

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

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.

578 The Holy Spirit is called by interchangeable names.²⁰

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

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

583 The Holy Spirit was poured out as promised.

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

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

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

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

606 Acts 8:14-17 “Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard
607 that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter
608 and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that
609 they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon
610 none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
611 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy
612 Ghost.”

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

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

622 The Holy Spirit was active in the early church.

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

629 • The Holy Spirit instructed.

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

633 • The Holy Spirit appointed leaders.

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.

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

637 • Being filled with the Holy Spirit was necessary to hold office.
638 Acts 6:3 “Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of
639 honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may
640 appoint over this business.”

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

645 *Acts 11:24 “For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and
646 of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.”

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

649 • The filling of the Spirit was sought on behalf of others through
650 prayer.

651 Acts 8:14-17 “Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard
652 that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter
653 and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that
654 they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon
655 none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
656 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy
657 Ghost.”

658 • The Holy Spirit predicted future events.

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

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

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

669 *Acts 9:17 “And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house;
670 and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus,

671 that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that
672 thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.”

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

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

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

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

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

703 Acts 15:6-10 “And the apostles and elders came together for to
704 consider of this matter. 7 And when there had been much disputing,
705 Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how
706 that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by
707 my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. 8 And God,
708 which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy
709 Ghost, even as he did unto us; 9 And put no difference between us and

710 them, purifying their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore why tempt ye
711 God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our
712 fathers nor we were able to bear?"

713 Acts 15:28 "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay
714 upon you no greater burden than these necessary things."

715 • The Holy Spirit was recognized as the authority in making believers
716 spiritual leaders.

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

720 • The Holy Spirit communicated through various believers.

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

723 The Holy Spirit directed and empowered missionary
724 activity.

725 • The Holy Spirit selected missionaries.

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

729 • The Holy Spirit selected missionary venues.

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

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

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

740 Acts 13:4 "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto
741 Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus."

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

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

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

751 • The Holy Spirit gave believers boldness in witnessing.
752 Acts 4:29-31 “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant
753 unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30
754 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may
755 be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had
756 prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together;
757 and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word
758 of God with boldness.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

775 • The Holy Spirit brought about conversions and provided spiritual
776 edification.

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

780 Romans 8:3-4 “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak
781 through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful

782 flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness
783 of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but
784 after the Spirit.”

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

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

790 2 Thessalonians 2:13 “But we are bound to give thanks alway to God
791 for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the
792 beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit
793 and belief of the truth.”

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

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

801 • The Holy Spirit instructed believers.

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

810 • The Holy Spirit filled the believers.

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

813 • The Holy Spirit performed signs and wonders.

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

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

818 *2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of

819 man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy
820 Ghost.”

821 • The Holy Spirit helps with prayers.

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

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

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

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

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

833 • The Holy Spirit brings joy.

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

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

839 • The Holy Spirit brings power.

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

843 • The Holy Spirit witnesses for Christ.

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

847 • The Holy Spirit dispenses gifts.

848 *1 Corinthians 12:4-11 “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the
849 same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the
850 same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same
851 God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is
852 given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit
853 the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same
854 Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of

855 healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to
856 another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers
857 kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all
858 these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man
859 severally as he will.”

860 • The Holy Spirit seals.

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

866 • The Holy Spirit communicates messages to the churches.

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

870 *Revelation 2:11 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit
871 saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the
872 second death.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Holy Spirit in More Recent Times

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

915 *The Holy Spirit is Often Listed In the Same Scriptures*
916 *with the Other Members of the Godhead*

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

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

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

925 Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath
926 anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal
927 the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and
928 recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
929 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

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

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

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

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

946 *2 Corinthians 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love
947 of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.”

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

950 *Ephesians 4:4-6 “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are
951 called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
952 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in
953 you all.”

954 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 “But we are bound to give thanks alway to
955 God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the
956 beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit
957 and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to
958 the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

959 1 Peter 1:2 “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
960 through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of
961 the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

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

966 *The Holy Spirit in Revelation*

967 *The seven Spirits represent the activity of the Holy Spirit in Revelation*
968 *1:4-5*

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

975 *The “Three” Statements of Ellen White*

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

983 *in the fourth Godhead Bible Study. Key parts of these quotations are*
984 *given in bold to facilitate efficient study.*

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

986 • Father, Son, Holy Ghost

987 “‘If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love
988 him, and we will come unto him.’ **‘We,’ that is, the Father, Son, and**
989 **the Holy Ghost** —‘and make our abode with him.’” [Verse 23.] Letter
990 44, 1893.12.

991 “Before He left them, Christ gave His followers a positive promise
992 that after His ascension He would send them the Holy Spirit. ‘Go, ye
993 therefore,’ He said, ‘and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name
994 **of the Father (a personal God) and of the Son (a personal Prince**
995 **and Saviour), and of the Holy Ghost (sent from heaven to**
996 **represent Christ)**; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I
997 have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end
998 of the world.’” [Matthew 28:19, 20.] Manuscript 41, 1897.34.

999 • Father, Son, Holy Spirit

1000 “The Godhead was stirred with pity for the race, and **the Father, the**
1001 **Son, and the Holy Spirit gave Themselves** to the working out of the
1002 plan of redemption.” *Counsels on Health*, 222.2.

1003 • Godhead

1004 “**Christ unites in His person the fulness and perfection of the**
1005 **godhead and the fulness and perfection of sinless humanity.** He
1006 met all the temptations by which Adam was assailed and overcame
1007 these temptations because in His humanity He relied upon divine
1008 power.” Manuscript 31, 1911.6.

1009 • Powers of heaven

1010 “**Three distinct agencies, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,**
1011 **work together for human beings.** They are united in the work of
1012 making the church on earth like the church in heaven. They place the
1013 resources of heaven at the disposal of those who will appreciate and
1014 impart these spiritual treasures, multiplying them by using them to the
1015 glory of God. Every diligent effort to improve adds to the gifts we
1016 have. **The powers of heaven** work with human beings on the plan of
1017 multiplication.” Manuscript 27a, 1900.22.

1018 • Three great powers in heaven

1019 “In baptism we are given to the Lord as a vessel to be used. Baptism is
1020 a most solemn renunciation of the world. Self is by profession dead to
1021 a life of sin. The waters cover the candidate, and in the presence of the
1022 whole heavenly universe the mutual pledge is made. In the name of
1023 **the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**, man is laid in his watery
1024 grave, buried with Christ in baptism, and raised from the water to live
1025 the new life of loyalty to God. The **three great powers in heaven** are
1026 witnesses; they are invisible but present.” Manuscript 57, 1900.10.

1027 “‘Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you,
1028 that ye should go and bring forth fruit.’ [Verse 16.] We are ordained
1029 unto God to bear fruit. Was this not our experience when we were led
1030 down into the water and baptized in the name of **the Father, and of**
1031 **the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**? What did that mean?—It meant that
1032 the **three great powers in heaven** were pledged to keep us so long as
1033 we remain one with Christ, united to the vine.” Manuscript 37,
1034 1908.24.

1035 • Three great powers of heaven

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

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

1055 “Those who proclaim the third angel’s message must put on the whole
1056 armor of God, that they may stand boldly at their post, in the face of

1057 detraction and falsehood, fighting the good fight of faith, resisting the
1058 enemy with the Word, “It is written.” Keep yourselves where **the**
1059 **three great powers of heaven — the Father, the Son, and the Holy**
1060 **Spirit** — can be your efficiency. These powers work with the one who
1061 gives himself unreservedly to God. The strength of heaven is at the
1062 command of God’s believing ones. The man who makes God His trust
1063 is barricaded by an impregnable wall.” Letter 1, 1904.2.

1064 • Heavenly powers

1065 “Well, now, that is, if you maintain your baptismal vows. Here was a
1066 contract made with God. We were baptized in the name of **the Father,**
1067 **and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**, and the contract was made
1068 with God that these **three great heavenly powers** would be with us,
1069 to help us at every step, if we will unite with these powers to be
1070 helped.” Manuscript 192, 1903.22.

1071 • These powers

1072 “This is the work to be done in every family. Parents, your neglect to
1073 do this work will be revealed in the characters of your children and in
1074 your own relation to the church. You have pledged yourself to fulfill
1075 your obligations to your children, and the fact that you have been
1076 baptized in the name of **the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit** is
1077 an assurance that **these powers** will help you in every emergency, if
1078 you will claim their help.” Manuscript 70, 1900.8.

1079 “The baptism took place in the name of **the Father and of the Son**
1080 **and of the Holy Ghost, the three great powers in heaven. These**
1081 **powers** we have taken hold of.” Manuscript 182, 1907.10.

1082 • Three highest powers of heaven

1083 “Have you been baptized in these names? These **three highest powers**
1084 **in heaven** are pledged to you if you have died unto sin, been buried
1085 with Christ in baptism, and rise, to live just the same life you did
1086 before? No,—in newness of life. **These powers** are pledged and they
1087 will never fail one of you. You can just as surely and utterly rely upon
1088 **these powers** when you are downcast. And when you are oppressed,
1089 you may remember that pledge—**the three highest powers of**
1090 **heaven**—that you need not obey the world; you need not follow their
1091 fashions; you need not be corrupted with their society.” Manuscript
1092 191, 1905.20.

1093 • Three great Worthies

1094 “Here is **where the work of the Holy Ghost comes in**, after your
1095 baptism. You are baptized in the name of **the Father, of the Son, and**
1096 **of the Holy Ghost**. You are raised up out of the water to live
1097 henceforth in newness of life—to live a new life. You are born unto
1098 God, and you stand under the sanction and the power of **the three**
1099 **holiest Beings in heaven**, who are able to keep you from falling. You
1100 are to reveal that you are dead to sin; your life is hid with Christ in
1101 God. Hidden “with Christ in God”—wonderful transformation. This is
1102 a most precious promise. When I feel oppressed and hardly know how
1103 to relate myself toward the work that God has given me to do, **I just**
1104 **call upon the three great Worthies, and say: You know I cannot do**
1105 **this work in my own strength. You must work in me, and by me,**
1106 **and through me**, sanctifying my tongue, sanctifying my spirit,
1107 sanctifying my words, and bringing me into a position where my spirit
1108 shall be susceptible to the movings of the Holy Spirit of God upon my
1109 mind and character. And **this is the prayer that every one of us may**
1110 **offer.** *Sermons and Talks*, Vol. 1, 367.3.

1111 • Three highest powers in the universe

1112 The presence of **the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three**
1113 **highest powers in the universe**, and those in whose name the believer
1114 is baptized, is pledged to be with every striving soul. They will impart
1115 grace and strength to all who will watch unto prayer, to all who will
1116 purify the soul by obedience to the truth. And they will make the
1117 believer instrumental in leading other souls to accept Christ by faith.
1118 Manuscript 67. 1908.4.

1119 “The Lord has pledged himself to make his name a praise in the earth.
1120 What power he has promised to all who will work in co-operation with
1121 heaven! The **three highest powers in the universe** are pledged to
1122 labor with those who will seek to save the lost.” *Review and Herald*,
1123 August 12, 1909, par. 3.

1124 • Three great heavenly powers

1125 “The world has no claim to our service; for by a solemn, holy
1126 covenant we accepted God’s badge of service at the time of our
1127 baptism. On that occasion we pledged ourselves, in the presence of
1128 **the three great heavenly Powers**, to come out from the world and be
1129 separate.” Manuscript 130, 1902.15.

1130 “Now, every soul that claims to believe in Christ is to be a partaker of
1131 the divine nature, His nature which they accepted when they were led
1132 down into the water, when they were baptized in the name of **the**

1133 **Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.** What does that
1134 mean? They have extended their service. They here were led down
1135 into the water, and **three great heavenly powers** were vouched to
1136 care for them, to work for them, if they carry out the principles, come
1137 out from the world and be separate, and do not be just as they were
1138 before they professed to be followers of Christ. What evidence has He
1139 given you of the work that He requires every one of us to do?”
1140 Manuscript 186, 1907.7.

1141 • Three highest powers in heaven

1142 We are to co-operate with the **three highest powers in heaven—the**
1143 **Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**; and these powers will work
1144 through us, making us workers together with God. Letter 253a,
1145 1903.18.

1146 “Have you been baptized in these names? These **three highest powers**
1147 **in heaven** are pledged to you if you have died unto sin, been buried
1148 with Christ in baptism, and rise, to live just the same life you did
1149 before? No,—in newness of life. **These powers** are pledged and they
1150 will never fail one of you. You can just as surely and utterly rely upon
1151 **these powers** when you are downcast. And when you are oppressed,
1152 you may remember that pledge—**the three highest powers of**
1153 **heaven**—that you need not obey the world; you need not follow their
1154 fashions; you need not be corrupted with their society.” Manuscript
1155 191, 1905.20.

1156 • Heavenly agencies

1157 “Those who come out of the world in spirit and in all practice may
1158 regard themselves as sons and daughters of God. They may believe
1159 His word as a child believes every word of his parents. Every promise
1160 is sure to him that believes. Those who unite with **the Father, the**
1161 **Son, and the Holy Spirit**, who show by their lives that they are no
1162 longer following the course they followed before they united with
1163 these divine instrumentalities, will receive wisdom from above. They
1164 will not depend on human wisdom. In order to deal righteously with
1165 the world, as members of the royal family, children of the heavenly
1166 King, Christians must feel their need of a power which comes only
1167 from **the heavenly agencies** who have pledged themselves to work in
1168 their behalf. After we have formed a union with the **great threefold**
1169 **power**, we shall regard our duty toward the members of God’s family
1170 with a much more sacred awe than we have ever done before.”
1171 Manuscript 11, 1901.8.

1172 • Three great Worthies in heaven

1173 “When you went down into the water and were baptized in the name
1174 of the **three great Worthies in heaven**, you professed to be dead unto
1175 the world. As a solemn token of your profession of faith, you were laid
1176 under the water, in the sight of the heavenly universe, and were
1177 baptized in the name of **the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy**
1178 **Ghost**. At that time, the apostle declares, “Ye are dead, and your life is
1179 hid”—where?—“with Christ in God.” [Colossians 3:3.] He who
1180 chooses to have a living connection with our Saviour will have a
1181 living connection with our God; and he will exemplify the spirit of
1182 Christ in life and character.” Manuscript 145, 1906.12.

1183 • Three mighty powers

1184 “Our pledge was to not sin against God. And the pledge, the baptism
1185 in the name of **the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**,
1186 commits every soul that enters the family of God, that binds up with
1187 Jesus Christ, that in every perplexity **they have a Father; they have**
1188 **the Son, and the Holy Ghost—the three mighty powers of heaven**.
1189 If they call upon God, He will help them in every emergency.”
1190 Manuscript 229, 1902.23.

1191 “Give us power to be baptized in the name of **the Father, and of the**
1192 **Son, and of the Holy Ghost**. And there with these **three mighty**
1193 **powers** promised, how can our faith be a nonentity, how can our faith
1194 be feeble and weak?” Manuscript 142. 1906.50.

1195 • Three great infinite powers

1196 “Christ has given you a work to do. His commission is, Go through
1197 and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of **the**
1198 **Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**. Before the disciples
1199 shall compass the threshold, there is to be the imprint of the sacred
1200 name, baptizing the believers in **the name of the threefold powers in**
1201 **the heavenly world**. The human mind is impressed in this ceremony,
1202 the beginning of the Christian life. It means very much. The work of
1203 salvation is not a small matter, but so vast that **the highest authorities**
1204 are taken hold of by the expressed faith of the human agency. **The**
1205 **Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the eternal Godhead** is
1206 involved in the action required to make assurance to the human agent
1207 to unite all heaven to contribute to the exercise of human faculties to
1208 reach and embrace the fulness of the **threefold powers** to unite in the

1209 great work appointed, confederating **the heavenly powers** with the
1210 human, that men may become, through heavenly efficiency, partakers
1211 of the divine nature and workers together with Christ.” Manuscript 45,
1212 1904.16.

1213 • Three great, infinite powers²⁵

1214 “Have you thought of what this means to us;—that in this prayer is
1215 included every son and daughter of Adam, who will believe in Christ
1216 as a personal Saviour, and take the requisite steps in repentance,
1217 conversion, faith, and baptism? We are baptized in the name of **the**
1218 **Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three great, infinite**
1219 **powers** are unitedly pledged to work in our behalf if we will co-
1220 operate with them.” *General Conference Bulletin*, April 4, 1901, Art.
1221 A, par. 16.

1222 • Divine instrumentalities

1223 “Those who come out of the world in spirit and in all practice may
1224 regard themselves as sons and daughters of God. They may believe
1225 His word as a child believes every word of his parents. Every promise
1226 is sure to him that believes. Those who unite with **the Father, the**
1227 **Son, and the Holy Spirit**, who show by their lives that they are no
1228 longer following the course they followed before they united with
1229 these **divine instrumentalities**, will receive wisdom from above. They
1230 will not depend on human wisdom. In order to deal righteously with
1231 the world, as members of the royal family, children of the heavenly
1232 King, Christians must feel their need of a power which comes only
1233 from **the heavenly agencies** who have pledged themselves to work in
1234 their behalf. After we have formed a union with the **great threefold**
1235 **power**, we shall regard our duty toward the members of God’s family
1236 with a much more sacred awe than we have ever done before.”
1237 Manuscript 11, 1901.8.

1238 • Threefold powers

1239 “The **Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the eternal Godhead** is
1240 involved in the action required to make assurance to the human agent
1241 to unite all heaven to contribute to the exercise of human faculties to
1242 reach and embrace the fulness of the threefold powers to unite in the
1243 great work appointed, confederating **the heavenly powers** with the

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.

1244 human, that men may become, through heavenly efficiency, partakers
1245 of the divine nature and workers together with Christ.” Manuscript 45,
1246 1904.16.

1247 • Heavenly Trio

1248 “The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to
1249 heaven, is the Spirit in all the fulness of the Godhead, making manifest
1250 the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a
1251 personal Saviour. There are **three living persons of the heavenly**
1252 **trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son,**
1253 **and the Holy Spirit**—those who receive Christ by living faith are
1254 baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects
1255 of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ.” Manuscript 21,
1256 1906.11.

1257 • Eternal Godhead

1258 “The work of salvation is not a small matter, but so vast that the
1259 highest authorities are taken hold of by the expressed faith of the
1260 human agency. **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the**
1261 **eternal Godhead** is involved in the action required to make assurance
1262 to the human agent to unite all heaven to contribute to the exercise of
1263 human faculties to reach and embrace the fulness of **the threefold**
1264 **powers** to unite in the great work appointed, confederating the
1265 heavenly powers with the human, that men may become, through
1266 heavenly efficiency, partakers of the divine nature and workers
1267 together with Christ.” Manuscript 45, 1904.16.

1268 • Eternal heavenly dignitaries

1269 “Christ tells them they were to fight in fellowship with all the children
1270 of light; that satanic agencies would combine their forces to extinguish
1271 the light of the life of Christ out of their ranks. But they were not left
1272 to fight the battles in their own human strength; that the angelic host
1273 coming as ministers of God would be in that battle, and also there
1274 would be **the eternal heavenly dignitaries—God, and Christ, and**
1275 **the Holy Spirit**—arming them with more than mortal energy, and
1276 [who] would advance with them to the work, and convince the world
1277 of sin. Manuscript 130, 1901.52.

1278 • Powers infinite and omniscient

1279 “The **Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, powers infinite and**
1280 **omniscient**, receive those who truly enter into covenant relation with

1281 God.” Manuscript 27a, 1900.10.

1282 • The name of God and of Christ and of the Holy Spirit

1283 The **heavenly powers** have pledged themselves to minister to human
1284 agents to make the name of **God and of Christ and of the Holy**
1285 **Spirit** their living efficiency, working and energizing the sanctified
1286 man, to make this name above every other name. All the treasures of
1287 heaven are under obligation to do for man infinitely more than human
1288 beings can comprehend by multiplying threefold the human with the
1289 heavenly agencies. Manuscript 45, 1904.17.

1290 • Three dignitaries and powers of heaven

1291 “We are not to think that as soon as we are baptized we are ready to
1292 graduate from the school of Christ. When we have accepted Christ,
1293 and in the name of **the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy**
1294 **Spirit have pledged ourselves to serve God, the Father, Christ, and**
1295 **the Holy Spirit—the three dignitaries and powers of heaven—**
1296 pledge themselves that every facility shall be given to us if we carry
1297 out our baptismal vows to “come out from among them, and be ...
1298 separate, ... and touch not the unclean thing.” When we are true to our
1299 vows, He says, “I will receive you.” [2 Corinthians 6:17.] Manuscript
1300 85, 1901.4.

1301 • Three distinct agencies

1302 **Three distinct agencies, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,**
1303 work together for human beings. They are united in the work of
1304 making the church on earth like the church in heaven.” Manuscript
1305 27a. 1900.22.

1306 • Three great agencies

1307 By our baptismal pledge we avouched and solemnly confessed the
1308 Lord Jehovah as our Ruler. We virtually took a solemn oath, in the
1309 name of **the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,** that
1310 henceforth our lives would be merged into the life of **these three**
1311 **great agencies,** that the life we should live in the flesh would be lived
1312 in faithful obedience to God’s sacred law.” Manuscript 67, 1907.12.

1313 • Three great and glorious heavenly characters

1314 “The **three great and glorious heavenly characters** are present on
1315 the occasion of baptism. All the human capabilities are to be
1316 henceforth consecrated powers to do service for God in representing
1317 **the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost** upon whom they depend.

1318 **All heaven is represented by these three in covenant relation** with
1319 the new life. “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things that are
1320 above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.” [Colossians
1321 3:1.]” Manuscript 45, 1904.18.

1322 • Three great authorities of heaven

1323 “When you gave yourself up to die to the world, you were baptized in
1324 the name of **the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. The**
1325 **three great authorities of heaven** that are pledged, pledged to be
1326 with you, will carry you through the temptations and trials that there
1327 are in this life, if you will only be obedient.” Manuscript 177, 1907.15.

1328 • Three great individual agencies

1329 “At the baptismal ceremony we virtually take a most solemn oath in
1330 the name of **the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost**, that
1331 henceforth our lives will be merged into the life of these **three great**
1332 **individual Agencies**; that the life we now live in the flesh we will live
1333 in faithful obedience to God’s sacred and holy law, keeping all His
1334 statutes and His commandments; that we will live in newness of life as
1335 men and women having a new birth unto God.” Manuscript 68,
1336 1900.12.

1337 • Three great instrumentalities of heaven

1338 “Christ is the greatest Teacher the world has ever known. From Him
1339 teachers must learn what to teach, that by their lessons they may show
1340 that they are striving to answer His prayer. The fruits of His rich grace
1341 will appear as they receive His glory, or character. Their unity will be
1342 complete. Their lives, hid with Christ in God, will be made perfect in
1343 one. The excellence of **the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit** will
1344 appear in them as, in conformity with their baptismal vows, they give
1345 themselves to obedience to God’s will. The Redeemer gives them the
1346 glory given to Him. The **three great Instrumentalities of heaven** co-
1347 operate for their complete and perfect unity, that the world may see in
1348 their lives the fruit of heaven and the excellence of the principles of
1349 truth.” Manuscript 11, 1901.19.

1350 • Three great personal dignitaries of heaven

1351 We are to “hold fast” and live up to all the light we receive from
1352 heaven. Why? Because God wants us to grasp the eternal truth, and act
1353 as His helping hand by communicating the light to those who are not
1354 acquainted with His love for them. When you gave yourself to Christ,

1355 you made a pledge in the presence of **the Father, the Son, and the**
1356 **Holy Spirit—the three great personal dignitaries of heaven.** “Hold
1357 fast” to this pledge. Manuscript 92, 1901.5.

1358 • Three great personal powers

1359 “All power” are the words used to show the authority of Jesus Christ.
1360 “Is given unto me,” as Mediator between God and man. “Teach all
1361 nations,” for the purpose of persuading them to become My disciples.
1362 “Baptizing them in the name of **the Father, and of the Son, and of**
1363 **the Holy Ghost—the three great personal powers, the authorities**
1364 **of heaven.** “And, lo, I am with you,” in the work—to guide you, to
1365 comfort you, to sanctify and sustain you in this aggressive warfare; to
1366 render you successful in bringing many souls to acknowledge the
1367 truth, confessing their sins. Letter 205, 1901.8.

1368 • Three highest authorities in the universe

1369 Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass
1370 from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one
1371 of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be
1372 called the least in the kingdom of heaven (by the Father, the Son, and
1373 the Holy Ghost): but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same
1374 shall be called great (**by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost**) in
1375 **the kingdom of heaven.**” [Verses 17-19.] **The three highest**
1376 **authorities in the universe,** with all the heavenly family, shall call
1377 great, in the fullest sense of the term, those who do and teach the
1378 commandments of our heavenly Father. Manuscript 129, 1907.28.

1379 • Three highest authorities of the heavenly courts

1380 We took our baptismal vows in the presence of the **three highest**
1381 **authorities of the heavenly courts—the Father, the Son, and the**
1382 **Holy Ghost.** We solemnly pledged ourselves before all Heaven to die
1383 to sin and to walk in newness of life.” [Verses 1-4.] Manuscript 87,
1384 1902.36.

1385 • Three holiest beings in heaven

1386 “Here is **where the work of the Holy Ghost comes in,** after your
1387 baptism. You are baptized in the name of **the Father, of the Son, and**
1388 **of the Holy Ghost.** You are raised up out of the water to live
1389 henceforth in newness of life—to live a new life. You are born unto
1390 God, and you stand under the sanction and the power of **the three**
1391 **holiest Beings in heaven,** who are able to keep you from falling.

1392 *Sermons and Talks*, Vol. 1, 367.3.

1393 • Three holy dignitaries of heaven

1394 “**The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three holy**
1395 **dignitaries of heaven**, have declared that they will strengthen men to
1396 overcome the powers of darkness. All the facilities of heaven are
1397 pledged to those who by their baptismal vows have entered into a
1398 covenant with God. Manuscript 92. 1901.26.

1399 • Three Personalities

1400 When you baptize them, and you see that they are in error in any
1401 respect, do you, any one of you that feel that you have a message from
1402 God, go to them kindly, and tell them, between them and you alone,
1403 where their trouble is, and where their difficulties will come in unless
1404 they change the course of their action? This is the work that is to rest
1405 upon us. And then what? Why, it says, “Baptizing them in the name of
1406 **the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.**” [Verse 19.]
1407 **Three personalities; and these three personalities** are the pledged
1408 power from God that His people shall have, if they have been baptized
1409 in the name of **the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.**
1410 Now there is no excuse for souls to be left in ignorance and weakness
1411 if they will be gospel believers, if they will carry out these principles,
1412 and know that **the three great Worthies, the Powers in heaven**, are
1413 pledged to the church of God that will work in harmony with Christ’s
1414 teachings. Manuscript 139, 1906.15.

1415 • Three representative powers of the Godhead

1416 Before that Gift could be bestowed, the Church of heaven was stirred
1417 to its unfathomable depths. Of all His infinite resources, God gave the
1418 whole. **The three representative powers of the Godhead, the**
1419 **Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**, were pledged to carry out
1420 God’s plan for the salvation of the lost race. Thus fully did the Lord
1421 engage the heavenly universe in the work of redemption. How few
1422 understand and appreciate this infinite sacrifice! Manuscript 139.
1423 1907.10.

1424 • Threefold powers in heaven

1425 “Let it into your soul. It is all waiting to take possession of the heart.
1426 **The threefold powers in heaven** are waiting to lift up for you a
1427 standard against the enemy, as you draw nigh to God in humble
1428 prayer, and let your petition take right hold of the Mighty One.

1429 Manuscript 229. 1902.41.

1430 • Threefold powers in the heavenly world

1431 Christ has given you a work to do. His commission is, Go through and
1432 make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of **the**
1433 **Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**. Before the disciples
1434 shall compass the threshold, there is to be the imprint of the sacred
1435 name, baptizing the believers in **the name of the threefold powers in**
1436 **the heavenly world**. The human mind is impressed in this ceremony,
1437 the beginning of the Christian life. It means very much. The work of
1438 salvation is not a small matter, but so vast that the highest authorities
1439 are taken hold of by the expressed faith of the human agency. **The**
1440 **Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the eternal Godhead** is
1441 involved in the action required to make assurance to the human agent
1442 to unite all heaven to contribute to the exercise of human faculties to
1443 reach and embrace the fulness of the **threefold powers** to unite in the
1444 great work appointed, confederating **the heavenly powers** with the
1445 human, that men may become, through heavenly efficiency, partakers
1446 of the divine nature and workers together with Christ. Manuscript 45.
1447 1904.16.

1448 *Quotations on the Holy Spirit*

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

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

1454 • The Holy Spirit is a person.

1455 “The Holy Spirit always leads to the written Word. The Holy Spirit is
1456 a person; for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the
1457 children of God. When this witness is borne, it carries with it its own
1458 evidence.” White, Manuscript 10, 1906, 31. The Holy Spirit has a
1459 personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our
1460 spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine
1461 person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the
1462 mind of God. ‘For what man knoweth the things of a man save the
1463 spirit of man, which is in him; even so the things of God knoweth no
1464 man, but the Spirit of God.’” Manuscript 10, 1906, 32.

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

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

1478 *Appendices*

1479 *Actions Manifesting the Personhood of the Holy Spirit*

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

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

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

1493 • The Holy Spirit was intimately involved in Christ's earthly mission.
1494 Matthew 1:20 "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel
1495 of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of
1496 David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is
1497 conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

1498 Matthew 3:16 "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway
1499 out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he

1500 saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him.”

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

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

1505 Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the
1506 dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also
1507 quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

1508 Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
1509 and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were
1510 oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

1511 • The Holy Spirit appointed workers.

1512 Acts 13:2 “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost
1513 said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have
1514 called them.”

1515 Acts 20:28 “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock,
1516 over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the
1517 church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

1518 • The Holy Spirit directed the believers.

1519 Acts 8:29 “Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself
1520 to this chariot.”

1521 Acts 11:12 “And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting.
1522 Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the
1523 man's house.”

1524 1 Corinthians 6:19 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple
1525 of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are
1526 not your own?”

1527 • The Holy Spirit warned of things to come.

1528 Luke 2:26-27 “And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that
1529 he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And
1530 he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in
1531 the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.”

1532 Acts 1:16 “Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been
1533 fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before
1534 concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.”

1535 Acts 20:22-23 “And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto

1536 Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 Save
1537 that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and
1538 afflictions abide me.”

1539 Acts 21:11 “And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and
1540 bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So
1541 shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and
1542 shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

1543 • The Holy Spirit gave theological direction.

1544 Acts 15:28 “For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay
1545 upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.”

1546 • The Holy Spirit instructed.

1547 John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the
1548 Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
1549 all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

1550 Hebrews 3:7 “Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will
1551 hear his voice.”

1552 Hebrews 9:8 “The Holy Ghost thus signifying, that the way into the
1553 holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle
1554 was yet standing.”

1555 • The Holy Spirit can be resisted.

1556 Acts 7:51 “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do
1557 always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.”

1558 • The Holy Spirit strove with human beings.

1559 Genesis 6:3 (NKJV) “And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive
1560 with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one
1561 hundred and twenty years.”

1562 • The Holy Spirit can be lied to and tempted.

1563 Acts 5:3,4,9 “Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to
1564 lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
1565 Whilst it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it
1566 not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine
1567 heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. 9 Then Peter said ...
1568 How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?

1569 • The Holy Spirit can be grieved.

1570 Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye
1571 are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

1572 Hebrews 10:29 “Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he
1573 be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and
1574 hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified,
1575 an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?”

1576 • The Holy Spirit intercedes for us.

1577 Romans 8:26 (NKJV) 26 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our
1578 weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we
1579 ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings
1580 which cannot be uttered.”

1581 • The Holy Spirit dispenses gifts.

1582 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same
1583 Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same
1584 Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God
1585 which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given
1586 to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the
1587 word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
1588 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by
1589 the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another
1590 prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of
1591 tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these
1592 worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man
1593 severally as he will.”

1594 • Believers are baptized into His name.

1595 Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them
1596 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

1597 • There is a “communion” with the Holy Spirit.

1598 2 Cor. 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
1599 and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”

1600 • The Holy Spirit claims our bodies as His temple.

1601 1 Corinthians 6:19 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple
1602 of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are
1603 not your own?”

1604 • Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven.

1605 Matthew 12:31-32 “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and
1606 blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the
1607 Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever
1608 speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but

1609 whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven
1610 him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”
1611 Mark 3:29 “But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath
1612 never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.”²⁶

1613 *Actions Manifesting the Deity of the Holy Spirit*

1614 *Here are the verses revealing activities that only a God could perform.*

1615 • The Holy Spirit was involved in creation.

1616 Genesis 1:2 “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness
1617 was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the
1618 face of the waters.”

1619 Psalms 33:6 “By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all
1620 the host of them by the breath of his mouth.” [*ruach* = *spirit*]

1621 Psalms 104:30 (NKJV) “You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
1622 And You renew the face of the earth.”

1623 • The Holy Spirit is the author of faith.

1624 John 3:3-8 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say
1625 unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of
1626 God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is
1627 old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be
1628 born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man
1629 be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of
1630 God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born
1631 of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be
1632 born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou the sound
1633 thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is
1634 every one that is born of the Spirit.”

1635 • The Holy Spirit instructs and brings to remembrance the teachings of
1636 Christ.

1637 John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the
1638 Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
1639 all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

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.

1640 • The Holy Spirit has advanced knowledge.

1641 Acts 11:27-28 “And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto
1642 Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and
1643 signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all
1644 the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.”

1645 Acts 21:11 “And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and
1646 bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So
1647 shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and
1648 shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”

1649 • The Holy Spirit brings about supernatural attributes.

1650 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the
1651 Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face
1652 beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the
1653 same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

1654 Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
1655 longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance:
1656 against such there is no law.”

1657 Ephesians 5:9 “(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and
1658 righteousness and truth:).”

1659 • The Holy Spirit enabled supernatural utterance.

1660 Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to
1661 speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

1662 Acts 4:29-31 “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant
1663 unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30
1664 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may
1665 be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had
1666 prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together;
1667 and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word
1668 of God with boldness.”

1669 • The Holy Spirit enabled supernatural signs and wonders.

1670 Acts 2:43 “And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and
1671 signs were done by the apostles.”

1672 • The Holy Spirit inspired the writing of the Scriptures.

1673 2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is
1674 profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in
1675 righteousness.”

1676 2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of

1677 man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy
1678 Ghost.”

1679 • The Holy Spirit may be blasphemed.

1680 Matthew 12:31-32 “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and
1681 blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the
1682 Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever
1683 speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but
1684 whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven
1685 him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”

1686 • The Holy Spirit seals.

1687 Ephesians 1:13-14 “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the
1688 word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye
1689 believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is
1690 the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased
1691 possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

1692 *The Holy Spirit is a Real Person*

1693 *In the following paragraphs I respond to assertions that the Holy*
1694 *Spirit is only a spiritual manifestation of Christ or the presence of*
1695 *Christ. There is strong evidence against either assertion, as you will*
1696 *discover below.—Dan*

1697 There are unfortunate suggestions being circulated these days, that the
1698 Holy Spirit is only a “spiritual manifestation” of Jesus, and a “third
1699 personification of divine power.” This study of the Holy Spirit has
1700 hopefully made it abundantly clear that, the Holy Spirit is a real
1701 Person, that the Holy Spirit revealed Himself as a Person and Deity
1702 throughout the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the
1703 Godhead and that we are living in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit!

1704 The idea of “spiritual manifestation” and “third personification” are
1705 not found in the Scriptures or in the writings of Ellen White. An
1706 exhaustive study on this very topic was made by Denis Kaiser, a
1707 professor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.
1708 Looking at Mrs. White’s use of the words personify, personified,
1709 personifies, personification, personate, personating, personation,
1710 personality, having a personality, being a personality, there was not
1711 even one instance where the Father or Christ are manifesting
1712 themselves through the Holy Spirit in the manner being suggested! In
1713 all cases the Father, Christ and the Holy Spirit are distinct Persons

1714 with distinct personalities.

1715 Regarding the idea that the Holy Spirit is only the presence of Christ,
1716 while it is true that Christ's presence dwells within us, that indwelling
1717 is *through* the instrumentality and presence of the Holy Spirit! There
1718 are numerous statements on the presence and agency of the Holy
1719 Spirit that negate the suggestions being made in this regard. Notice the
1720 following:

1721 "Paul realized that his sufficiency was not in himself, but in the
1722 presence of the Holy Spirit, whose gracious influence filled his heart,
1723 bringing every thought into subjection to Christ." *The Acts of the*
1724 *Apostles*, 251.

1725 "Shall we bear in mind that the presence of the Holy Spirit with us in
1726 the bed chamber, in the family circle, in the most difficult places we
1727 pass through, is shielding us from the shafts of the enemy, constantly
1728 counterworking his devisings, and carrying forward His work as a
1729 reprover of sin, imparting and impressing the mind with the words of
1730 Christ, bringing all things to our remembrance, that He may restore
1731 the moral image of God in man. We need to dwell more constantly and
1732 earnestly upon the grace of the Holy Spirit. This we do not discern
1733 with our natural eyes, yet by faith we see its office work, and we
1734 cannot render to God supreme love and honor if we do not recognize
1735 the Holy Spirit which the Lord sends. The Holy Spirit represents Jesus
1736 Christ. He is our refuge unto whom we can run and be safe. He is
1737 always present with the human agent." Manuscript 59, 1900.34.

1738 *Final Thoughts*

1739 • To reject the Holy Spirit is the sin that surpass all others.
1740 "To reject the Holy Spirit, through whose power we conquer the forces
1741 of evil, is the sin that surpasses all others; for it cuts us off from the
1742 source of our power,—from Christ and communion with him." *Review*
1743 *and Herald*, August 25, 1896, par. 11.

1744 • We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1745 “We need to pray as we have never prayed before for the baptism of
1746 the Holy Spirit; for if ever there was a time when we needed this
1747 baptism, it is now. There is nothing the Lord has more frequently told
1748 us He would bestow upon us, and nothing He would be more glorified
1749 in bestowing, than the Holy Spirit.” *Signs of the Times*, October 11,
1750 1899 par. 12.

1751 • God is anxious to give the Holy Spirit to His children.
1752 Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto
1753 your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the
1754 Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

1755 • We will worship the Holy Spirit, along with the Father and Christ, up
1756 in heaven.

1757 “As the saints in the kingdom of God are accepted in the beloved, they
1758 hear: “Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared
1759 for you from the foundation of the world.” [Matthew 25:34.] And then
1760 the golden harps are touched, and the music flows all through the
1761 heavenly host, and they fall down and worship the Father and the Son
1762 and the Holy Spirit.” Manuscript 139, 1906.32.

1763 • We cannot honor God if we do not honor the Holy Spirit.
1764 “We cannot render to God supreme love and honor if we do not
1765 recognize the Holy Spirit which the Lord sends. The Holy Spirit
1766 represents Jesus Christ. He is our refuge unto whom we can run and be
1767 safe. He is always present with the human agent.” Manuscript 59
1768 1900.34.

1769 • Responding
1770 Acts 9:5-6 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am
1771 Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the
1772 pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou
1773 have me to do?”

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