

Another Jesus – Imad Awde

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If you look around the world today, you find that many gods are being worshipped. The Christian God is not the only God that is being worshipped. Some worship idols, others worship the sun, the moon, cows, and various things. Satan has brought in a lot of confusion as to who or what is to be worshipped.

Who are we to worship as Christians? Confusion about worship, is not only limited to the world and those who worship idols, sun, moon, cows, etc., but there is confusion among Christians as to who we are to worship. When you ask people from various denominations who they worship, there are different answers as to the God they worship. And sometimes there is more than one God worshipped in a single denomination.

What was Satan's claim when he was in heaven? What did he want? Isaiah 14:13, 14 **“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”** Satan wanted to be like the Most High who is worshipped. Satan, as Lucifer wanted worship so much, that he risked his position in heaven to receive it; but as we all know, his plan backfired. Instead of receiving worship upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north; he was kicked out of heaven. Now, if Satan risked his position in heaven to receive worship; do you think he still desires it today? Of course, he does.

Now, the Bible tells us that in the end-time the whole world wonders after the beast. And the whole world will actually be worshipping who? The dragon. And who is the dragon? It is Satan, the old serpent, the devil. So, the Bible has told us, as written by John, the whole world will be worshipping the beast, which means the whole world will be worshipping Satan. When you think about it, these are scary words. The whole world will worship Satan. Could the whole world include you and could it include me?

Whatever religion outside of Christianity, that worships animals and things, for the most part, are already worshipping Satan. So, Satan is receiving worship through deception. Now, if Satan were to come to you today and say, 'I am Satan, worship me.' What would you do? You certainly would not worship him. But the Bible says the whole world wondered after the beast. There is about 7.7 billion people alive today. Do you know how many of those are Christians? Currently about 2.3 billion people in these last days are Christians. When John was taken in vision to our time, do you think he just missed 2.3 billion people? When he said the whole world, he didn't see 1/3 of the world? Obviously, the number of those who were faithful to God, was so small, that John could not see them. 2.3 billion; where does that place us?

The first thing we know about this deception, that Satan will bring is about worship. Deception about worship is going to lead people to full worship. The deception is so great that the Bible says God will cut the time short for the elect's sake.

How can Satan deceive Christians into worshipping him? How about if he uses some Biblical terminology and Biblical theology and come up with a concoction of a doctrine that the end result of it would be worshipping Satan. He doesn't have to tell you don't worship Jesus; you can worship Jesus. He just gives you another Jesus.

Many Christians today, are looking at a name, Jesus, and they are worshipping it. They are not looking at the doctrine that's bringing this Jesus in. Is it really Jesus?

Mark 13:22 is a warning from Christ, **“For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if [it were] possible, even the elect.”** So, deception will be so strong that it almost deceives the elect.

Paul gives a warning that God inspired for him to write and it has special application today. 2 Corinthians 11:3, 4 **“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. (4) For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or [if] ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with [him].”** So, Paul is showing concern for God’s people. He is saying I am worried that someone is going to come and preach another Jesus than the one I have preached to you. And give you another spirit other than the one you had already received. And another gospel than the one you have received, so you might as well bear with him. That is very scary.

He didn’t say he was going to give you something you never heard of to worship, no, he’s going to give you another Jesus. You know about Jesus; well this will be another Jesus. Same name, but it’s a different Jesus.

It’s very interesting that Paul says another Jesus, another spirit. He doesn’t say another Father. The reality is that every Christian in the world agrees on God the Father. Digging further into the belief, there is varied understanding on who Jesus is and who the Spirit is. But everybody agrees on God the Father.

In which way will Satan introduce another Jesus, and in which way will Satan introduce another spirit, and how will that bring in another gospel that the Corinthians had not received? Now notice, he says another Jesus whom we have not preached. So, all you have to do is find out which Jesus Paul preached, then you would know the fake Jesus from the Jesus Paul preached. Or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received. So, if we look at what spirit the Corinthians received, what spirit the Christians back then received; and when we see the genuine, we’ll be able to see what the counterfeit is.

So, we need to take it one step at a time and we’ll look mostly at verses to the Corinthians. However, the first verse we will look at is in Acts. This is after Paul met Jesus outside the gates of Damascus and was blinded, and later received his sight. He understood his calling and when he was ready to preach. Acts 9:20 says, **“And straightway he peached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.”** Who is the Jesus Paul preached? The Son of God. Now look at what he said to the Corinthians, 1 Corinthians 1:9, **“God [is] faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.”** God is faithful, unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ. The God of the Bible and Jesus is His Son.

2 Corinthians 1:19, **“For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, [even] by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.”** So, who was Jesus? The Son of God. It is clear that Paul was preaching to the Corinthians and everywhere that Jesus is the Son of God.

He is not god the son, He is the Son of God. God said if you add anything to the Word of God, or take anything away, you would be cursed. The Bible says He is the Son of God, not God the Son. Notice what else he told the Corinthians, 1 Corinthians 8:6, **“But to us [there is but] one God, the Father, of whom [are] all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom [are] all things, and we by him.”** So, when Paul taught the Godhead to the Corinthians, how many Gods did he preach? He said we have ONE God the Father, of whom, meaning He is the source of all things, and we have how many Lords? One Lord. Who is He? Jesus Christ by whom are all things.

The Father is the source of all things, and He created all things by Jesus. One God the Father, and One Lord Jesus Christ. Notice what else he said in 1 Corinthians 11:3, **“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman [is] the man; and the head of Christ [is] God.”** The head of every man is who? Jesus Christ. The head of the woman is who? The man. The head of Christ is who? God. He is the Father and He is the head of Christ. We cannot say the God of the Bible is Jesus Christ. Paul never taught that. Jesus Christ is the Son of the

God of the Bible. Yes, Jesus is God and He is Divine by His birth, that is not being denied, but we are reading what Paul taught.

What we have read is what Paul taught, He said the God of the Bible is the Father, the God of the Bible is the head of Christ, and Christ is the Son of God. Let us read another verse, 2 Corinthians 1:3, **“Blessed [be] God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;”** Who is God? The Father. The Father of who? Jesus Christ. Who is Jesus Christ? The Son of God. All these scripture verses are showing us what Paul preached to the Corinthians. And Paul was concerned that someone would come and preach another Jesus than the one he had preached to them. Paul preached to them a Jesus who is the Son of God.

Over and over Paul taught the Corinthians that the God of the Bible is the Father, and that Jesus is the Son of the God of the Bible. This is the real Jesus! He is the Son of God. So, who is this other Jesus that Paul was worried the Corinthians would accept?

We need to look at what other religions teach about Jesus. Islam teaches that Jesus was a prophet. He is just like Mohammed, he is just like Abraham, just like any other prophet, He is a prophet. There is a verse in the Koran that says god is not begotten, and he never begat. In other words, the Koran says God does not have a Son. They say Jesus was only a prophet.

Buddhism says Jesus was a wise and enlightened man who taught things similar to Buddha.

The Bahai faith says He is one of the manifestations of God, just like Moses, Buddha and Bahauallah were. He's not the Son of God, He's just one of the manifestations of God.

Hinduism says Jesus is just one of the thousands of gods that they have. He's not the Son of God, He's just one of the gods they have.

Judaism – They rejected Jesus as the Messiah, they said He was not the Son of God, and they killed Him.

These are other religions that recognize Jesus, but do they have the true Jesus, or do they have another Jesus? Another Jesus. How do you know? In the way you compare a counterfeit bill with a genuine to see if it is false. In the same way, you would compare any other Jesus with the Jesus Paul preached. In other words, you compare any other Jesus with the genuine.

The real Jesus is the Son of God, whereas the other Jesus in the other religions are not. He's a prophet, he's a wise and enlightened man, He's a manifestation of God or He's one of many gods. We are comparing the Biblical Jesus with all the other religions who acknowledge Jesus, but not according to the Word of God. Isaiah 8:20 **“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them.”** That is what we are doing in this study.

What about Christians, because Paul wrote his letter to Christians? He didn't write it to the other faiths named above, he wrote it to Christians, and he was worried they would accept another Jesus. What about other Christians today? Do they have another Jesus, or do they have the Jesus Paul preached? Well, the majority of Christian faiths in the world accept the *Athanasian Creed*. The following are highlights from the creed.

“... we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity; Neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father: another of the Son: another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal ... So the Father is God: the Son is God: and the Holy Ghost is God: and yet there are not three Gods; but one God. ... And in this Trinity none is before or after another: ... But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together and co-equal.”

The Athanasian Creed teaches about the Trinity doctrine and the Trinity doctrine is that which is saying there is one substance which is one god, and the one god is made of three Hypostasis {A Greek word}. This Greek word is invented and means the substance is more than a personality, but is less than a being, because you don't have three gods. If you have three beings, you would have three gods. But they tell you we don't have three gods; we have one god. It is this existence of a person or being or whatever you want to call it, {this Hypostasis}, and in this substance there are three of them, one is

the Father, one is the Son, and one is the Holy Ghost. The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is not the Father. Three of them, but not three gods. The three make up the one god; and they say they are co-eternal. What does that mean? No beginning, no end. As they said, none is before or after another. Sounds good?

Question: If the three are co-eternal, and none came before or after the others; then how could Jesus be the Son of God? We must use our brains and think about this. If the three are co-eternal; how could Jesus be a son? It is impossible. He is playing the role of a son. He has the title and position of a son; but He cannot be a real son because He is not younger than the Father. In order to be a son, He would have to come out of the Father, which the Scripture teaches. John 16:27, 28 “... **ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. (28) I came forth from the Father, ...**” Also, John 17:8 “**For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received [them], and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.** Also, in Proverbs 8:24 “**When [there were] no depths, I was brought forth; ...**” Jesus is speaking of His birth in eternity, long before creation.

So, according to the Athanasian Creed, Jesus could not possibly be the Son of God. The Jehovah’s Witnesses believe that Jesus was created, therefore He cannot be a Son of God; He would be a creature.

The Roman Catholic Church and the majority of the Protestant churches adhere to the Athanasian Creed, therefore, they believe in God the Son, and do not have the Son of God. Let us apply the same test to these churches that we previously applied to Islam, Buddhism, Bahai, Hinduism and Judaism. We tested their Jesus with the Jesus Paul preached and found out that they do not have the same Jesus that Paul preached, that Jesus is the Son of God. So, their Jesus was another Jesus that was false.

Now we will apply the acid test to all the Christian faiths who go by the Athanasian Creed. Paul preached that Jesus is the Son of God. But they believe that Jesus is a co-eternal god and did not come after the Father. He cannot therefore be the literal Son of God. He has the role of a son, the position of a son, and the title of a son, but He cannot be the real Son of God. Is this the Jesus Paul preached, or is it another Jesus? What do you think? It’s another Jesus. It’s not the Son of God, it’s god the son.

Now maybe we can say that the Catholics believe that, and the Protestants believe that, but we belong to the Remnant Church. So, what do the Seventh-day Adventist believe? First, we will look at what the original Seventh-day Adventists believed. Did they have the true Jesus, or did they have the false Jesus? What did Ellen White say? “**God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son.**” {8T 268.3} Who is Christ? The Son of God. Is this similar to what Paul preached? Yes.

John Nevin Andrews, “**As to the Son of God, he would be excluded also, for He had God for His Father, and did, at some point in the eternity of the past, have beginning of days.**” {RH September 7, 1869} The Jesus he worshipped had beginning of days, and He is the Son of God. He was excluded from those who never had a beginning. Is this Jesus the same Jesus as that Paul preached? Yes, He is the Son of God.

James Springer White, husband of Ellen White, “**The Father was greater than the Son in that He was first. The Son was equal with the Father in that He had received all things from the Father.**” So, who was first? The Father. In a true Father, Son relationship, it is only logical that the Father existed before the Son. That’s what they believed. Is it the same Jesus that Paul preached? It’s the same Jesus.

What about the Seventh-day Adventist Church today? Do they still have the same Jesus that Paul preached, or do they have another Jesus? The following is from the SDA General Conference website, Fundamental Belief #2:

“The Trinity #2 There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal Persons.”

Doesn't that sound like something we read before? The Athanasian Creed. When we read in 1 Corinthians 8:6, Paul said there were how many Gods? Did Paul say, 'but to us there is but one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit'? No, he said, **“But to us [there is but] one God, the Father, ...”** One God, and He is the Father. **“... and one Lord Jesus Christ, ...”** This church, the SDA church today is telling us that **“There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal Persons.**

In another place we read, **“The one God whom we worship is a unity of three Divine Persons.”** It's the same thing, expressed differently. Who said this? Pope John Paul II, New Orleans, Saturday, 12 September 1987.

According to the Athanasian Creed, the Roman Catholic Church and the SDA Church worship the same god.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church was called into existence, to call people out of Babylon. The fact that the SDA Church is worshipping the same god as Babylon, tells us there is something wrong with their system of belief, and it's up to you to decide.

There is an inconsistency here. The SDA Church was called into existence to call people out of Babylon, but they are worshipping the same god as the anti-Christ system. That doesn't add up. You call people out of a false system to worship the same god, just on a different day? So, does that mean the anti-Christ is worshipping the true god? He is ANTI – CHRIST.

The following statement is from the Biblical Research Institute, *Reflections* page 9, July 2008, Ekkeharder Mueller, **“We do not believe in three Gods but one God in three persons. These three personalities participate in one substance. In the divine unity there are three coeternal and coequal persons, who, though distinct, are the one undivided God.”**

So, the one undivided god is made up of three coeternal, coequal persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So, according to Mr. Mueller of the BRI, the one God of the Bible is not one Being, rather the one God of the Bible is a collection of three persons, that brings up this one being.

Notice what this pastor says, his name is Max Hatton. Some of you may have heard of him; he used to be the authority on the trinity doctrine in the Sydney Conference church in Australia. He wrote a couple of books on the trinity and commenting on a book about the trinity, written by Glynn Parfitt, titled, *“The Trinity What Has God Revealed”*, also a book about the trinity, that was promoting the trinity. Mack did not like the conclusion of the book. So, he said in his comments, *“We are left with no alternative than to accept that Jesus could not have become a literal son of God in eternity – He could not be His own son. He clearly accepted that role for the purposes of the plan of Redemption.”* P4

“Try to understand what this person is saying. This minister of the gospel is saying that Jesus could not be the Son of God in eternity. He just could not. He clearly accepted the role. When God sent His Son to die for you, God was not telling the truth. It's a role. Don't you understand, it's a metaphor. God really didn't have a son to give. It's a metaphor.” That's what this author is saying.

If what we read in John 3:16, in the second part of the verse where it says, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son ...”**, is only a metaphor, than what assures us that the first part of the verse, **“For God so loved the world ...”**, is not a metaphor as well?

Listen, God says what He means, and means what He says! When He said I love you so much that I gave you My Son, He meant that. He was not lying, He wasn't playing. God had a begotten Son and He made the choice of risking losing His Son forever, had His Son sinned, just to save you and me. That is how much God love us.

In another letter the same pastor wrote, *“Let me reiterate the teaching of Scripture, Jesus is Yahweh and therefore cannot be the literal son of Yahweh.”* P6

In scripture, Jesus said, **“I am the Son of God”** John 10:36

“He (Jesus) could not be His Son” Pr. Max Hatton.

Is this the Jesus Paul preached? **No.** How do you know? Because Paul preached that Jesus is the Son of God. This minister preaches a Jesus who cannot be the Son of God. He is preaching another Jesus.

This minister, in his book, advocates and promotes the Athanasian Creed, and he writes, we stand by that Creed.

In a face to face meeting that Imad and associates had with this minister, they declared, "But that Creed is Catholic!" To which the minister replied, "So, even though it is Catholic, does not mean it's wrong." And his belief in the Athanasian Creed, the trinity doctrine, led him to believe the logical conclusion that Jesus could not be the Son of God, because the Creed tells you that there are three co-eternals. You cannot harmonize that with the belief that Jesus is the Son of God. It just doesn't match up. Even though this man IS teaching ERROR, at least he is honest enough to tell you what he believes, and he is honest enough to follow the logical conclusion of his belief. Unlike many other people who believe what this man believes; but refuse to acknowledge what they believe. So loud and clear they tell you Jesus is not the Son of God.

Vance Ferrell wrote a book titled "Defending the Godhead." In this book he wrote on page 17, **“Christ has always been the Son of God; and there never was a time when He emerged from the Father.” That statement seems to solve all the problems about Christ’s Sonship.** The reason he could say that is because earlier in the book, page 7, he wrote, **“The problem here is that these names (Father, Son or Christ, and Holy Spirit) identify Their work, not Their nature.”** When you go back and read that Christ has always been the Son of God, what he is trying to tell us is that Christ has always worked at the title and position of the Son of God, but not His nature. He is not really the Son of God. So, when he says there never was a time when he emerged from the Father, he's telling us there never was a time when Jesus was begotten of the Father. What he is also trying to tell us is that Christ has always worked at this role as the Son of God, but He's not the real Son of God, because He never emerged from the Father. It's the role, the act that they have taken upon themselves, but not their nature. The reason we have taken the time to show you these things, is because the error is not only in the Conferences, but in the independent ministries as well.

So, the testing question for us that allows us to decide as to whether we have the true Jesus, or another Jesus is; Is Jesus the true Son of God or not? Paul preached the Jesus who is the true Son of God. All these religions we have talked about have another Jesus who is not the true Son of God.

In the same verse where Paul was worried the Corinthians would receive another Jesus, he also said, if you receive another spirit, which you have not received; what is this other spirit that they have not received? Let us consult Scripture. 1 Corinthians 3:16, **“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”** What Spirit? It is the Spirit of God, not another divine being called god the spirit. Your spirit is not another person to yourself, and God's Spirit is not another person to Himself. The Spirit of God is the Spirit the Corinthian believers received.

1 Corinthians 2:11, **“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”** In other words what Paul is saying is; 'The same relationship between man and his spirit, is the same relationship as between God and His Spirit.' No other man knows the things of the man, or what he is thinking on the inside, except the spirit of the man that is in him. Even so, in the same way, no one knows the things of God but the Spirit of God. But notice, it doesn't say which is in Him. It stops, because as human beings our spirit is limited to our physical body. But with God's Spirit, He can be physically on His throne in heaven, but by His Spirit, He can be with us today.

Matthew 18:20 **“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”** How does He come? By His Spirit.

If you look in the Scriptures, spirit means life. For example, when Jesus raised the ruler's daughter in Luke 8:55, **“And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.”** When the Bible says, when the spirit came again, her life came again,

and she came back to life. Spirit means what? Life. And in this understanding, that spirit means life, and the Spirit of God is the life of God, is the center and the foundation of righteousness by faith. Hear these words, you cannot understand the righteousness by faith message, without understanding who Jesus is and who the Spirit is. The whole doctrine of righteousness by faith, is built on the foundation that the Spirit you receive is the life of Christ. So, it is important to understand that the Spirit of God is the life of God and not another being called god the holy spirit. It is the Holy Spirit of God. It is holy because God is holy. Notice what else the Scripture says, 2 Corinthians 3:17 “ : **and where the Spirit of the Lord [is], there [is] liberty.**” The Lord is that Spirit. How many Lord’s do we have according to Paul in 1 Corinthians 8:6? “**But to us [there is but] one God, the Father, of whom [are] all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom [are] all things, and we by him.**” Just ONE Lord. That same author is telling us in the previous verse, the Lord (Jesus) is that Spirit. If Paul were to come back to life and say that the Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ. He could not say it any clearer than he said it in these verses.

Here it is again in 1 Corinthians 15:45, “**And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.**” Quickening spirit means a life-giving Spirit. Jesus was made a life-giving Spirit, and Jesus, the Lord, is that life giving Spirit. It is very clear in the Scriptures and Paul did not leave any confusion in the minds of the Corinthians.

Earlier we read a verse that said they received the Spirit of God and it was commented that this Spirit was God the Father, and Jesus is the Son of God. Now it is being stated that the Spirit is Christ Himself. So, how do you harmonize these two? Is there a contradiction? Let us see what the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:19,

“**To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**” If God is in Christ and you receive Christ, who do you also receive? God. That is why Jesus said in John 14:23, “**Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**” When we receive the life (Spirit) of Christ, we receive the life (Spirit) of the Father as well, because God is in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. So, according to Paul the Spirit they received is none other than the life of Christ. Notice what else Paul says in 2 Corinthians 13:5,

“**Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?**” He didn’t say the third member of the Godhead is in you, no, he said Christ is in you. In Romans 8:10 “**And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin; but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness.**” It is Christ who is in you by His Spirit. This is very important to understand, because according to Paul, receiving another Jesus or receiving another spirit leads to another gospel which Paul did not preach. It’s the same subtle deception that Satan deceived Eve with, in the garden of Eden, Paul said. So, it is crucial to understand the deception.

What about today? Has Christianity received another Jesus, and another spirit, other than what Paul preached to the Corinthians? Well, to make it short, the Athanasian Creed says there are three persons, God the Father, god the son and god the holy spirit. And that the Father is not the son and the son is not the holy spirit and the holy spirit is not the Father. So, this god the holy spirit is not Jesus, and it is not the Father. So, it’s supposed to be another member of the Godhead that is not the Father or the Son. When someone receives this third member, god the holy spirit, whether of the Triune or Tri-theistic understanding, which ever form of the trinity one believes, they are not receiving the life of the Father or the life of Christ. They are receiving another person, called god the holy spirit.

And what about the Seventh-day Adventist Church? Did the founders of the SDA Church receive that spirit? Let us read this Spirit of Prophecy quote, “**Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His Father, and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth, The Holy Spirit is**

Himself, divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the omnipresence." {E. G. White, Manuscript Releases, Volume 14, p. 23} 1895. What we learn here is that the Holy Spirit is Christ Himself, without the human form, rather in His omnipresence. If this is not clear enough, here is another one.

She says, **"The Lord is soon to come. We want that complete and perfect understanding which the Lord alone can give. It is not safe to catch the spirit from another. WE WANT THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST. If we commune with God, we shall have strength and grace and efficiency."** {Letter 66, April 10, 1894} Could this possibly be any clearer? She wrote under inspiration, "We want the Holy Spirit which is Jesus Christ." She also said it is not safe to catch the spirit from another.

In Desire of Ages she wrote, **"Christ gives them [His followers] the breath of His own spirit, the life of His own life."** {DA 827.3} Does that sound like someone other than Jesus? It's the breath of His own life.

Here is a quote from a well-known pioneer of Adventism, **"But respecting this Spirit, the Bible uses expressions which cannot be harmonized with the idea it is a person like the Father and the Son. Rather is shown to be a divine influence from them both, the medium which represents their presence and by which they have knowledge and power through all the universe, when not personally present."** {Uriah Smith, Review and Herald, October 28, 1890} He is telling us that the Bible does not teach that the Holy Spirit is a person just like the Father and the Son.

Here is a quote from another well-known pioneer, **"The Spirit of God is spoken of in the Scriptures as God's representative, the power by which he works, the agency by which all things are upheld. This is clearly expressed by the Psalmist...Psa. 139:7-10. We learn from this language that when we speak of the Spirit of God, we are really speaking of His presence and power."** {J. N. Loughborough, Review & Herald, September 20, 1898}

Did the pioneers have the right Spirit that the Corinthians received? Yes, because it is the same Spirit that Paul preached.

What about today? This is a direct quote of Fundamental Belief #5 regarding the Holy Spirit, from the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church: **"God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son in Creation, incarnation and redemption. He inspired the writers of Scripture. He filled Christ's life with power ..."** Clearly, they believe as stated in the Athanasian Creed that the Holy Spirit is another person other than the Father and the Son, called God the Holy Spirit. This is not the Spirit Paul preached about, it is not the Spirit the Corinthian believers received, this is another spirit, that God's prophet warned would come to the church in the last days.

Now, why is this important to understand? There are a lot of winds of doctrine, and many different views on theological understandings that really don't make a difference. Is what we have learned in this study just another one of those things that doesn't make a difference? NO, it is not! It is crucial for us, as Christians to understand who the Spirit is, because without it you would have another gospel. What is the gospel that Paul preached?

In Galatians 3:8 he said, **"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, [saying], In thee shall all nations be blessed."** A few verses later it says the promises were made to Abraham and his seed. Not unto seeds as would be many, but unto one Seed which is Christ Jesus. So, when God was saying in thee shall all nations be blessed, He was really saying in Christ shall all nations be blessed. That is the gospel that Paul taught the Galatians.

He told the Colossians that, **"... ye are complete in him."** Colossians 2:10. He told the Ephesians, 'We are blessed, chosen, adopted and accepted in Christ. We have redemption and forgiveness of sins in Him.' See Ephesians 1:3-7.

He told the Romans, “... **by the righteousness of one** (Jesus Christ), **the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.**” “... **by the obedience of one** (Jesus Christ) **shall many be made righteous.**” See Romans 5:18, 19. It is by His righteousness; it is by His obedience; that we receive justification. He also told them in Romans 5:10, “**For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.**” You are not saved because Christ died for you. Do you know that? His death didn’t save us. It was Christ’s death on the cross that reconciled us to God. Christ’s death paid your debt. Christ’s death guaranteed your forgiveness. But if Christ be not risen, then your faith is in vain.

It is only when He rose and came back to life, that He gives His life to you, that you are saved by His life. Jesus said, ‘Because I live, ye shall live also.’ Why? Because He is going to impart His very life which is called the Holy Spirit.

Paul told the Corinthians, “**But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:**” 1 Corinthians 1:30. Why is it when I accept Christ, God looks at me and says you are perfect? You are forgiven. You are redeemed. You are justified. Why is that? In spite of all my past mistakes, in spite of my weaknesses, He can look at me and say I am perfect. Why is that? It’s because Paul is saying Christ is made unto us righteousness and justification and sanctification and redemption and all these big words that most Christians have no idea of what they mean; Christ has made these for you. The minute you receive His life, God looks at you and He sees the life of His Son. He sees a justified, a sanctified, a redeemed life and that is why you are perfect when you receive Christ. Not because you have done anything good to achieve perfection. It’s only because you received a perfect life. He is the author and finisher of our faith.

There is no righteousness by faith, without a correct understanding of the Spirit. The only reason the doctrine of ‘righteousness by faith’ exists in Christianity, is because the Savior and Redeemer and Justifier of Christianity, give His very own life to redeem, to save, to justify and the sanctified life, to His followers. There is no other way of righteousness by faith, except by you receiving the very life of Jesus Christ, the righteous life of Christ. That is why you are righteous by faith, because when you have faith in Him, you receive Him, and the Bible says, ‘as many have received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God’. When you receive Him, you receive His very own life.

To the Corinthians he said this amazing, short, compact verse. 1 Corinthians 6:17, “**But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.**” How often have you contemplated this verse? It is explosive. He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. What did we find the word spirit to mean? Life. He that is joined unto the Lord is ONE LIFE. And Jesus said, because I live, you shall live also. And when you are joined to the Lord, when you receive the Lord, when you accept the Lord, you become one life with Him. Why? Not because He takes your life, no, no, but because you take His life.

When we are baptized, we die with Him, we are dead with Him, and then we rise up to newness of life. We shall raise up to His life, His righteous, redeemed, sanctified life. What life would we then live? Listen to what He told the Corinthians, 2 Corinthians 4:11, “**For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.**” And whose life would be manifest in our life? Christ’s life. Do you realize that your life would never, ever be accepted in God’s eyes? No matter what you try do to earn God’s favor, even keeping all of the 650 laws given on Mt. Sinai, it will not be enough for your life to be accepted in the sight of God.

There was only one human life that was accepted in the sight of God. It was the life of His Son Jesus. And that life was glorified on Pentecost. And that life was imparted to every believer. He that is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit, or one life with Him.

To the Galatians, I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, not I, but who? But Christ liveth in me. And He lives in me by His Spirit. Is Christ living in you, or do you have another spirit living in you

called god the holy spirit? That is the question and it's not just the theology, it's not just the doctrine, it's everything about Christianity. True Christianity does not exist without this teaching.

The difference between Christianity and all of the other religions of the world is that Christianity has a Savior. No other religion has a Savior. None. Mohammed doesn't save and he didn't claim to save. Buddha and all the others didn't save, nor did they claim to. They were good men and prophets, who wanted to inspire and encourage you, but they were not saviors. They wanted to strengthen you to live a good life and at the end of your life, there would be a scale with your bad works on one side and your good works on the other. You would pray that your good works were greater so you could go to heaven.

Christians have a Savior and its not about what you have done, it's about what He did. It's not about who you are, but who He is. That is why Christianity is different from all the religions of the world because it has a Savior. He died to give you His very own life. He laid down on the cross, He picked up again and He says here. I have authored and finished the faith. Take it and let Me live in you.

To the Colossians He says in chapter 3 verse 4, **"When Christ, [who is] our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."** Christ is not only our life in the future in heaven, Christ is our life today. All of this is linked to the correct understanding of who the Holy Spirit is. If you believe in the doctrine of the trinity, you would have god the holy spirit, which is not the life of Jesus Christ. It's another person, another being apart from Jesus Christ.

Did you realize that true Christians are not normal human beings? They're not. They are partakers of the divine nature. You have a Devine Person living in you called Jesus Christ, your Savior. When you become a Christian, you receive the Devine life of Jesus Christ, that righteous life, that lived in humanity, was manifested in humanity and perfected the will of God in humanity. It is He that lives in you that you become a partaker of the Divine nature. That's who you are. The question is, do you realize it?

The gospel is about restoring life to man. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve lost life by deception. They lost life and the gospel is about restoring that very life to the human race. And that life is not found in works, in laws, in any health or dress reforms, important as they may be, life is not found in works. Where is it found? John tells us in 1 John 5:11-13, **"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (12) He that hath the Son hath life; [and] he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (13) These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."** John is telling us this for a reason, and that is to inform us we already have eternal life, because this life is in His Son, and we who have received His Son and possess His Son, that we are already possessors of eternal life.

When the gospel came to the Gentiles and the believing Jews back then, they jumped up and down. They came alive as they grasped eternal life and were no longer in doubt as to whether they were saved or not. They were no longer in doubt as to whether God loves them or not, because they could see they were already possessors of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Satan doesn't like that. Satan stole life out of Eden by deception and he's out to steal life from most Christians today by deception. He comes and takes that Author of life from you/ and gives you another spirit. He says, yes you have Jesus Christ, worship him, and yes you have the Holy Spirit, but don't you know the holy spirit is not the life of Jesus, it's another being, another god. You know that Jesus is not really the Son of God. Satan gives you another Jesus and another spirit. He is out to steal eternal life from you the same way he stole eternal life from Adam and Eve.

Salvation, brethren, eternal life in the gospel, is not by works, it's by receiving a person. Paul said therefore by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified. Your Sabbath-keeping, your dress reform, your health reform and all your attempts to keep the law cannot justify. For by the law is the knowledge of sin. Let us read Romans 3:20-22, **"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin. (21) But now the**

righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; (22) Even the righteousness of God [which is] by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:” The righteousness of God without the works of the law, is revealed, is manifested. And he is telling us now, on this side of the cross, through the life of Jesus Christ, Jesus brought us righteousness, Jesus manifested a level of grace, a manifestation of the Spirit that came, a righteousness that is without the law, and it’s not dependent on the obedience to the law, and it’s not dependent on anything that the law can give you. But it is witnessed by the law and the prophets. It will harmonize with the law.

Righteousness and eternal life are found in His Son. Romans 3:28 **“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.”** Your justification, your sanctification, your redemption is all found in receiving the life that God has given in His Son. The gospel is preached to you today as it was by Paul to the jailer in Acts 16:31, **“And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”** Paul was talking to a Roman, a heathen. He didn’t say, believe on Jesus and then I will give you six months of Bible studies and then you can be baptized, and you can join my church and be saved. He didn’t say that. He said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.’

That’s the power of the life that is in Christ Jesus. Receive Christ and every blessing that God wants to bestow is found in Him. He is our eternal life, because He said, ‘I am the Way, I am the truth, and I am the LIFE. If you want eternal life, you receive Christ, the life of Christ. Not another spirit called god the holy spirit. That is a deception from Satan to take the life that God has given to you, so he can take it away.

By producing another Jesus other than the Son of God, and another spirit other than the Spirit of Christ, Satan again, has managed to take away life from God’s people, as he took it away from Adam & Eve.

The true gospel offers you the very life of Christ. The false gospel offers you god the holy spirit, which is not the life of Christ. Who will you choose to receive? Who will you believe? The choice is yours, but as far as me and my household, we will follow the Lord.