

The Spirit of GOD – Part 1 of 2

Trinity or Non-Trinity? Which is Right? Does it really make a difference?

Trinitarian SDA's embrace the Fundamental Belief #2, which says that God is a Trinity, "A unity of three co-eternal Persons". There are a few different three God scenarios, the Triune version and more commonly are those who believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, three separate and distinct Gods in the Godhead. Whichever three God scenario is believed, we will say the category is trinitarian.

The other side is the non-trinitarian who believes as did the early pioneers of Adventism. That there is only one True eternal God the Father, who has always been, and that at a point in eternity, the Father begat the Son and He had beginning of days. They also believe that the Father put His omnipresent Spirit in His Son and it is a shared Spirit, also called the Holy Spirit, Two Divine Beings, One Spirit, also called the third person of the Godhead.

There are three videos in this series, the first being God the Father, the second, "The Spirit of God" part 1, the third "The Spirit of God – Part 2. Enough Bible and Spirit of Prophecy will be given for one to decide which way is true according to the Bible and God's prophet.

The title of today's study is The Spirit of God – Part 1 of 2.

Here is a most significant quote from Spirit of Prophecy. "The language of the Bible should be explained according to its OBVIOUS MEANING, unless a symbol or figure is employed. Christ has given the promise: **"If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine."** John 7:17. If men would but TAKE THE BIBLE AS IT READS, if there were no false teachers to mislead and confuse their minds, a work would be accomplished that would make angels glad and that would bring into the fold of Christ thousands upon thousands who are now wandering in error...." {DD 38.4} (Darkness Before Dawn)

We want to know in explicit terms from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, just WHO or WHAT the Holy Spirit is. But first we want to look at:

The Oneness of the Father and the Son

From the mouth of Jesus in John 10:30 **"I and my Father are ONE."**

The Spirit of Prophecy is the Testimony of Jesus and for clarification, here is what He had His prophet write in the Youth Instructor Dec. 16, 1897: **"From eternity there was a complete unity between the Father and the Son. They were two, yet little short of being identical; two in individuality, yet ONE IN SPIRIT, and heart, and character."**

John 3:34 **"For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the SPIRIT by measure unto him."** Note – Jesus received His instructions by the Spirit of the Father.

"The Father gave HIS SPIRIT without measure to his Son, and we also may partake of its fulness". {RH, November 5, 1908 par. 4}

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."**
Note - We previously read that they were two but one in Spirit. So, in the above scripture how was the Father in Christ? By the Father's Spirit.

“Joy in the Holy Spirit is health-giving, life-giving joy. IN GIVING US HIS SPIRIT, GOD GIVES US HIMSELF, making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world.” {7T 273.1}

John 14:10 **“Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.”**

Note - All these quotes are talking about the Spirit of the Father. What one word describes the Father’s Spirit? Omnipresence.

Zechariah 6:12, 13 **“And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD (Father) of hosts, saying, Behold the MAN whose name is The BRANCH (Jesus); and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: 13. Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the COUNSEL OF PEACE shall be BETWEEN THEM BOTH.”**

The Spirit of the Father and the Son

John 15:26 **“But when the COMFORTER is come, whom I (Jesus) will send unto you from the Father, even the SPIRIT OF TRUTH, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:”**

John 20:22 **“And when he had said this, he (Jesus) breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:”**

Galatians 4:6 **“And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the SPIRIT OF HIS SON into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.** What did the Father send forth? The Spirit of Christ. Not a third god.

Here is confirmation from the S.O.P. – ***“The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency, that through His grace we might be complete in Him.” {14MR 84.3}***

Matthew 28:20 **“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”** Note - By His omnipresent Spirit, it is Christ who is with us always, while physically He is in the heavenly sanctuary.

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.”** Note - By the shared Spirit of God, which is also in Christ, They come to us, NOT BY A THIRD GOD.

“Wherever you go, carry on the good work of searching the Scriptures, and the Lord Jesus will always be at your right hand to help you. He is a merciful high priest pleading in your behalf. He will send his representative, the Holy Spirit; for He says, “I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.” By the Spirit the Father and the Son will come and make their abode with you.” {BEcho, January 15, 1893 par. 8}

Ephesians 2:18 **“For through him (Jesus) we both have access by ONE SPIRIT unto the Father.”** Paul is consistent for he says it is by the Spirit of Christ we have access to the Father.

John 14:6 **“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”** Note - Scripture confirms that fact. Access to the Father is only possible through Christ by His Spirit.

“Christ was the way by which patriarchs and prophets were saved. He is the way by which ALONE we can have access to God.” {DA 663.3} Only through Christ by His Spirit and not a third god.

“Though the ministration was to be removed from the earthly to the heavenly temple; though the sanctuary and our great high priest would be invisible to human sight, yet the disciples were to suffer no loss thereby. They would realize no break in their communion, and no diminution of power because of the Saviour’s absence. While Jesus ministers in the sanctuary above, HE IS STILL BY HIS SPIRIT the minister of the church on earth.” {DA 166.2}

The Coming of the Comforter

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; 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.”** Note - While Jesus was physically with the disciples, He was a great comfort to them. Another Comforter would still be Jesus, but in the Spirit, His omnipresence. He made that promise in verse 18.

John 14:18 **“I will not leave you COMFORTLESS: I WILL COME TO YOU.”**

The Comforter Revealed

“Christ tells us that the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, and the Comforter is the Holy Ghost, “the Spirit of truth, which the Father shall send in My name.” ... This refers to the OMNIPRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST, called the Comforter.” {14MR 179.2}

1 John 2:1 **“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an ADVOCATE with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”** We are all familiar with this verse and the word advocate. Here is what you may not know. The word advocate is taken from the Greek word parakletos which means intercessor; consoler; advocate; comforter. The word comforter is found in only 4 places in the N.T. all by John. John 14:16, 26; 15:26 and 16:17. All four using the Greek word parakletos. But it was the translators that used advocate in 1 John 2:1 when the word comforter could have been used and would say **we have a COMFORTER with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

“As by faith we look to Jesus, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving JESUS THE COMFORTER.” {19MR 297.3}

The Spirit of Christ

Romans 8:9 **But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the SPIRIT OF GOD dwell in you. Now if ANY MAN HAVE NOT THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST, HE IS NONE OF HIS.** Note – Here the scripture is telling us that if anyone chooses any other, such as a third god spirit, to dwell in them, it is NOT the Holy Spirit.. You cannot twist that scripture to say anything else.

Jesus the Comforter

When Jesus said in John 14:18 **I will not leave you COMFORTLESS: I WILL COME TO YOU.** How would He come to us? Only by the Spirit of Christ.

“CHRIST is to be known by the blessed name of COMFORTER.” {Ms7-1902.10}

“The SAVIOUR IS OUR COMFORTER. This I have proved Him to be.” {8MR 49.3}

The God of all Comfort

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.”**

2 Corinthians 1:3 **“Blessed be God (Father), even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the GOD OF ALL COMFORT; Note - The Father is the source of all comfort.**

Real Peace

John 14:27 **“Peace I leave with you, MY PEACE I GIVE unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”**

“There is no comforter like Christ, so tender and so true. He is touched with the feeling of OUR INFIRMITIES. His Spirit speaks to the heart.” {RH, October 26, 1897 par. 15} Note – Why is Jesus, by His Spirit, touched with our infirmities? Because He lived the human experience. No third god could possibly experience it.

Note – If we have Christ living in us by His Spirit, He wants to live His life through us. How much more serious we need to be about this.

John 14:6, 7 **“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the SPIRIT OF TRUTH; 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.”** Note - Jesus Himself, through His prophet, tells us that He is the Spirit of Truth in the following quotation:

“Jesus comes to you as the SPIRIT OF TRUTH; study the mind of the Spirit, consult your Lord, follow His way. ... God calls upon you to close the door to HUMAN INVENTIONS and to open the door to divine illumination. Be careful that you do not resist the SPIRIT OF GOD in its office work upon the temple of the soul.” {2MR 337.1} Note – The Trinity is a human invention and is the result of intellectual philosophy that we were warned about in 1SM 204.2 that would change our religion as stated next:

The Clear Warning

“The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be DISCARDED. OUR RELIGION WOULD BE CHANGED. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be ACCOUNTED AS ERROR. A new organization would be established. BOOKS OF A NEW ORDER WOULD BE WRITTEN. A system of INTELLECTUAL PHILOSOPHY would be introduced.” {1SM 204.2}

Note – Today the SDA denomination says that the pioneers were wrong. Here is the problem with such a statement. God Himself raised up the denomination along with a prophet to guide it. He taught our foundational doctrines along with the only truth about the Godhead. The pioneer truth was pure and by God’s grace, today it has come back into the hearts of many around the world who love the real truth. All those who cling to their Trinitarian darkness will find out much too late, the master they have chosen. Wake up foolish virgins! Wake up! There will be no second chance.

John 16:13 **“Howbeit when he, the SPIRIT OF TRUTH, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.”**

“The SPIRIT OF TRUTH is the only effectual teacher of divine truth; those who are taught of Him have entered the SCHOOL OF CHRIST. How must God esteem the race, that He gave His Son to die for them, and appoints HIS SPIRIT to be man's teacher and continual guide.” {ST, October 24, 1906 par. 7} Note - How clear must it be for the blind to see?

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

“Christ was about to depart to His home in the heavenly courts. But He assured His disciples that He would send them another Comforter, who would abide with them forever. To the guidance of this COMFORTER all who believe in Christ may implicitly trust. He (Christ) is the SPIRIT OF TRUTH, but this truth the world can neither discern nor receive.” {12MR 260.1}

1 Peter 1:10, 11 **“Of which salvation the PROPHETS have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the SPIRIT OF CHRIST which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.** Note – Paul is saying that the Spirit of Christ was in those O.T. prophets who wrote events and sufferings in which Christ fulfilled.

Here are 8 such examples of prophets guided by the Spirit of Christ to prophecy an event Jesus fulfilled.

He who ate my bread, lifted his heel against me (John 13:18 = Psalm 41:9).

They hated me without a cause (John 15:25 = Psalm 35:19).

Not one of them lost except the son of perdition (John 17:12 = Ps. 109:8).

They divided His garments and cast lots (John 19:24 = Psalm 22:18).

Jesus said (to fulfill the Scripture), ‘I thirst’ (John 19:28 = Psalm 69:21).

Not one of his bones will be broken (John 19:36 = Psalm 34:20).

They will look on him whom they have pierced. (John 19:37 = Zech. 12:10).

That he must rise from the dead (John 20:9 = Psalm 16:10).

© Christ Working By His Spirit

We cannot be with Christ in person, as were His first disciples, but He has sent HIS HOLY SPIRIT to guide us into all truth, and through this power we too can bear witness for the Saviour. {Ms 30-1900.15}

© Mark 16:19, 20 **So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, THE LORD WORKING WITH THEM, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.**

Note - As Mark ends his gospel, he lets us know that the ascended Lord was still working with them which could only be by HIS SPIRIT.

Christ Breathes His Holy Spirit

“And when He had said this, HE (Christ) BREATHED ON THEM, and saith unto them, RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST: Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, CHRIST BREATHED HIS SPIRIT upon them. He was committing to them a most sacred trust, and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the HOLY SPIRIT this work could not be accomplished.” {DA 805.2}

“The impartation of the SPIRIT is the impartation of the LIFE OF CHRIST. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ.” {DA 805.3}

“Jesus is waiting to BREATHE upon all his disciples, and give them the inspiration of his SANCTIFYING SPIRIT, and transfuse the vital influence from himself to his people. ... Their will must be submitted to his will, they must act with HIS SPIRIT, that it may be no more they that live, but Christ that liveth in them.” {ST, October 3, 1892 par. 4}

Attributes of the Father and the Son

Revelation 5:6 **“And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns (Power – Omnipotence) and seven eyes (Intelligence – Omniscience) which are the seven Spirits of God (The Omnipresence of God’s Spirit) sent forth into all the earth.**

“Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in giving HIS HOLY SPIRIT he is giving to them the glory which the Father has given him, that he and his people may be one in God.” {ST, October 3, 1892 par. 4}

John 17:23 **“I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Note - God’s Spirit is in Christ and Christ’s Spirit is in us, so we get God’s Spirit through Christ the Mediator.**

Acts 2:33 **“Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, HE (Christ) hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.”**

“Christ ascended on high, to take His position as our Advocate in the heavenly courts. Having reached His throne, He sent HIS HOLY SPIRIT, as He had promised, in response to the prayers of His disciples...” {10MR 98.1}

Ephesians 4:5, 6 **“One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”**

John 17:23 **“I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”**

“When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the early church, ‘The whole multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul.’ The SPIRIT OF CHRIST made them one. This is the fruit of abiding in Christ. But if dissension, envy, jealousy, and strife are the fruit we bear, it is not possible that we are abiding in Christ”” GCDB, February 6, 1893, Art. C, Par. 14

Isaiah 44:3 **“For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I WILL POUR MY SPIRIT upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:”**

“The promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race. Christ declared that the divine influence of His Spirit was to be with His followers unto the end. From the Day of Pentecost to the present time, the Comforter has been sent to all who have yielded themselves fully to the Lord and to His service.” {AA 49.2}

John 1:4, 5 **“In him (Christ) was life; and the life was the light of men. And the LIGHT SHINETH IN DARKNESS; and the DARKNESS COMPREHENDED IT NOT. Note – God is NOW shining the light of**

truth about the Godhead as He did with our early pioneers, but those who choose to teach and defend a trinity with three gods, will remain in darkness.

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