

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Bible and Ellen White wrote it this way:

John 10:30 I and my Father are one.

“They were two, yet little short of being identical; two in individuality, yet ONE IN SPIRIT,” (E.G. White, YI, Dec 16, 1897)

John 3:34 He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

“The Father gave HIS Spirit without measure to his Son,” (E.G. White, RH, Nov 5, 1908)

“In giving us HIS Spirit, God gives us HIMSELF,” (E.G. White, 7T 273.1, 1902)

2 Corinthians 5:19 God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself...

“The Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the only begotten Son of God,” (E.G. White, RH, April 5, 1906)

John 20:22 He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

Galatians 4:6 Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

“The HOLY SPIRIT is the SPIRIT of CHRIST, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency,” (E.G. White, 14MR 84.3)

“We want the HOLY SPIRIT, which is JESUS CHRIST. If we commune with God, we shall have strength and grace and efficiency.” (E.G. White, Lt66, April 10, 1894)

Matthew 28:20 Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

John 14:23 We will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

“BY THE SPIRIT the Father and the Son will come and MAKE THEIR ABODE WITH YOU. [John 14:23 quoted]” (E.G. White, BEcho, Jan 15, 1893)

Ephesians 2:18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

“We have ACCESS to God through the merits of the name of CHRIST, and God invites us to bring to Him our trials and temptations; for He understands them all.” (E.G. White, YI September 22, 1892, par. 3)

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.

“There are not many ways to heaven. Each one may not choose his own way. Christ says, “I am the way: ... no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” Since the first gospel sermon was preached, when in Eden it was declared that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, Christ had been uplifted as the way, the truth, and the life.” (E.G. White, DA 663.3)

“While JESUS ministers in the sanctuary ABOVE, He is STILL by His SPIRIT the minister of the church on EARTH. He is WITHDRAWN from the eye of sense, but His parting promise is FULFILLED, “Lo, I AM WITH YOU alway, even unto the end of the world.” Matthew 28:20. While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, His ENERGIZING PRESENCE is still with His church.” (E.G. White, DA 166.2)

Revelation 1:13 In the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

The Comforter is the Spirit of Christ:

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.

“This refers to the omnipresence of the SPIRIT OF CHRIST, called the COMFORTER.” (E.G. White, 14MR 179.2)

“Let them study the seventeenth of John, and learn how to pray and how to live the prayer of CHRIST. HE is THE Comforter. He will abide in their hearts, making their joy full.” (E.G. White, RH, Jan 27, 1903)

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 [same as 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.” (E.G. White, 19MR 297.3)

Romans 8:9 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.

John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

“CHRIST is to be known by the blessed name of COMFORTER. “The Comforter,” said Christ to His disciples, “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, [John 14:26 quoted]” (E.G. White, Ms7-1902, Jan 26, 1902)

“The SAVIOUR is our COMFORTER. This I have proved Him to be.” (E.G. White, 8MR 49.3)
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.

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... The influence of the Holy Spirit is the LIFE OF CHRIST in the soul. THIS Spirit works in and through every one who receives Christ. Those who know the indwelling of this Spirit reveal its fruit,—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. (E.G. White, RH October 26, 1897, par. 15)

The Spirit of Truth is the Spirit of Christ:

“JESUS comes to you as the SPIRIT of TRUTH; study the mind of the Spirit, consult your Lord, follow His way.” (E.G. White, 2MR 337.1)

John 14:16-17 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.

John 16:13 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 shew you things to come. (John 14:24 The word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.)

“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.” (E.G. White, ST, Oct 24, 1906)

“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 is the SPIRIT OF TRUTH, but this truth the world can neither discern nor receive.” (E.G. White, 12MR 260.1)

John 15:26 When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

“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. [John 16:13 quoted]” (E.G. White, Ms30, June 18, 1900)

Mark 16:19-20 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.

The Spirit Breathed on the Disciples was the Spirit of Christ:

“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.” (E.G. White, DA, p. 805)

“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.” (E.G. White, ST, Oct 3, 1892)

Revelation 5:6 A Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God 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.” (E.G. White, ST, Oct 3, 1892)

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.

The Spirit Given at Pentecost was the Spirit of Christ:

Revelation 5:6 A Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

“And when He had said this, He [Christ] breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained. The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified. The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ's ascension. Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world. But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose. Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, CHRIST breathed HIS Spirit upon them.” (E.G. White, DA, p. 805)

“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.” (E.G. White, 10MR 98.1, 1899)

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 hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

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.” (E.G. White, GCDB, Feb 6, 1893)

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.” (E.G. White, AA, 49.2)

The Spirit that Represents Christ is His Own Spirit:

John 1:4-5 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

“CHRIST came to our world, but the world could not endure His purity. He has gone to His Father, but HE has sent HIS Holy Spirit to REPRESENT HIM in the world till he shall come again.” (E.G. White, Ms1, Jan 11, 1897)

“CHRIST has left HIS Holy Spirit to be HIS REPRESENTATIVE in the world, to give celestial aid to every hungering, thirsting soul.” (E.G. White, Lt84, Oct 22, 1895)

“The Holy Spirit is the SPIRIT of CHRIST; it is HIS REPRESENTATIVE. Here is the divine agency that carries conviction to hearts. When the power of His Spirit is revealed through the servants of God, we behold divinity flashing through humanity.” (E.G. White, 13MR 313.3, 1895)

“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 [Christ] 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 Omnipresent.” (E.G. White, Lt119, Feb 18, 1895)

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

The Third Great Power is the Spirit of Christ:

2 Corinthians 12:9 He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

“CHRIST has given HIS SPIRIT as a divine POWER.” (E.G. White, RH, Nov 19, 1908; DA 671.2)

“They have ONE God and ONE Saviour; and ONE Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--is to bring unity into their ranks.” (E.G. White, 9T 189.3, 1909)

Ephesians 4:3-6 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

The Third Person is the Spirit of Christ:

“Sin could be resisted and overcome ONLY through the mighty agency of the third person [Spirit Of Christ] of the Godhead... 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.” (E.G. White, DA, 671.2)

“There is NO POWER in you apart from CHRIST, but it is your privilege to have CHRIST abiding in your heart by faith, and HE can OVERCOME SIN in you, when you cooperate with His efforts.” (E.G. White, YI June 29, 1893, par. 8)

“With HIS SPIRIT CHRIST sends a reconciling influence and a power that TAKES away SIN.” (E.G. White, RH, May 19, 1904)

“The prince of the POWER OF EVIL can ONLY be held in check by the power of God in the third person [Spirit Of Christ] of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.” (E.G. White, Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 10, p. 37, 1897)

“JESUS ALONE has power to SAVE FROM SIN, to free from the POWER OF EVIL; and to doubt him who has laid down his life for us, is to grieve and insult the Father,” (E.G. White, RH, Feb 10, 1891)

“The ONLY defense AGAINST EVIL is the indwelling of CHRIST in the heart through faith in His righteousness.” (E.G. White, DA, 324.1)

John 16:7-13 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 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 shew you things to come.

The Third Person in the Heavenly Trio is the Spirit of Christ:

“CHRIST determined to bestow a GIFT on those who had been with Him and on those who should believe on Him, because this was the occasion of His ascension and inauguration, a jubilee in heaven. What GIFT could Christ bestow rich enough to signalize and grace His ascension to the mediatorial throne? It must be worthy of His greatness and His royalty. Christ GAVE HIS REPRESENTATIVE, the THIRD PERSON of the Godhead, the HOLY SPIRIT. This GIFT could not be excelled. The divine Spirit, converting, enlightening, sanctifying, would be His DONATION, because He would GIVE all GIFTS in one.” (E.G. White, Ms44-1898.11)

Revelation 5:6 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 and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

The Holy Spirit is a Person and is the Spirit of Christ:

“Remember the words of CHRIST, remember that HE [CHRIST] is an unseen presence in the PERSON of the Holy Spirit,” (E.G. White, DG 185.2, 1897)

Matthew 28:20 Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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Hebrews 13:5 He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

“Lift up CHRIST in His POWER in the PERSON of the Holy Spirit. He is waiting for them to open the door and admit Him.” (E.G. White, Lt59, March 29, 1899)

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

The Spirit of Christ Walks Unseen Among Us:

“We want the HOLY SPIRIT, which is JESUS CHRIST.” (E.G. White, Lt66, April 10, 1894)

“CHRIST WALKS UNSEEN THROUGH OUR STREETS. With messages of mercy He comes to our homes.” (E.G. White, MH, p. 107)

“How few realize that JESUS, UNSEEN, IS WALKING BY THEIR SIDE! How ashamed many would be to hear His voice speaking to them, and to know that HE HEARD ALL THEIR FOOLISH, COMMON TALK!” (E.G. White, 14MR 125.3)

“Remember that JESUS IS BESIDE YOU WHEREVER YOU GO, noting your actions and LISTENING TO YOUR WORDS.” (E.G. White, YI, Feb 4, 1897)

“The human agent, the seen instrument, is to preach the Word, and the LORD JESUS, THE UNSEEN AGENCY, BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT is to make the Word efficacious and powerful.” Letter 105, 1900. (E.G. White, 2SM 18.3)

“He [CHRIST] is an UNSEEN PRESENCE in the PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.” (E.G. White, DG, 185.2, 1897)

“We need to realize that the Holy Spirit, [CHRIST BY HIS SPIRIT] who is as much a person as God is a person, is WALKING THROUGH THESE GROUNDS, UNSEEN BY HUMAN EYES; ... HE HEARS EVERY WORD WE UTTER and knows every thought of the mind.” (E.G. White, 2 Sermons and Talks (through a stenographer), pp. 136, 137, 1899)