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“We have nothing to fear for the future
except as we shall forget the way the Lord
has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”
Life Sketches-196 (1902).

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A Word from the Prophet

“I understood that some were anxious to know if Mrs White still held the same views that she did years ago when they had heard her speaking in the sanitarium grove, in the Tabernacle, and at the camp meetings held in the suburbs of Battle Creek. I assured them that ***the message she bears today is the same that she has borne during the sixty years of her public ministry.*** She has the same service to do for the Master that was laid upon her in her girlhood.” 1 SM 35.

“I refuse to go into an argument with those who oppose the truth, but call their attention to the publication of ***the truth given me, which has been written under the Holy Spirit’s representation.*** If they will carefully read ***Great Controversy, the Testimonies for the Church, Patriarchs and Prophets, Desire of Ages,*** and all the many books that are in circulation, that bear testimony to the truth given at varied times and in varied places over a period of half a century, they would not be entering into temptation and walking in false paths where some are today.” Ms 34-1906.

“In these books that I have been called in the visions of the night to write, ***I am presenting the things I have seen and have been instructed of God to write. In these books that I have been called in the visions of the night to write, I am presenting the things I have seen and have been instructed of God to write.*** These writings are immortalized.... The power of the Holy Spirit has opened before me the wonderful things of God’s Word, and many souls that have been imbedded under the thick layers of darkness and scientific sophistries have received the light and been converted....” Ms34 -1906.5

Let the Pioneers Speak

“A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat and repat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. ***And the standard-bearers who have fallen in death, are to speak through the reprinting of their writings.*** They are to bear

their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time.” CW 32. Ellen White.

“I tell you now, that when I am laid to rest, **great changes will take place**... and I desire to warn all against the devices of the devil.” EG.W. Ms 1. 1915.

A Word from James White

“The greatest fault we can find in the Reformation is, the Reformers stopped reforming. Had they gone on, and onward, till they had left the last vestige of Papacy behind, such as natural immortality, sprinkling, **the trinity**, and Sunday-keeping, the church would now be free from her unscriptural errors.” J.S. White R & H Feb 7. 1856.

“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.” J.S.White. R&H. Jan 4. 1881.

“...The way the spiritualizers have disposed of or denied the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ is first using the **old unscriptural Trinitarian creed**, viz., that Jesus Christ is the eternal God, though they have not one passage to support it, while we have plain Scripture testimony in abundance that He is the Son of the eternal God.” J.S.White. The Day Star. Jan 24. 1846.

A Word from S.N. Haskell

“Before the creation of our world ‘there was war in heaven’. Christ and the Father covenanted together; and **Lucifer**, the covering cherub, **grew jealous because he was not admitted into the eternal council of the Two who sat upon the throne**.” S.N. Haskell. The Story of the Seer of Patmos p 217. 1905.

A Word from J.N. Andrews

“**The doctrine of the Trinity** which was established in the church by the council of Nice A.D. 325. This doctrine **destroys the personality of God, and His Son Jesus Christ our Lord**. The infamous, measures by which **it was forced upon the church** which appear upon the pages of ecclesiastical history might well cause every believer in that doctrine to blush.” J.N. Andrews. Mar 6. 1855. R&H. Vol 6 No.24 p185.

A Word from M.E. Cornell

“The mass of **Protestants believe with Catholics in the Trinity**, immortality of the soul, consciousness of the dead, rewards and punishments at death, the endless torture of the wicked, inheritance of the saints beyond the skies, sprinkling for baptism, and the PAGAN SUNDAY for the Sabbath; all of which is contrary to the spirit and letter of the new testament. Surely there is between the mother and daughters, a striking family resemblance.” M.E. Cornell. Facts for the Times p76. 1858.

A Word from J.B Frisbie

“We should rather mistrust that **the Sunday God** came from the same source that Sunday-keeping did.” J.B. Frisbie. R & H. Mar 7. 1854. The Sunday God p50.

A Word from E.J. Waggoner

“As the Son of the self-existent God, He has by nature all the attributes of Deity... The angels are sons of God, as was Adam (Job 38:7; Luke 3:38) by creation; Christians are the sons of God by adoption (Rom 8:14.15), but **Christ is the Son of God by birth.**” E.J. Waggoner. Christ and His Righteousness p11-13., 1890.

“While both are of the same nature, **the Father** is first in point of time. He is also greater in that He had **no beginning, while Christ’s personality had a beginning.**” E.J. Waggoner. ST. Apr 8. 1889.

A Word from A.T. Jones

“He was born of the Holy Ghost. In other words, **Jesus Christ was born again. He came from heaven, God’s first-born**, to the earth, and was born again...He was born again, and was made partaker of the human nature, that we might be born again, and so made partakers of the divine nature” The Review and Herald, Aug. 1, 1899.

The God of the Universe

“There is **one God...**” 1 Timothy 2:5.

“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee **the only true God...**” John 17:3.

He is “... the **only true and living God, the Sovereign of the universe.**” 3 SM 256.

“We can never by searching find out God. He does not lay open his plans to prying, inquisitive minds. We must not attempt to lift with presumptuous hand the curtain behind which he **veils His majesty.**” R&H. Apr 7. 1885.

He is “... **the high and lofty One** that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy...” Isaiah 57:15.

“The **greatness of God is to us incomprehensible.** The Lord’s throne is in heaven...” Ps 11:4. Education 132.

The first Commandment: “**Jehovah, the eternal, self-existent, uncreated One, Himself the Source and Sustainer of all, is alone entitled to supreme reverence and worship.**” PP 305.6.

“Hear O Israel, The Lord **our God is one Lord.**” Deut 6:4.

The scribe/lawyer asks Jesus which is the greatest commandment. Jesus answering says: “The first of all the commandments is, Hear O Israel; The Lord our **God is one Lord.**”.... And the scribe said unto him, Well Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is **one God**; and there is **none other but he.**” Mark 12:29-32. Jesus is acknowledging with the scribe that there is only one God. He is not including Himself, as He is the **Son** of God. Remember, the subject is the first Commandment.

“God is our Father, who loves and cares for us as His children; He is also **the great King of the universe.**” Faith Live By 39.

He is “... The **Lord God Almighty....**” Revelation 21:22.

“The Father... is **the great Source of all...**” Desire of Ages 21.

“It is He (the Ancient of Days) **the Source of all being**, and the **fountain of all law**, that is to preside in the judgment.” GC88 479.

“The **greatness of God cannot be measured or comprehended.**” ST. Jun 27. 1895.

“God is **omnipotent, omniscient, immutable.** He always pursues a straightforward course. His law is **truth -- immutable, eternal truth.** His precepts are consistent with His attributes.” ST. July 23. 1902. Psalm 19:7-9.

“Now unto the **King eternal, incorruptible, invisible, the only wise God,** to Him be honor and power eternal.” 1 Timothy 1:17.

“Who **only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable,** whom no man hath seen, nor can see, to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.” 1 Timothy 6:16.

“I saw a **throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son.** I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The **Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him.** I asked Jesus **if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it,** for said He, ‘If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist’...” EW 54.

“On page 54, I stated that a cloud of glorious light covered the Father and that His person could not be seen. I also stated that I saw the Father rise from the throne. **The Father was enshrouded with a body of light and glory, so that His person could not be seen;** yet I knew that it was the Father and that from His person emanated this light and glory. **When I saw this body of light and glory rise from the throne, I knew it was because the Father moved,** therefore said, I saw the Father rise. The glory, or excellency, of His form I never saw; no one could behold it and live; yet the body of light and glory that enshrouded His person could be seen.” EW 92.

“We can never by searching find out God. He does not lay open His plans to prying, inquisitive minds. **We must not attempt to lift with presumptuous hand the curtain behind which He veils His majesty.** The apostle exclaims: ‘How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!’ It is a proof of His mercy that there is the hiding of His power, that He is enshrouded in the awful clouds of mystery and obscurity; for **to lift the curtain that conceals the divine presence is death. No mortal mind can penetrate the secrecy in which the Mighty One dwells and works.** We can comprehend no more of His dealings with us and the motives

that actuate Him than He sees fit to reveal. He **orders everything in righteousness, and we are not to be dissatisfied and distrustful, but to bow in reverent submission.** He will reveal to us as much of His purposes as it is for our good to know; and beyond that we must trust the hand that is omnipotent, the heart that is full of love.” 5 Testimonies 301.

“One **omnipotent Power**, great in **goodness in mercy, and in love**, has created the earth... Nature's voice speaks, saying that there is a God back of nature, but it does not, in its imperfections, represent God.” HL 296.

“Nature and revelation alike testify of God’s love. **Our Father in heaven is the source of life, of wisdom, and of joy.**” STC 9.

Extra Scriptures: Psalm 118:28.29. 116:5. 108:5. 106:47.48. 104:1.2. 18:30.31. Isaiah 40:28.22.26.

God Dwells in Light

“Bless the Lord O my soul. O Lord my God Thou art very great. Thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who **coverest thyself with light as with a garment...**” Psalm 104:1.2.

Hymn No. 21 – first and 45th verses. (New Advent Hymnal)

Hymn 83 – first and 2nd verses. “

“The **Father is enshrouded with a body of light and glory**, so that His person could not be seen; yet I knew that it was the Father and that from His person emanated this light and glory.” EW92.

He is **“dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto**, whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.” 1 Timothy 6:16.

After the fall of man, God's Son approached His Father. “Three times He was shut in by **the glorious light about the Father**, and the third time He came from the Father we could see His person. His countenance was calm, free from all perplexity and trouble, and shone with a loveliness which words cannot describe. He then made known to the angelic choir that a way of escape had been made for lost man...” EW 126.

The Omnipresence of God

“The Bible shows us God in His high and holy place, not in a state of inactivity, not in silence and solitude, but surrounded by ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of holy beings, all waiting to do His will. Through these messengers He is in active communication with every part of His dominion. **By His Spirit He is everywhere present.** Through the agency of His Spirit and His angels He ministers to the children of men.” MH 417.

“The greatness of God is to us incomprehensible. ‘The Lord’s throne is in heaven’ (Psalm 11:4); **yet by His Spirit He is everywhere present.** He has an intimate knowledge of, and a personal interest in, all the works of His hand.” Edu 132.

The One God is the Father

“Blessed be **God, even the Father...**” 2 Corinthians 1:3.

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

“...there is **none other God but one...** there is but **one God, the Father**, of whom are all things, and we in Him...” 1 Corinthians 8:4.6.

“**Our Father** which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...” Extra text: Matthew 6:9-13.

God the Father has a Son

“We give thanks to God and **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...**” Colossians 1:3.

“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath... established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is **his son’s name**, if thou canst tell?” Proverbs 30:4.

“**God is the Father of Christ**, Christ is the Son of God.” 8 Testimonies 268.

“Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...**” 1 Peter 1:3.

“For God so loved the world He gave **His only begotten Son...**”
John 3:16.

“While (Jesus) was praying... from the highest heaven was heard the voice of **the infinite One, God the Father**, “This is **My beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.” 2 Sermons and Talks 167.

“That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**” Romans 15:6.

“The Lord Jesus Christ, the **only begotten of the Father**, is truly God in infinity, but **not in personality.**” EGW. MS 116. Dec 19. 1905.

Christ is the Son of God

“For unto us **a child** is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The **mighty God**, The everlasting Father, The **Prince of Peace...**” Isaiah 9:6. (The Son is not His own Father, but ours. See DA 483)

Jesus asks His disciples, ‘Whom do you say I am?’ Peter says. “Thou art the Christ, the **Son of the living God.**” Matthew 16:15.16.

Jesus said, “ ‘**My Father...**’ Then they took up stones to stone him.... ‘For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou being a man, **makest thyself God.**’” John 10:29-33.

“The Lord Jesus Christ, **the divine Son of God**, existed from eternity, a distinct person, yet one with the Father. He was the

surpassing glory of heaven. He was the Commander of the heavenly intelligences, and the adoring homage of the angels was received by Him as His right.” LHU 16.

“We may have the witness in ourselves that the Bible is true, that **Christ is the Son of God.** We know that we are not following cunningly devised fables.” Steps to Christ 112.

“Jesus **Christ is the Son of God.** He was manifest in the flesh.” Review & Herald. Aug 31. 1905.

The high priest asked Jesus under oath, "I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, **the Son of God**....Jesus saith unto him, '**Thou hast said**.'" Matt 26:63.64. In Mark the reply under oath is, '**I am**'. Mark 14:61.62.

"**Beneath the guise of humanity** they discerned the glory of the **Son of God**." DA 412.

"The world's Redeemer did not come with outward display, or a show of worldly wisdom. Men could not see beneath **the guise of humility, the glory of the Son of God**." Gospel Workers 392.

"The Lord **possessed** (to own, to procure, to create, to get) me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.... Before there were no depths, I was **brought forth**... Before the mountains were settled... was I **brought forth**... I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him." Proverbs 8:22.24.25.30.

"And **the Son of God declares** concerning Himself: "The **Lord possessed Me in the beginning** of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting. . . . When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then **I was by Him**, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him." Proverbs 8:22-30. PP 34. See also LHU 16.

"Through Solomon **Christ declared**: "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. . . . When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by him, **as one brought up with him**: and **I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him**." LHU 17.

Extra Scriptures: Daniel 3:25. John 11:25-27. John 10:35-38.

Christ is Son of the Father

"And lo a voice from heaven saying, 'This is **My beloved Son** in whom I am well pleased'." Matthew 3:17.

"The words of confirmation that **Christ is the Son of God** was given to inspire faith in those who witnessed the scene, and to sustain the **Son of God** in His arduous work. Notwithstanding the **Son of God** was clothed with humanity, yet Jehovah, with His own voice, **assures**

Him of His sonship with the Eternal. In this manifestation to ***His Son***, God accepts humanity as exalted through the excellence of ***His beloved Son.***" 2 SP 60.

"Grace be with you... from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the ***Son of the Father***, in truth and love." 2 Jn 3.

"That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the ***Son of the Eternal Father***, the one by whom He created all things, and by whom they do consist." R&H. Aug 22. 1912.

"He shall be... called the ***Son of the Highest...***" Luke 1:32.35. Compare 'shall be called' with: Luke 1:36.

Satan "saw the brightness of the Father's glory overshadowing the form of Jesus, thus pointing out ***with unmistakable assurance*** the One in that crowd ***whom He acknowledged as His Son.***" 5BC 1078.

"Who is Christ? -- ***He is the only begotten Son of the living God. He is to the Father as a word that expresses the thought -- as a thought made audible.*** Christ is the word of God." Youth's Instructor Aug 28. 1894.

"Jesus ***Christ is the Son of God.*** He was manifest in the flesh." Review & Herald. Aug 31. 1905.

"The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is ***truly God in infinity, but not in personality.***" E.G. White. MS 116. Dec 19. 1905.

Extra Scriptures: John 8:38-42. 5 BC 1078. John 8:38-42.

God's Son begotten of Father

"For God so loved the world, He gave ***His only begotten Son...***" John 3:16.

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us... the glory as of the only begotten of the Father... No man hath seen God at any time; ***the only begotten Son...***he hath declared him." John 1:14.18.

"Thou art My Son; this day ***I have begotten thee.***" Psalm 2:7.

“A complete offering has been made; for ‘God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son’ -- not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but **a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person...** one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection.” ST. May 30. 1895.

Five years earlier E.J. Waggoner said, “The angels are sons of God, as was Adam (Job 38:7; Luke 3:38) by creation; Christians are the sons of God by adoption (Rom 8:14.15), but **Christ is the Son of God by birth.**” Christ and His Righteousness p12. 1890.

“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of **the only begotten Son of God.**” John 3:18.

“No one less holy than the **Only Begotten of the Father**, could have offered a sacrifice that would be efficacious to cleanse all...” God’s Amazing Grace 103.

“For thirty-three years the **Only Begotten of the Father** dwelt among the children of men.” AU Gleaner. August 19. 1903.

“As the apostles set forth the glory of **the Only-Begotten of the Father**, three thousand souls were convicted.” COL 118.

“The highest gift of Heaven, even the **only begotten of the Father**, full of grace and truth, was able to redeem the lost.” Messenger. June 7. 1893.

“Christ claimed to be **the Only Begotten of the Father**, but men encased in unbelief, barricaded with prejudice, denied the Holy and the Just One. He was charged with blasphemy, and was condemned to a cruel death...” 2 SM 271.

“The sword of justice was unsheathed, and the wrath of God against iniquity rested upon man’s substitute, Jesus Christ, the **only begotten of the Father.**” 5 BC 1102.

“**The Eternal Father**, the unchangeable one, gave **His only begotten Son**, tore from His bosom Him who was made in the express image of His person, and sent Him down to earth to reveal how greatly He loved mankind.” R&H. Jul 9. 1895.

“For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I **came forth from the Father**, and am come into the world. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things... **we believe that thou camest forth from God**. Jesus said, ‘Do ye now believe?’ John 16:27-31.

“Who is Christ? -- He is **the only begotten Son of the living God**. He is to the Father as a word that expresses the thought -- as a thought made audible. Christ is the word of God.” Youth’s Instructor Aug 28. 1894.

“If God were your Father, ye would love Me: for **I proceeded forth** and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.” John 8:42.

“Father... I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me... Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 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.” John 17:6-8.

“Those who are recipients of His grace, who contemplate the cross of Calvary, will not question concerning the proportion to be given, but will feel that the richest offering is all too meager, all disproportionate to the great gift of **the only-begotten Son of the infinite God**.” R&H Jul 14. 1896.

Today many want to deny the word *monogenes* means ‘begotten’ and they speak of **God’s only Son** when they say John 3:16. This is a denial of Christ’s true identity. It is actually siding with the Jewish leaders who condemned Jesus to death for claiming to be the Son of God.

“The dedication of the first-born had its origin in the earliest times. **God had promised to give the First-born of heaven to save the sinner.**” DA 51.

“Who can anticipate the gifts of infinite Love. “God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” God’s love for the world was not manifest because He sent His Son, but because He loved

the world He sent His Son into the world that divinity clothed with humanity might touch humanity, while divinity lays hold of infinity. Though sin had produced a gulf between man and his God, divine benevolence provided a plan to bridge that gulf and **what material did he use? a part of Himself**, the brightness of the Father's glory came to a world all seared and marred with the curse, and in his own divine

character, in his own divine body, bridged the gulf, and opened a channel of communication between God and man. The windows of heaven were opened, and the showers of heavenly grace in healing streams came to our benighted world. O what love, what matchless, inexpressible love!" Ellen White to Brother Washburn: 1888 711.

"The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave His only **begotten Son, tore from His bosom Him who was made in the express image of His person**, and sent Him down to earth to reveal how greatly He loved mankind." The Review and Herald, July 9, 1895.

"**Christ is the only literal son of God.** 'The only begotten of the Father' John 1:14. He is God because He is the Son of God." John Matheson. The Review and Herald, Oct. 12, 1869, p. 123.

"To be the only begotten Son of God must be understood in a different sense than to be a Son by creation; for in that sense all the creatures He has made are sons... **He must therefore be understood as being the Son of God in a much higher sense than any other being. His being the only begotten of the Father supposes that none except Him were thus begotten; hence He is, in truth and verity the only begotten Son of God;** and as such He must be Divine; that is, be a partaker of the Divine nature." J M Stephenson. The Review and Herald, Nov. 14, 1854.

"We may believe that Christ came into existence in a manner different from that in which other beings first appeared; that **He sprang from the Father's being in a way not necessary for us to understand.**" C W Stone. 1886. The Captain of Our Salvation, p. 17.

"As Christ was twice born, once in eternity, the only begotten of the Father, and again here in the flesh, thus uniting the divine with the human in that second birth..." R & H. April 14, 1896. W.W. Prescott.

“And as to the Son of God... **He had God for His Father, and did, at some point in the eternity of the past, have beginning of days.**”

J N Andrews. The Review and Herald, Sept. 7, 1869.

“**Children inherit the name of their Father.** The Son of God ‘hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than the angels’. **That name is the name of His Father.**” R.F. Cottrell. *The Review and Herald*, June 1, 1869.

Extra Scriptures: Hebrews 1:5.6.

The Son given Equality

“For as the **Father hath life in himself**, so hath he **given to the Son to have life in himself.**” John 5:26. “Therefore doth my Father love me, because **I lay down my life, that I might take it again.**” John 10:17.

“The only way in which the fallen race could be restored was through the gift of his Son, **equal with Himself, possessing the attributes of God.**” 7BC 738. Omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, immortality, justice, purity and love. PP 120-123.

“Be unrebukable until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: which is his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.” 1 Timothy 6:14-16.

“All created things live by the will and power of God. They are **recipients of the life of the Son of God.** However able and talented, however large their capacities, they are replenished with life from **the Source of all life.** He is the spring, the fountain, of life. **Only He who alone hath immortality**, dwelling in light and life, could say, ‘**I have power to lay down My life, and I have power to take it again.**’” MS 131, 1897. 5BC 1113. 1MCP 28.

“Jesus declared, “I am the resurrection, and the life.” **In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived.** “He that hath the Son hath life.” The divinity of Christ is the believer's assurance of eternal life.” Desire of Ages. 530 (1898)

“... Jesus said, ‘I and my Father are one.’ The words of Christ were full of deep meaning as he put forth the claim that he and the Father were of **one substance**, possessing the **same attributes**.” ST. Nov 27. 1893.

“The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each. [Hebrews 1:1-5 quoted.] 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.” 8 T 268.

“In him was life; and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4). It is not physical life that is here specified, but **immortality, the life which is exclusively the property of God**. The Word, who was with God, and who was God, **had this life**. Physical life is something which each individual receives. It is not eternal or immortal; for God, the Life-giver, takes it again. Man has no control over his life. But the **life of Christ was unborrowed**. No one can take this life from Him. “I lay it down of myself” (John 10: 18).

“He said. **In Him was life, original, unborrowed, underived**. This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour. ‘This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent’. (John 17:3). This is the open fountain of life for the world.” 1SM 296. Original article -- ST Apr 8. 1897.

“They (the angels) are the appointed messengers of Him who is the Commander of all heaven. But Christ is **equal with God, infinite and omnipotent**. He could pay the ransom for man’s freedom. He is the **eternal self-existing Son**, on whom no yoke had come.” YI June 21. 1900. 5BC 1136.

“In Him is gathered **all the glory of the Father, the fullness of the Godhead**. He is the brightness of the Father’s glory and the express image of His person. The glory of the attributes of God is expressed in His character.” COL 115.

“He was **equal with God**, infinite and omnipotent... He is the **eternal, self-existent Son**.” Ms 101. 1897. (Some people did not believe in

Christ's pre-existence, thinking He was just a man, a prophet, but Christ is all the above, and begotten)

"The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted." Youth's Instructor. Jul 7. 1898.

James White said, "**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." R&H. Jan 4. 1881.

"Immeasurable love was expressed when **One equal with the Father** came to pay the price for the souls of men, and bring to them eternal life." Christian Stewardship 226.

"And yet the Creator of worlds, He in whom was the fullness of the Godhead bodily, was manifest in the helpless babe in the manger. Far higher than any of the angels, **equal with the Father in dignity and glory**, and yet wearing the garb of humanity!" FLB 48.

"To save the transgressor of God's law, **Christ, the one equal with the Father**, came to live heaven before men, that they might learn to know what it is to have heaven in the heart." Fundamentals of Christian Education. 179. 7ABC 437.

"The Father then made known **that it was ordained by Himself that Christ, His Son, should be equal with Himself; so that wherever was the presence of His Son, it was as His own presence.** The word of the Son was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son *He had invested with authority* to command the heavenly host." Story of Redemption 15.

"He (Christ) was the **Majesty of heaven, He was equal with the Father**, He was the **Commander of the hosts of angels**, yet He died for man the death that was, above all others, clothed with ignominy and reproach." May Know Him 339.

"And that doctrine that denies **the absolute Godhead of Jesus Christ**, denies also the Godhead of the Father; for no man knoweth the Son but the Father." ST. Jun 27. 1895.

Extra Scriptures: Heb 1:4.6.8.13. Col 2:9. Joh 8:56-59. Luk 10:21.22.

God the Father gave His Son

"God so loved the world, that **He gave His only-begotten Son.**" John 3:16.

"When God would assure us of his immutable counsel of peace, he gives his only begotten Son to become one of the human family, **forever to retain his human nature** as a pledge that God will fulfill his word." R&H. Apr 3. 1894.

"He **gave Him** not only to bear our sins, and to die as our sacrifice; **He gave Him to the fallen race.** To assure us of His immutable counsel of peace, **God gave** His only-begotten Son to **become one of the human family, forever** to retain His human nature....

God has adopted human nature in the person of His Son, and has carried the same into the highest heaven. It is the "Son of man" who shares the throne of the universe...Christ glorified is our brother. Heaven is enshrined in humanity, and humanity is enfolded in the bosom of Infinite Love." DA 25.26.

"The Lord God of heaven collected all the riches of the universe, and laid them down in order to purchase the pearl of lost humanity. The Father gave all His divine resources into the hands of Christ in order that the richest blessings of heaven might be poured out upon a fallen race. **God could not express greater love than He has expressed in giving the Son of His bosom to this world.** This gift was given to man to convince him that God had left nothing undone that He could do, that there is nothing held in reserve, but that all heaven has been poured out in one vast gift." YI Oct 17.1895.

"The dedication of the first-born had its origin in the earliest times. God had **promised to give the First-born of heaven** to save the sinner." *The Desire of Ages*, p. 51.

Christ Begotten in Eternity

"But thou Bethlehem....He will come out of thee... whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Micah 5:2. In Hebrew, 'everlasting' (*onam*), simply means 'hidden', or long ages beyond human understanding, not eternity as we understand it today.

“And although we may try to reason in regard to our Creator, how long He has had existence, where evil first entered into our world, and all these things, we may reason about them until we fall down faint and exhausted with the research when there is **yet an infinity beyond.**” 7 BC 919. 1888.

Speaking of Christ. “His divine life could not be reckoned by human computation. The existence of Christ before His incarnation is **not measured by figures.**” ST. May 3. 1899.

E.J. Waggoner said: “The Word was ‘in the beginning’. The mind of man **cannot grasp the ages** that are spanned in this phrase. It is not given to men to know when, or how the Son was begotten... We know that Christ ‘proceeded forth and came from God’ (John 8:42), but it was **so far back in the ages of eternity as to be far beyond the grasp of the mind of man.**” Christ and His Righteousness. p9. 1890.

“Christ is the pre-existent, self-existent Son of God... In speaking of His pre-existence, Christ carries the mind **back through dateless ages.** He assures us that there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God. He to whose voice the Jews were then listening had been with God **as one brought up with Him.**” Signs of the Times. Aug 29. 1900. (Last phrase quoting Proverbs 8:30)

“God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son’ – not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, **but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father’s person...**” E.G.W. ST May 30.1895.

“While the Son of a human being, He **became the Son of God in a new sense.** Thus He stood in our world--the Son of God, yet allied by birth to the human race.” 1SM 226.

“Christ was God essentially, and in the highest sense. He was **with God from all eternity,** God over all, blessed forevermore. The Lord Jesus Christ, **the divine Son of God, existed from eternity,** a distinct person, yet one with the Father. He was the surpassing glory of heaven.” Faith Live By 46.

“The Lord **Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, existed from eternity,** a distinct person, yet one with the Father. He was the

surpassing glory of heaven. He was the Commander of the heavenly intelligences, and the adoring homage of the angels was received by Him as His right.” Faith I live By 46.

Compare the following statements in relation to ‘all eternity’ and ‘never was a time’.

“The plan of salvation had its place in the counsels of the Infinite **from all eternity.**” Christian Education 83.

“The salvation of the human race has ever been the object of the councils of heaven. The **covenant of mercy** was made before the foundation of the world. It **has existed from all eternity**, and is called the everlasting covenant. So surely as **there never was a time when God was not**, so surely there **never was a moment** when it was not the delight of the eternal mind to manifest His grace **to humanity.**” Faith I Live By 76.

Eternity, as we generally understand it, is a period of time that has no beginning or end. At times the Bible and Sister White speak of certain things that clearly have a beginning as existing from eternity or all eternity, such as the ‘everlasting covenant’. Also the words ‘never was a time’ in relation to ‘grace to humanity’. Compared with our time, Christ has been with His Father from eternity, yet He was begotten at a point **in eternity.**

We understand this for the subject of the state of the dead and hell, but have problems with the subject of God’s Son. Jude 7 speaks of ‘eternal fire’ and we know it is not burning now. Other verses speak of ‘everlasting’ that are clearly only as long as the person lives or in relation to fire as long as there is something left to burn.

Christ is “**God’s thought made audible.**” Desire of Ages 20.

God’s Son and the everlasting covenant would have existed in the mind of God for all eternity, as well as the desire to manifest His grace to humanity. The past, present, and future are all alike to God.

Son Inherited Father’s Nature

“Christ was the Lord of heaven and earth, yet for our sake He became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich.

He was ***made in the likeness of God***, yet He humbled Himself, and took upon Him the form of a servant, that He might save us.” Upward Look 134.

“How can it be that the helpless babe in Bethlehem's manger is still ***the divine Son of God***? Though we cannot understand it, we can believe that He who made the worlds, for our sakes became a helpless babe.” 3 Selected Messages 127.8.

“Though higher than any of the angels, though ***as great as the Father on the throne of heaven***, He became one with us. In Him God and man became one...” 3 Selected Messages 127.8.

“For in him dwelleth ***all the fullness*** of the Godhead bodily.” Colossians 2:9.

“For it pleased the Father than in him should ***all fulness dwell***.” Colossians 1:19.

Christ, “who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be ***equal with God***.” Philippians 2:6.

“Christ Himself is the pearl of great price. In Him is gathered all the glory of the Father, ***the fullness of the Godhead***. He is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person. The ***glory of the attributes of God is expressed*** in His character.” COL 116.

“The greatness of God cannot be measured or comprehended. And that doctrine that denies the ***absolute Godhead of Jesus Christ***, denies also the Godhead of the Father....” Signs of the Times. Jun 27 1895.

“Christ humbled himself from the position of ***one equal with God*** to that of a servant.” CTBH 78.

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For ***in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily***. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power.” AA 473.2

“Before Abraham was, I AM.”

Extra texts: Hebrews 1:4. John 11:25.26.27. John 12:47-50. 14:13.14.

The Father owns the Universe

“**My Father is greater** than I.” John 14:28.

Jesus said, “I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in **my Father’s kingdom.**” Matthew 26:29.

“Then the righteous shall shine forth as the sun in **the kingdom of their Father.**” Matthew 13:32.

“**Our Father** which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, **Thy kingdom** come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.” Luke 11:2.

“Then cometh the end, when He (Christ) shall have **delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father;** when He (Christ) shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He (Christ) must reign, till He (God) hath put all enemies under His feet... And when all things shall be subdued unto Him (God), **then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him** (God) that put all things under Him (God), that God may be all in all.” 1 Corinthians 15:24-28.

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, **of whom the whole family in heaven is named.**” Ephesians 3:14.15.

“The Father could not change nor abolish one precept of his law to meet man in his fallen condition. But the Son of God, who had in unison with the Father created man, could make an atonement for man acceptable to God, by giving His life a sacrifice, and bearing **the wrath of His Father.**” Signs of the Times. 01.30.79.

God’s Son given Authority

Christ Jesus “is the **head of the body, the church....**that in all things **he might have the pre-eminence.** For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell. And having made peace through the blood of his cross, **by him to reconcile all things unto himself,** by

him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.” Colossians 1:18-20. (This authority was to fulfil the plan of redemption)

“Jesus might have remained at the Father's side... But He chose to **give back the sceptre** into the Father's hands, and to step down from the throne of the universe, that He might bring light to the benighted, and life to the perishing.” Desire of Ages 22.

“And coveting **the glory** with which the **infinite Father had invested His Son**, this prince of angels (Lucifer) aspired to power that was the prerogative of Christ alone.” PP 35.

“To Christ has been **given an exalted position**. He has been **made equal** with the Father.” 8 Testimonies 268.

“All power **is given** unto me in heaven and in earth.” Matthew 28:18. “Standing but a step from His heavenly throne, Christ gave the commission to His disciples. “All power is **given unto Me** in heaven and in earth.” DA818.

“I saw... one like the **Son of man came... to the Ancient of days**, and they brought him near before him. And there was **given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom...** an everlasting dominion... and his kingdom... shall not be destroyed.” Daniel 7:13.14.

“Our great Exemplar was **exalted to be equal with God**. He was high commander in heaven. All the holy angels delighted to bow before Him.” 2 Testimonies p426.

Christ was **given** an “**exalted position** as the loved **Commander of heaven**, who was worshipped and adored by the angelic hosts.” Bible Echo, Dec 1. 1893.

“Some of the angels sympathized with Satan in his rebellion, and others strongly contended for the honor and wisdom of God in **giving authority to His Son**.” Early Writings 146.

“The **Son of God was next in authority to the great Lawgiver**. He knew that His life alone could be sufficient to ransom fallen man.” 2 Spirit of Prophecy. 9. Lift Him Up. 24.

“To Christ, and to **Christ alone**, is **given the right of authority** over all things.” Home Missionary. Vol 16. p15. 1900.

Jesus said, "All power (**authority**) *is given* unto me, as Mediator between God and man." 16 Manuscript Release. 15.16.

"He (Christ) comes *to the Ancient of days in heaven to receive dominion, and glory, and a kingdom*, which will be given Him at the close of His work as a mediator... our great High Priest enters the holy of holies, and there appears in the presence of God . . . to perform the work of investigative judgment.." FLB 209. "The ***Ancient of days is God the Father.***" FLB 209.

He was the "***Commander of all the heavenly host.***" 1 SM 243. 4 T 219.

Jesus will return "***with power and great glory***" that He had in the beginning with His Father. Matthew 24:30. John 17:5.22.24.

God is Father--God of Christ

"Blessed be ***the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.***" 1 Peter 1:3.

"I ascend unto ***my Father***, and your Father; and to ***my God***, and your God." John 20:17.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with ***my Father*** in His throne." Revelation 3:21.

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of ***my God***, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of ***my God***, and the name of the city of ***my God***, which is new Jerusalem.... out of heaven from ***my God***..." Revelation 3:12.

"The Father, in union and loving sympathy, with His Son, subjected Himself to suffer with His Son... ***This gift of Christ is the crowning truth of God's love, and His Fatherhood***, through time and through eternity. Here is the love of God in His Fatherhood. Let us drink in this love, that we may know by experience what a real, tender, joyful experience there is in a realization of ***the Fatherhood of God.***" Spalding & Magan. 68. 1897.

Son sits on Father's Throne

"The *Son of God* shared **the Father's throne**, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both." Patriarchs and Prophets 35-36. (Prior to the incarnation and after it)

"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down **on the right hand of God...**" Hebrew 10:12.

"I am set down with **my Father in His throne.**" Revelation 3:21.

Christ is "set on the right hand of the **throne of the Majesty** in the heavens." Hebrews 8:1

Jesus "...is set down **at the right hand of the throne of God.**" Hebrews 12:2.

"I saw **a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son.** I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, 'If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist'." Early Writings 54.

Extra texts: Col 3:1. 1 Peter 3:22. Mark 16:19.

Oneness of Father and Son

"I and my Father **are one.**" John 10:30.

"**Perfect oneness**--a union as close as the union existing between the Father and the Son--this is what will give success to the efforts of God's workers." Reflecting Christ 200.

"That they all may be one as **thou Father art in me, and I in thee...**" John 17:21.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**" John 1:1. (The same nature, deity)

"The **love existing between the Father and His Son** cannot be portrayed. It is **measureless.**" 16 Manuscript Release. 337.

“**Christ is one with the Father**, but Christ and God are **two distinct personages**... the unity that is to exist between Christ and His followers does not destroy the personality of either. They are to be one with Him **as He is one with the Father.**” R&H June 1. 1905. 5BC 1148.

“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.**” Youth’s Instructor. Dec 16. 1897.

“No man **knoweth** the Son, but the Father; neither **knoweth** any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.” Matthew 11:27.

“God could not express greater love than He has expressed in giving **the Son of His bosom** to this world.” Lift Him Up 232. (Father and Son are so close)

“The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave **His only begotten Son, tore from His bosom** Him who was made in the express image of His person, and sent Him down to earth to reveal how greatly He loved mankind.” *The Review and Herald*, July 9, 1895.

“The Saviour trod the winepress alone, and of all the people there was none with him. And **yet he was not alone**. He had said, ‘I and my Father **are one.**’ God suffered with his Son.” 3 Spirit of Prophecy 100.

“It is essential that he (the human agent) hold as vital a relation with God **as does the Son to the Father.**” Letter 43. 1895. 7BC 943.

After Lucifer’s fall, “The **only begotten Son of God** swept back the hellish shadow in which Satan has enveloped the Father and declares, ‘I and My Father are one; **look on Me and behold God.**’ ST May 1. 1901.

Son Mediator of Universe

“The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. **He had an associate—a co-worker** who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings.” PP34.

“All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, **the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete**, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life.” DA 21.

Son enters councils of Father

“Christ the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father -- one in nature, in character, and in purpose -- **the only being in all the universe** that could **enter into all the counsels** and purposes of God.” Great Controversy 88 493. PP34.

“**Christ is the only being in all the universe** that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God.” GC 493.

“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.**” 8 Testimonies 268.

“Even the **angels were not permitted** to share the counsels between the Father and the Son when the plan of salvation was laid.” MH 430. This was Lucifer's objection, as he was not permitted to enter these councils.

“Having **stood in the counsels of God**, having dwelt in the everlasting heights of the sanctuary, all elements of truth were in Him, and of Him; for He was one with God.” R & H Dec 1891.

Son is Subject to His Father

“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I **seek not mine own will**, but the will of the Father which hath set me.” John 5:30.

“O My father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless **not as I will**, but as thou wilt.” Matthew 26:39.

“... the **head of Christ** is God.” 1 Corinthians 11:3.

“Especially was His Son to work in union with Himself in the anticipated creation of the earth and every living thing that should exist upon the earth. His Son would carry out **His will and His purposes** but would do nothing of Himself alone. **The Father's will** would be fulfilled in Him.” Lift Him Up 18.

“The Son of God **was next in authority to the great Lawgiver.**” R&H Dec 17. 1872.

“Before He came to earth, the plan lay out before Him, perfect in all its details. But as He walked among men, He **was guided, step by step, by the Father's will.** He did not hesitate to act at the appointed time. With the same submission He **waited** until the time had come.” DA 147.

“But the Son of God was surrendered to **the Father's will**, and dependent upon His power. So utterly was Christ emptied of self that **He made no plans for Himself.** He accepted God's plans for Him, and day by day **the Father unfolded His plans.**” DA 208.

“The one law of His life was **the Father's will.**” A 486.

“In His heart was the peace of **perfect oneness** with the Father's will, and with eager steps He pressed on toward the place of sacrifice.” DA 547.

“The Son of God had wrought **the Father's will** in the creation of all the hosts of heaven... Christ was still to exercise divine power, in the creation of the earth and its inhabitants. But in all this He would **not seek power or exaltation for Himself** contrary to God's plan.” PP 36.

God's Son Prince of Heaven

"And at that time shall **Michael** stand up, the **great prince** which standeth for the children of thy people..." Daniel 12:1.

"....**Michael your Prince.**" 10:21. 10:13.

"**God's own Son, the Prince of Heaven**, by His example teaches that we should obey." Story of Jesus 17.

"The monarch (Persian king) had resisted the impressions of the Spirit of God during the three weeks while Daniel was fasting and praying, but **heaven's Prince, the Archangel, Michael**, was sent to turn the heart of the stubborn king to take some decided action to answer the prayer of Daniel." Reflecting Christ 90.

"Though He was **the Prince of heaven**, He lived and suffered and died under the abuse and scorn of fallen men; and this that He might prepare for the human family mansions in the heavenly courts." This Day with God 168.

"There is before us the **Prince of heaven, the Son of God**. He laid aside the royal crown and the princely robe and came to take His position in our world as a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief." Ms 156. July 22.1907. Upward Look 217.

"The **Prince of heaven, the Commander of the heavenly hosts**, stepped down from His high position, laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothed His divinity with humanity." TDG 373.

"As you stand before the cross, and see **the royal Prince of heaven dying** for you, can you seal your heart, saying, 'No; I have nothing to give'?" AUCR. Apr 1.1901.

"Think of what **the Prince of heaven** did to manifest His love for the Father and for us. He **resigned His position as Commander** in the heavenly courts, and clothed His divinity with humanity... Those who receive Him are **adopted into the royal family as sons and daughters of God**. They are made heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, to an immortal inheritance." R&H. Nov 29. 1900.

"The **Prince of heaven**, he who was **one with the Father in the creation of the world**, came to our world to labor for the salvation of men." R&H. Apr 8. 1909.

Father's Life flows thru Son

"All things **Christ received from God**, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: **through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns**, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to **the great Source of all**. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life." Desire of Ages 20.21.

"As speech is to thought, so is Christ to the invisible God. **He is the manifestation of the Father**, and is called the Word of God. God sent His Son into the world, His divinity clothed with humanity, to make known in His life and character the attributes of the Father, that men might bear the image of the invisible God. He was the embodiment of the law of God, which is the transcript of His character." ST. November 15. 1899.

Father-Son make a Covenant

"That which in the counsels of heaven **the Father and the Son** deemed essential for man's salvation is clearly presented in the Holy Scriptures." Christian Temperance 438.

"Before the fall of man, the **Son of God had united with His Father** in laying the plan of salvation." R&H. Sep 13. 1906.

"Before the foundations of the earth were laid, **the Father and the Son** had united in a covenant to redeem man if he should be overcome by Satan. They had clasped their hands in a solemn pledge that Christ should become the surety for the human race." DA 834.

"The plan of redemption was arranged in the counsels between **the Father and the Son**. Then Christ pledged Himself to render an account for man if he proved disloyal." HP 12.

"Even the angels were not permitted to share the counsels between **the Father and the Son** when the plan of salvation was laid." PP 69.

“Before the foundations of the world were laid, **the only begotten of God pledged Himself** to become the Redeemer of the human race. He who was partaker of the Father’s glory before the world was, laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown...” 1 SM 226. 1905.

“In the plan to save a lost world, the counsel **was between them both**: the covenant of peace was between **the Father and the Son**.... The only-begotten Son, in whom the Father delighted, was given for the ransom of a fallen race.” Signs. Dec 23. 1897.

“An irrevocable covenant was made between **the Father and the Son**.” Signs of the Times. Aug 22. 1900.

“The plan of salvation **devised by the Father and the Son** will be a grand success.” (Ellen White, *The Signs of the Times*, June 17, 1903 par. 2)

“At what infinite cost to **the Father and to the Son** was the merciful, wondrous provision made for our redemption.” Signs. Aug 12 1908.

“**The Father and the Son** in consultation decided that Christ must come to the world as a babe, and live the life that human beings must live from childhood to manhood, bearing the trials that they must bear, and at the same time living a sinless life.” Reflecting Christ 16.

“**God became one with man when, in the council between the Father and the Son in heaven** it was determined that if man fell from his allegiance, the Son of God should be his Redeemer and restore in him the moral image of God.” 1888 Materials. 869.

Redemption “was to vindicate the character of God before the universe... it would **justify God and His Son** in their dealing with the rebellion of Satan.” PP68.69.

This is very different from the Adventist understanding as shown below.

“A plan of salvation was encompassed in **the covenant made by the Three Persons of the Godhead**, who possessed the attributes of Deity equally. In order to eradicate sin and rebellion from the universe and to restore harmony and peace, **one of the divine Beings accepted, and entered into the role of the Father, another the role of the Son**. The remaining divine Being, the Holy Spirit, was also to participate in effecting the plan of salvation” (Gordon Jenson,

Adventist Review, 31 October 1996, p. 12 – Jenson was at the time president of Spicer Memorial College of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, India).

“The Godhead was stirred with pity for the race, and the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit ***gave Themselves to the working out of the plan of redemption.*** In order fully to carry out this plan, it was decided that Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, should give Himself an offering for sin.” Counsels on Health. 223.

The above statement appears to say that the Holy Spirit was part of the council that planned redemption, but this is not what the prophet is saying. The Holy Spirit is part of the “working out” of the plan of redemption that had been made by the Father and the Son. The Spirit was not a third being formulating it with the Father and the Son.

“Christ was not alone in making His great sacrifice. It was the fulfilment of the covenant made between Him and His Father before the foundation of the world was laid. ***With clasped hands they had entered into the solemn pledge that Christ would become the surety for the human race*** if they were overcome by Satan's sophistry.” Youth's Instructor, June 14, 1900, p. 186. (‘The Price of our Redemption’) 1MR 121.

“He bore the sins of the world, and endured the penalty which rolled like a mountain upon His divine soul. He yielded up His life a sacrifice, that man should not eternally die. He died, ***not through being compelled to die, but by His own free will.***” 7BC 446.

“And the counsel of peace shall be between ***them both.***” The love of ***the Father***, no less than of ***the Son***, is the fountain of salvation for the lost race.” GC88 416.

“In the Psalms, in the prophets, in the gospels, and in the epistles, God has by revelation made prominent the vital truths concerning the ***agreement between the Father and the Son*** in providing for the salvation of a lost race.” R&H. Sep 24. 1908.

Father gives His Greatest Gift

“God the Father has given unto man the greatest gift that Heaven held.... I believe that the heart of the great God is touched and

moved by the condition of sinners today, as when he gave His Son to die for the sins of the world.” Review and Herald. May 4. 1876.

“The glorious plan of man's salvation was brought about through the infinite love of God the Father. In this divine plan is seen **the most marvelous manifestation of the love of God** to the fallen race. Such love as is manifested in the gift of God's beloved Son amazed the holy angels.” God's Amazing Grace p160.

“The infinite love of God has been manifested **in the gift of His only-begotten Son** to redeem a lost race. Christ came to the earth to reveal to men the character of His Father.” PP 469.

“The heart of God yearns over His earthly children with a love stronger than death. In **giving up His Son, He has poured out to us all heaven in one gift.**” Faith Love By 45.

We behold Jesus, the Son of God, coming to our world, and engaging in the mysterious conflict that discomfited the powers of darkness. O how wonderful, how almost incredible it is, **that the infinite God would consent to the humiliation of his own dear Son.**” Christian Education 107.

“He wants you to come into that position where He may grant you the gift of immortality. He has given you **the gift of His Son, the greatest gift that Heaven could bestow.**” ST Feb 7. 1878.

“**The greatest gift** that God could bestow upon men was bestowed in the gift **of His beloved Son...** There was nothing held in reserve.” Signs of the Times Dec 30. 1889. “Through **Christ** had been communicated every ray of divine light that had ever reached our fallen world. It was He who had spoken through everyone that throughout the ages had declared God's word to man... **God's greatest gift** was bestowed to meet man's greatest need.” Education 73.74.

“Christ gave to the Jewish people abundant evidence that He was the Messiah; but His teaching called for a decided change in their lives.... They were afraid of being convinced lest they should be converted and be compelled to give up their preconceived opinions. **The treasure of the gospel, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, was among them, but they rejected the greatest gift that Heaven could bestow.**” COL 105.

“God’s greatest gift is Christ, whose life is ours, given for us.”
3MR 323.

“Light falls over the edges of the heavenly city, for “the threshold of heaven is flooded with the glory proceeding from the throne of Gold, that **the light may fall directly on those who are seeking the help that Christ alone can give.**” UL 107.

When we study a passage of Scripture “...**light from the throne of God** will shine into the soul.” OHC 31.

“The Son of God entered into the plan for man’s salvation, knowing all the steps that He must descend in order to make expiation for the sins of the burdened, groaning world. What humility was this! It **amazed the angels. Tongue can never describe it, the imagination cannot take it in** – the eternal Word consented to be made flesh; God became man. But He steps still lower; the Man must humble Himself to bear insult, reproach, shameful accusations, and abuse.” 17MR339.340.

"**The great gift of salvation** has been placed within our reach at an infinite cost to the Father and the Son. To neglect salvation, is to neglect the knowledge of the Father and of the Son whom God hath sent in order that man might become a partaker of the divine nature, and thus, with Christ, an heir of all things. A neglect to lay hold of **the priceless treasure of salvation**, means the eternal ruin of your soul." RH 3/10/91 & 11/21/12.

“It was **the marvel of all the universe** that Christ should humble Himself to save fallen man. That He who had passed from star to star, from world to world, superintending all, by His providence supplying the needs of every order of being in His vast creation -- that He should consent to leave His glory and take upon Himself human nature, was a mystery which the sinless intelligences of other worlds desired to understand.” PP 69.70.

“The infinite value of the sacrifice required for our redemption reveals the fact that sin is a tremendous evil. God might have wiped out this foul blot from His creation by sweeping the sinner from the face of the earth. But He "so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.” 6T 66.

“The **advent of Christ was the greatest event** which had taken place since the creation of the world. . . . The eye of God was upon His Son every moment ...” Review and Herald. Dec. 24. 1872.

“**Jesus came to this earth to accomplish the greatest work ever accomplished among men.** He came as God's ambassador, to show us how to live so as to secure life's best results. What were the conditions chosen by the Infinite Father for His Son? A secluded home in the Galilean hills; a household sustained by honest, self-respecting labor; a life of simplicity; daily conflict with difficulty and hardship; self-sacrifice, economy, and patient, gladsome service; the hour of study at His mother's side, with the open scroll of Scripture; the quiet of dawn or twilight in the green valley; the holy ministries of nature; the study of creation and providence; and the soul's communion with God -- these were the conditions and opportunities of the early life of Jesus.” AH 132.2

“The dedication of the first-born had its origin in the earliest times. God had **promised to give the First-born of heaven** to save the sinner.” *The Desire of Ages*, p. 51.

Father-Son create Universe

“**God**... hath spoken unto us by **His Son**... **by whom** also made the worlds.” Hebrews 1:1.2.

“He was in the world, and **the world was made by him**, and the world knew him not.” John 1:10.

“For by him (Christ) were **all things created**... **all things were created by him**, and for him.” Colossians 1:16.

“The **Sovereign of the universe** was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had **an associate** – a co-worker who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy.” PP 34-34.

“The **Son of God** had wrought **the Father's** will in creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God their homage and allegiance were due.” PP 35-36.

“The **Father** wrought by **His Son** in the creation of all heavenly beings.” PP34.

Son upholds all Things

“And he (Christ v15.16) is before all things, and by him all things consist.” Colossians 1:17.

“Nature testifies of an intelligence, a presence, an active energy, that works in and through her laws. There is in nature the continual working of **the Father and the Son**. Christ says, ‘My Father worketh hitherto, and I work’.” Christian Education 194. PP 114.5.

“**The Son**, the anointed of God, the ‘express image of his person’, ‘the brightness of his glory’, ‘upholding all things by the word of his power’, holds supremacy over them all.” (Hebrews 1:3). Lift Him Up 50.

When Christ came down to resurrect Moses, the devil objected. However, “Here was an evidence that Satan could not controvert, of **the supremacy of the Son of God**. PP 479.

Lucifer, a Created Angel

“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth... thou wast upon the holy mountain of God... Thou **wast perfect** in thy ways from the day that **thou wast created**, till iniquity was found in thee.” Ezekiel 28:14.15.

“Lucifer... before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, **next in honor to God's dear Son**. His countenance... was mild and expressive of happiness...His form was perfect; his bearing noble and majestic. A special light beamed in his countenance and shone around him brighter and more beautiful than around the other angels; yet Christ, **God's dear Son**, had the pre-eminence over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created.” FLB 67.

“Evil originated with Lucifer, who rebelled against the government of God. Before his fall he was a covering cherub, distinguished by his excellence. God made him **good and beautiful**, as **near as possible like Himself**.” Faith I Live By 66.

“It **was pride and ambition** that prompted Lucifer to complain of the government of God..” Conflict and Courage 108.

Lucifer, the first of the covering cherubs, stood “in the presence of the great Creator, and **the ceaseless beams of glory enshrouding the eternal God** rested upon him.” PP 35.

“Lucifer . . . , before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, **next in honor to God's dear Son**. His countenance, like those of the other angels, was mild and expressive of happiness. His forehead was high and broad, showing a powerful intellect. His form was perfect; his bearing noble and majestic. A special light beamed in his countenance and shone around him brighter and more beautiful than around the other angels; yet Christ, God's dear Son, had the pre-eminence over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created...” FLB 67.

“Satan's position in heaven had been **next to the Son of God**. He was first among the angels.” 1SM 341. “Satan, the chief of the fallen angels, once had an exalted position in Heaven. He was **next in honor to Christ**.” R&H. 24 Feb. 1874.

“He was **next to Christ in exaltation and character**.” R&H Oct 22.1895.

“Sin originated with him, who, **next to Christ**, had been most honored of God, and who stood highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of Heaven. Before his fall, Lucifer was **first of the covering cherubs, holy and undefiled**. ‘Thus saith the Lord God: Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering.’ ‘Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth.....’ GC88 493.

“Thine **heart was lifted up** because of **thy beauty**, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness...” Ezekiel 28:17. “Every precious stone was thy covering...” 28:13.

Plans of Father and Son

“Before the fall of Satan, **the Father consulted His Son** in regard to the formation of man. They purposed to make this world... and to make man in the image of God...”

“When Satan (Lucifer) **learned the purpose of God, he was envious at Christ**, and jealous because the Father had **not consulted him** in regard to the creation of man.” 3 Spiritual Gifts 36.

“God informs Satan that **to His Son alone He would reveal His secret purposes.**” 1 SP 22.

“Though all his (Lucifer’s) glory was from God, this mighty angel came to regard it as pertaining to himself. Not content with his position, though honored above the heavenly host, he ventured to covet homage due alone to the Creator. Instead of seeking to make God supreme in the affections and allegiance of all created beings, it was his endeavor to secure their service and loyalty to himself. And **coveting the glory with which the infinite Father had invested His Son, this prince of angels aspired to power that was the prerogative of Christ alone.**” PP 35.

Lucifer’s Rebellion

“Sin originated with him who, **next to Christ**, had been most honored of God and was **highest in power and glory** among the inhabitants of heaven.” Patriarchs & Prophets 35.

“Thou hast said in thine heart... **I will exalt my throne** above the stars of God... **I will be like the most High.**” Isaiah 14:13,14. “Thou hast **set thine heart** as the heart of God.” Ezekiel 28:6.

“To **dispute the supremacy of the Son of God**, thus impeaching the wisdom and love of the Creator, had become the purpose of this prince of angels. To this object he was about to bend the energies of that master mind, which, **next to Christ’s**, was first among the hosts of heaven.” PP35-36.

“**God’s dear Son, had the preeminence** over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created. **Lucifer was envious** of Christ, and **gradually assumed command** which devolved on Christ alone.” LHU 18.

Lucifer “coveting the glory with which the infinite Father had invested His Son, this prince of angels **aspired to power** that was the prerogative of Christ alone.” PP35.

“He (Lucifer) **desired the place occupied by Christ**, having it in his mind, that if he gained this position, to make an effort to take the place of God.” MS 37. May 1903. UL 135.

“Lucifer allowed his **jealousy of Christ** to prevail and became the more determine.” Patriarchs & Prophets 35-36.

“He promised them a new and better government than they then had, in which all would be freedom. Great numbers signified their purpose to accept him as their leader and chief commander. As he saw his advances were met with success, he flattered himself that he should yet have all the angels on his side, and that **he would be equal with God Himself**, and his voice of authority would be heard in commanding the entire host of heaven. Again **the loyal angels warned him, and assured him what must be the consequences if he persisted**; that He who could create the angels could by His power overturn all their authority and in some signal manner punish their audacity and terrible rebellion. To think that an angel should resist the law of God which was as sacred as Himself! They warned the rebellious to close their ears to Lucifer's deceptive reasonings, and **advised him and all who had been affected by him to go to God and confess their wrong** for even admitting a thought of questioning His authority.” SR 16.

Father meets with all Angels

“The **King of the universe** summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence He might set forth **the true position of the Son.**” Patriarchs & Prophets 35-36.

“Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven **the King declared that none but Christ, the only begotten of God**, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of His will.” PP 35-36.

“Angels delighted to execute his (Lucifer's) commands, and he was clothed with wisdom and glory above them all. Yet **the Son of God** was the **acknowledged sovereign of Heaven**, one in power and authority with the Father.” GC88 495.

“The exaltation of the **Son of God as equal with the Father** was represented as an injustice to Lucifer, who, it was claimed, was also

entitled to reverence and honor... There had been **no change in the position or authority of Christ**. Lucifer's envy and misrepresentation... and his claims of equality with Christ had made necessary a statement of **the true position of the Son of God**; but **this had been from the beginning.**" PP 37.38.

Lucifer's Rebellion Continues

"Before he fell, Satan wanted **Christ's position**. Because he could not have it, he became desperate, rebelled, and was cast out of heaven. Because he was restrained from carrying out his plans, he decided that he would be his own god." 19 Manuscript Release 395.

"Notwithstanding the infinite power and majesty of God and Christ, angels became disaffected. The insinuations of Satan took effect, and they really came to believe that **the Father and the Son** were their enemies, and that Satan was their benefactor." 3 T 328.

"Satan... began his **work of rebellion** with the angels under his command, seeking to diffuse among them the spirit of discontent. And he worked in **so deceptive** a way that many of the angels were won to his allegiance before his purposes were fully known." R&H Jan. 28. 1909.

"Loyal angels warned against this rebellion. Many were disposed to heed this counsel, to repent of their disaffection, and seek to be agents in favour with **the Father and His Son...**" Patriarchs and Prophets 40-41.

The Father's Decision

"Lucifer had been the highest of all created beings and had been foremost in revealing God's purposes to the universe. After he sinned, his power to deceive was the more deceptive, and the unveiling of his character more difficult, because of the exalted position he had held with **the Father.**" DA 759.

"**The Father** decides the case of Satan, and declares that he must be turned out of Heaven for his daring rebellion, and that all those who united with him in his rebellion, should be turned out with him." 3 Spiritual Gifts 38.

“Christ, as Commander of heaven, was appointed to put down the rebellion.” R & H May 30 1889.

War in Heaven

“Christ, as Commander of heaven, was appointed to put down the rebellion.” R&H. May 30. 1899.

Satan “declared that he was prepared to resist the **authority of Christ**, and to defend his place in Heaven by force of might, strength against strength.” 1 Spirit of Prophecy 22.

“And there was war in heaven: **Michael and his angels** fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.” Revelation 12:7.

“Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.” Revelation 12:8.

“The **Son of God, the Prince of heaven**, and His loyal angels engaged in conflict with the arch rebel and those who united with him. The **Son of God** and true, loyal angels prevailed; and Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from Heaven. All the heavenly host acknowledged and adored the God of justice. Not a taint of rebellion was left in Heaven. ” 1 SP 22.

“Angels were engaged in the battle; Satan wished to **conquer the Son of God** and those who were submissive to His will.” 1 Spiritual Gifts 18.

“Lucifer, who, because he was determined to have his own way and **be above Christ**, was cast out of heaven.” R & H. Dec 22. 1910.

“Christ and his angels fought against Satan and his angels, for they were determined to remain in Heaven with all their rebellion. But they prevailed not.” 3 Spiritual Gifts 38.

Lucifer cast out of Heaven

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the

earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelation 12:9. (This verse applies both to when Satan was cast out of heaven after his rebellion, but also when he was cast out as earth’s representative at the death of Christ. At his initial rebellion, he was not cast into the earth as it had not yet been created, but after the cross, he was no longer permitted to enter heaven as our representative. Christ took that place and is now our Representative)

“The **Son of God, the Prince of heaven**, and His loyal angels engaged in conflict with the archrebel and those who united with him. The **Son of God** and true, loyal angels prevailed; and Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from heaven... Not a taint of rebellion was left in heaven. All was again peaceful and harmonious as before.” Lift Him Up 19.

“Satan in his rebellion took a third part of the angels. They turned from **the Father and from His Son**, and united with the instigator of rebellion.” 3 Testimonies 114.

Creation of Earth and Man

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1.

“Angels in heaven mourned the fate for those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in heaven. **The Father consulted His Son** in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit the earth.” Story of Redemption 19.

“After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, **the Father and Son** carried out their purpose, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their own image. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. Life Him Up 47.

“**The Father and the Son** engaged in the mighty, wondrous work they had contemplated, of creating the world. The earth came forth from the hand of the Creator exceedingly beautiful.” Signs of the Times. Jan 9. 1879.

“Let us **make man in our image**, after our likeness...” Genesis 1:26.

“The glory of God is to be revealed in **the creation of man** in God's image and in his redemption. One soul is of more value than a world... The **Lord Jesus Christ is the author of our being**, and He is also the author of our redemption, and everyone who will enter the kingdom of God will develop a character that is the counterpart of the character of God.” AG 248.

“After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, **the Father and Son carried out their purpose**, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their own image. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. And now **God says to His Son, ‘Let us make man in our image’.**” Spiritual Gifts Book 1 & 2. p33.34.

“There the fall of Satan, **the Father consulted His Son in regard to the formation of man**. They purchased to make this world, and create beasts and living things upon this, and to make man in the image of God.” SG Vol 1&2. p36.

Father and the Son Rest

“And on the seventh day God... rested on the seventh day...” Genesis 2:1-3.

“In the beginning **the Father and the Son** had rested upon the Sabbath after their work of creation.” Desire of Ages 769.2

Adam and Eve in the Garden

“Very happy were the holy pair in Eden. Unlimited control was given them over every living thing... Adam and Eve were charmed with the beauties of their Eden home. They raised their voices in harmonious songs of love, **praise and adoration to the Father and His dear Son** for the tokens of love which surrounded them.” Story of Redemption 22.

“The happy birds flitted about them without fear; and as their glad songs ascended to the praise of their Creator, Adam and Eve united with them in **thanksgiving to the Father and the Son.**” This Day with God 23.

Satan Plans to Seduce Adam

“When through his rebellion he was cast out of heaven, he determined to make man his victim, and the earth his kingdom. He **cast the blame of his rebellion upon Christ**, and in determined hatred of God, sought to wound Him through the fall of man.” Bible Echo Nov 1. 1892.

“If he should come boldly upon Adam and Eve and make complaints of God’s own Son they would not listen to him for a moment, but would be prepared for such an attack... He decided that **cunning and deceit** would do what might, or force, could not.” Signs. Jan 10. 1879. Story of Redemption 28.29.

Adam and Eve Warned

“Two angels sped on their way to visit our first parents... They told them that the **most exalted angel, next in order to Christ**, refused obedience to the law of God...that this rebellion had caused war in heaven... and that this fallen foe was now an **enemy** to all the concerned the interest of **God and His dear Son...**” Story of Redemption 30.31.

“The angels unite with Adam and Eve in holy strains... Satan heard the sound of their strains of joyful **adoration to the Father and Son...**And his envy, hatred and malignity increased.” SR 30.

Eve Falls for Satan’s Trap

“How anxiously they (the holy angels) waited to see if the holy pair would be deluded by the tempter, and yield to his arts! They asked themselves, Will the holy pair **transfer their faith** and love **from the Father and the Son** to Satan?” 1 Bible Commentary 1083.

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food... **she did eat**, and gave also unto her husband with her; and **he did eat.**” Genesis 3:6.

“And **Adam was not deceived**, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.” 1 Timothy 2:14.

“**Satan was determined to succeed** in his temptation of the sinless Adam and Eve. And he could reach even this holy pair more successfully through the medium of appetite than in any other way. The fruit of the forbidden tree seemed pleasant to the eye and desirable to the taste. **They ate and fell.** They transgressed God's just command and became sinners. **Satan's triumph was complete.** He then had the vantage ground over the race. He flattered himself that, through his subtlety, he had thwarted the purpose of God in the creation of man.” Confrontation 15.

“The **Son of God, heaven's glorious Commander** was touched with pity for the fallen race.” Patriarchs and Prophets 63.

“By sin, **earth was cut off from heaven**, and alienated from its communion...” DA 113.

“The transgression of man had **separated earth from heaven**, and finite man from the infinite God. As **an island** is separated from a continent, so earth was cut off from heaven, and **a wide channel intervened** between man and God.” R&H. Nov 11. 1890.

“Adam and Eve **yielded to the enemy**, and by their disobedience humanity was estranged from God, and the **earth separated from heaven.**” BCL 98.

Son pleads with His Father

“Sorrow filled heaven as it was realized that man was lost... The whole family of Adam must die.

I then saw the lovely Jesus and beheld an expression of sympathy and sorrow upon His countenance. Soon I saw Him approach the exceeding bright **light which enshrouded the Father.** Said my accompanying angel, ‘He is in close converse with His Father.’ The anxiety of the angels seemed to be intense while Jesus was communing with **His Father.**

Three times He was shut in by the **glorious light about the Father**, and the third time He came from **the Father** we could see His person. His countenance was calm, free from all perplexity...

He then made known to the angelic choir that a way of escape had been made for lost man; that He had been pleading with **His Father**,

and had obtained permission to give His own life as a ransom for the race, to bear their sins, and take the sentence of death upon Himself..." Early Writings 149.

"Before **the Father He (God's Son)** pleaded in the sinner's behalf... Long continue was that mysterious communing – 'the counsel of peace' for the fallen sons of men. The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth... yet it was a struggle even with **the Father** to yield up **His Son** to die for the guilty race." PP63.

"Said the angel, "Think ye that **the Father** yielded up **His dearly beloved Son** without a struggle? No, no." It was even a struggle with the God of heaven, whether to let guilty man perish, or to give **His darling Son** to die for them." EW 127.

"As the angels beheld the overmastering anguish of the Son of God, the words were spoken, 'The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent.' **Father and Son** have clasped their hands, and are mutually pledged to fulfil the terms of the everlasting covenant, to give fallen man another chance." 12 Manuscript Release 408.

"He that **spared not his own Son**, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32.

"The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave his only begotten Son, **tore from his bosom Him who was made in the express image of his person**, and sent him down to earth to reveal how greatly he loved mankind. " R&H Jul 9. 1895.

"... it was a marvel with all heaven, that **the Father suffered the Son of his bosom** to lay aside His glory, and come down to earth, and submit to humiliation, and the agonizing death of the cross to save fallen man." 4a Spiritual Gifts 119.

"Christ's death had answered the question whether the Father and the Son had **sufficient love** for man to exercise **self-denial and a spirit of sacrifice**." PP 70.

"**The Father consents to give his dearly beloved Son to save the fallen race**; and through his merits and intercession promises to receive man again into his favour, and to restore

holiness to as many as should be willing to accept the atonement thus mercifully offered, and obey his law. ***For the sake of His dear Son the Feather forbears awhile the execution of death, and to Christ He commits the fallen race.***” SG Vol 1& 2. p46.47.

“***Our heavenly Father surrendered His beloved Son*** to the agonies of the crucifixion..... What greater proof can the Infinite One give us of His divine love and pity? ‘He that spared not His Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?’” ST April 3, 1879.

Giving Son an Eternal Risk

“Look upon the wounded head, the pierced side, the marred feet. Remember that Christ risked all. For our redemption, ***heaven itself was imperilled.***” Christ’s Object Lessons 196.

“The issues at stake were beyond the comprehension of men... In His conflict with the prince of darkness in this atom of a world, Christ had to ***meet the whole confederacy of evil, the united forces of the adversary of God*** and man; but at every point He met the tempter, and put him to flight. Christ was conqueror over the powers of darkness, and took ***the infinite risk*** of consenting to war with the enemy, that He might conquer him in our behalf.” Signs of the Times. Jan 5. 1915.

“God permitted His Son to come, a helpless babe, subject to the weakness of humanity. He permitted Him to meet life's peril in common with every human soul, to fight the battle as every child of humanity must fight it, at ***the risk of failure and eternal loss.***” DA 49.

“To meet a bitterer conflict and a ***more fearful risk***, God gave His only-begotten Son, that the path of life might be made sure for our little ones.” DA 49.

Adam and Eve told of Plan

“Adam and Eve were told that ***the Son of God*** had offered to atone, with His own life, for their transgression.” PP 66

“Adam was informed that an angel's life could not pay the debt... But **the Son of God**, who had in unison with the Father created man, could make an atonement for man acceptable to God, by giving His life a sacrifice and **bearing the wrath of His Father.**” SR 46.

“When Adam and Eve realized how exalted and sacred... they pleaded to die themselves... rather than that **the beloved Son of God should make this great sacrifice.**” Story of Redemption 47.

“Christ would take upon Himself the guilt and shame of sin – sin so offensive to a holy God that it must separate **the Father and the Son.**” PP 63.

“When he (Satan) tempted and overcame Adam and Eve, he thought he had gained possession of this world... But God gave **His own dear Son – one equal with Himself – to bear the penalty of transgression...**” PP 69.70.

“He was to stand between the sinner and the penalty of sin; yet **few would receive Him as the Son of God.**” PP 63.64.

“It was the **Son of God that gave to our first parents the promise of redemption.** It was He who revealed Himself to the patriarchs. Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses understood the gospel. They looked for salvation through man's Substitute and Surety....” Patriarchs & Prophets p366.

Satan Rejoices in Evil

“When the plan of salvation was revealed, **Satan rejoiced** with his angels that he could, by **causing man's fall, pull down the Son of God from his exalted position.** He told his angels that when Jesus should take fallen man's nature, he could overpower him, and hinder the accomplishment of the plan.” ST. January 30. 1879.

“Satan is **determined that men shall not see the love of God which led Him to give His only-begotten Son** to save a lost race; for it is the goodness of God that leads men to repentance.” 1 SM 156.

Other Worlds support Father

“Every world throughout immensity engages the care and support of **the Father and the Son**; and this care is constantly exercised for fallen humanity.” MYP 254.

Son the only Mediator

“For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men**, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all.” GC 261. 1 Timothy 2:5.

“The life-giving doctrine of the **one Mediator between God and man** has been freely taught.” Mar 193.

“Why Only One Mediator. **Jesus alone** could give security to God; for He was equal to God. **He alone could be a mediator** between God and man; for He possessed divinity and humanity.” RH Apr 3, 1894. 7BC 914.

“The intervention of Moses in behalf of Israel illustrates the **mediation of Christ** for sinful men.” PP 26.27.

“**Christ is** today standing as **our Advocate before the Father**. He is the **one Mediator between God and man**. Bearing the marks of His crucifixion, He pleads the causes of our souls.” Letter 35, 1894.

“We have a great High Priest to whom we may come boldly; we have **a Mediator in the heavens**.” R&H. May 7. 1889.

“After the Fall Christ became **Adam's instructor**. He acted in God's stead toward humanity, saving the race from immediate death. He took upon Him **the office of Mediator**. Adam and Eve were given a probation in which to return to their allegiance, and in this plan all their posterity were embraced.” 9 MR 237.

“Go to **Jesus** as He has invited you. There is but **one Mediator, one Intercessor**, who can help wisely and not make one indiscreet move. I point you to the ‘Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.’ In Him is all-sufficiency. Tell Him your failings, and receive instruction from His words.” 14 MR 196.

Son the only Intercessor

“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:25.

“Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God who also **maketh intercession for us.**” Romans 8:34.

“... **the Spirit itself maketh intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” Romans 8:26.

“The work of Christ in the sanctuary above, presenting His own blood each moment before the mercy seat, as He makes intercession for us, should have its full impression upon the heart, that we may realize the worth of each moment. **Jesus ever liveth to make intercession for us...**” Counsels to SS Teachers 85.86. CSW 111.

“When tempted, just say, He cares for me, **He makes intercession for me**, He loves me, He has died for me. I will give myself unreservedly to Him.” LHU 184.

“*Christ is the Son of God in deed and in truth* and in love, and is the representative of the Father as well as **the representative of the human race.**” *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 14. 83.

“The **Son of God is Himself the great intercessor** in the sinner’s behalf.” PP 140.141.

Son the only Advocate

“... And if any man sin we have an **Advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous.” 1 John 2:1.

“In obedience to Christ’s command, they waited in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father--the outpouring of the Spirit... They knew that they had **a Representative in heaven, an Advocate at the throne of God...** Higher and still higher they extended the hand of faith, with the mighty argument, “It is **Christ** that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also **maketh intercession for us.**” Rom 8:34. AA 35.

“We endeavor to tell of this love, and language fails us. We consider His life on earth, His sacrifice for us, **His work in heaven as our Advocate**, and the mansions He is preparing for those who love Him.” AA 333.

Son the only Communicator

“Since the sin of our first parents, there has been **no direct communication between God and man... All the communion** between heaven and the fallen race has been **through Christ**. It was the Son of God that gave to our first parents the promise of redemption. It was He who revealed Himself to the patriarchs... It was He who gave the law to Israel.” AG 43.

“As Jehovah, the **supreme ruler**, God would **not personally communicate with sinful men**, but He so loved the world that He sent Jesus to our world as a revelation of Himself.” 9 MR 122.

“The **Father has given the world into the hands of Christ**, that through His mediatorial work He may redeem man and vindicate the authority and holiness of the law of God.” PP366.

“**All the communication** between heaven and the fallen race has been **through Christ**.” PP366. MKH 102.

“It was **Christ that spoke to His people through the prophets...** the Spirit of Christ (1 Peter 1:10,11)... It is the voice of Christ that speaks to us through the Old Testament.” PP 366.7.

The ladder shown to Jacob “represented Jesus, the **appointed mediator**.” PP 184.5.

“In all the **revelations** of the divine presence the glory of God was **manifested through Christ**.” PP 365.6.

“**Through Christ had been communicated every ray of divine light that had ever reached our fallen world**. It was He who had spoken through everyone that throughout the ages had declared God’s word to man... God’s greatest gift was bestowed to meet man’s greatest need.” Education 73.74.

“Adam, in his innocence, had enjoyed open communion with his Maker; but sin brought separation between God and man, and the

atonement of Christ alone could span the abyss and make possible the communication of blessing or salvation from heaven to earth. **Man was still cut off from direct approach to his Creator, but God would communicate with him through Christ and angels.**” Lift Him Up p324.

“The **Father has given the world into the hands of Christ**, that through His mediatorial work He may redeem man and vindicate the authority and holiness of the law of God. **All communion between heaven and the fallen race has been through Christ.** It was the Son of God that gave to our first parents the promise of redemption. It was He who revealed Himself to the patriarchs. Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses understood the gospel... These holy men of old held communion with the Saviour who was to come to our world in human flesh; and some of them talked with Christ and heavenly angels face to face.

“Christ was not only the leader of the Hebrews in the wilderness – the Angel in whom was the name of Jehovah, and who, veiled in the cloudy pillar, went before the host – but it was He who gave the law to Israel . Amid the awful glory of Sinai, Christ declared in the hearing of all the people the ten precepts of His Father’s law. It was He who gave to Moses the law engraved upon the tables of stone. It was Christ that spoke to His people through the prophets... **It is the voice of Christ that speaks to us through the Old Testament...**The ceremonial law was given by Christ.” Patriarchs and Prophets p366.

“**Christ is** the Son of God in deed and in truth and in love, and is the **representative of the Father** as well as the representative of the human race.” 14MR 83.

God gives promise to send Son

“I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between her seed and thy seed; **it shalt bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**” Genesis 3:15.

“This sentence, uttered in the hearing of our first parents, was to **them a promise...** Adam and Eve stood as criminals before the

righteous Judge, awaiting the sentence which transgression had incurred; but before they heard of the life of toil and sorrow which must be their portion, or of the decree that they must return to dust, they listened to words that could not fail to **give them hope.**" PP 65.

"The sentence pronounced on Satan... was to our first parents **a promise of the redemption** to be wrought out through Christ." AA 222.

"But man was not abandoned to the results of the evil he had chosen. In the sentence pronounced upon Satan was given **an intimation of redemption...** All that had been lost by yielding to Satan could be regained through Christ." Ed 27.

"The **incarnation of Christ is a mystery...** It was kept in eternal silence by Jehovah, and was **first revealed in Eden,** by the prophecy that the Seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, and that he should bruise His heel." 6BC 1082.

"If Satan could have touched the Head with his specious temptations, the human family would be lost; but the Lord had made known **the purpose and plan of the mystery of grace,** declaring that **Christ should bruise the serpent** under his feet." BEcho. Jul 15. 1893.

"It will be seen that He who is infinite in wisdom could devise **no plan for our salvation except the sacrifice of His Son.**" GC 652.

"Human judgment may look upon the command given to Abraham as severe, too great for human strength to bear. Abraham's strength was from God. He looked not at the things which are seen with mortal vision, but at the things which are eternal. God required no more of Abraham than He had, in divine compassion and infinite love, given to man. He gave His only begotten Son to die, that guilty man might live. Abraham's **offering of Isaac was especially designed of God to prefigure the sacrifice of His Son.**" ST. Apr 3. 1879.

Son gives Sacrificial System

"**Christ was the foundation** and center of the **sacrificial system** in both the patriarchal and the Jewish age." AG 43.

"**Christ** was the foundation of **the whole system of Jewish worship,** and in it was shadowed forth the living reality,--the manifestation of

God in Christ. Through the sacrificial system men could see Christ's personality and look forward to their divine Saviour." R&H. Apr 23. 1895.

"In the sacrificial system the truth of the atonement was to be impressed upon the world, **that all might know that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.** Many have wondered why it was that God appointed so many sacrifices in the old dispensation; but it was to teach the world in ever-bleeding sacrifices concerning Christ, the victim of man's transgressions. The offering for sin was a most solemn, sacred offering, and was placed upon the altar with impressive ceremony, and every detail was explained by the priest to the people, that **they might understand that the Son of God was to be made an offering for their sins.** This is the central truth of the plan of salvation, and it should be often repeated in the hearing of both believers and unbelievers." ST. Aug 28. 1893.

"**Christ, in counsel with His Father** instituted the system of sacrificial offerings..." Signs. Mar 14. 1878.

"Christ's sacrifice is the glorious **fulfilment of the whole Jewish economy.** The Sun of Righteousness has risen. Christ our righteousness is shining in brightness upon us." 7BC 932.

Patriarchs knew the Son

"In the garden in their innocence, *Adam and Eve* united... in thanksgiving to **the Father and the Son.**" PP 50.51.

"It was the **Son of God** that gave to **our first parents** the promise of redemption. It was He who revealed Himself to the patriarchs. **Adam** . . . understood the gospel...". FLB 47.

"**Abel** defends the justice... of God... and urged that *God* loved them (his parents) or He would not have given **His Son**, innocent and holy, to suffer the penalty which they had incurred." PP74.

"It was the **Spirit of Christ** that spoke through **Enoch.**" PP 86.87.

"Two of the heavenly messengers departed, leaving **Abraham** alone with Him whom He now knew to be the **Son of God.**" PP 139.140.

“It had been difficult even for the angels to grasp the mystery of redemption – to comprehend that the Commander of heaven, the **Son of God**, must die for guilty man. When the command was given to **Abraham to offer up his son...** light was shed upon the mystery of redemption, and even **the angels understood** more clearly the wonderful provision that God had made for man’s sins.” PP155.

“**Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses**, and all the patriarchs and prophets, **heard the gospel through Christ, they saw** the salvation of the race through the substitute and surety, **Jesus**, the world's Redeemer.” R&H Mar 2. 1886.

“When his assailant placed his finger upon **Jacob's** thigh... he discerned the character of his antagonist... It was **Christ.**” Conflict and Courage 196.

“**Jacob** talked with Christ and angels.” R&H. Mar 2. 1886. “...he wrestled with the **Son of God** all night...” ST. Aug 14. 1884.

“**Moses** held converse with **Jesus** face to face as one who speaketh with a friend.” R&H Mar 2.1886.

In bringing the dead to life – **Moses** -- was an evidence that Satan could not controvert, of the supremacy of **the Son of God.**” PP 478.9.

“Before He clothed His divinity with humanity and came to our world, the gospel message was given by Adam, Seth, Enoch, Methuselah, and Noah. Abraham in Canaan and Lot in Sodom bore the message, and **from generation to generation faithful messengers proclaimed the Coming One.** The rites of the Jewish economy were instituted by Christ Himself.” COL 126.

“It was He (the Son of God) who **revealed Himself to the patriarchs...**It was He who gave the law to Israel. Amid the awful glory of Sinai, **Christ** declared in the hearing of all the people the ten precepts of **His Father's law.** It was **He** who gave to Moses the law engraved upon the tables of stone....” AG 43.

“It was He (Christ) who revealed Himself to the patriarchs. **Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses** understood the gospel. They looked for salvation through man's Substitute and Surety. These holy men of old held **communion with the Saviour** who was to come

to our world in human flesh; and some of them **talked with Christ** and heavenly angels face to face.” PP 366.

“Lo I see four men loose... and the form of the fourth is like the **Son of God.**” Daniel 3:25.

Enoch “was troubled in regard to the dead... He could not clearly see the life of the just beyond the grave. **In prophetic vision he was instructed in regard to the Son of God,** who was to die man’s sacrifice, and was shown the coming of Christ in the clouds of Heaven, attended by the angelic host, to give life to the righteous dead, and ransom them from the grave.” SG Vol 1&2 p55.

“The Spirit of Abraham was **the Spirit of Christ.**” PP 141.

“Upon the mount of transfiguration Moses was present with Elijah... They were sent as **bearers of light and glory from the Father to His Son.**” PP 479.80.

Son to fulfil the Covenant

After the fall of Adam and Eve, “With intense interest the unfallen worlds had watched to see Jehovah arise, and sweep away the inhabitants of the earth. . . . But instead of destroying the world, **God sent His Son** to save it. . . . At the very crisis, when Satan seemed about to triumph, **the Son of God came** with the embassy of divine grace.” God’s Amazing Grace 11.

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and **sent his Son** to be the propitiation for our sins.” 1 John 4:10.

“The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave His only begotten Son, tore from His bosom Him who was made in the express image of His person, and **sent Him down to earth** to reveal how greatly He loved mankind.” R&H. Jul 9. 1895.

“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God **sent his only begotten Son** into the world, that we might live through him.” 1 John 4:9.

“And we have seen and do testify that **the Father sent the Son** to be the Saviour of the world.” 1 John 4:14.

“**God sent His Son** into our world to break the power of Satan, and to emancipate the will of man.” Our High Calling 104.

“**God sent His Son** into the world, His divinity clothed with humanity, that man might bear the image of the invisible God. He made known in His words, His character, His power and majesty, the nature and attributes of God. Divinity flashed through humanity in softening, subduing light. He was the embodiment of the law of God, which is the transcript of His character.” MS 77, 1899. 5BC 1131.

“The infinite God has been manifested in the **gift of His only begotten Son** to redeem the lost race. Christ came to the earth to reveal to men the character of His Father.” PP 469.

“**God sent his Son** from the heavenly courts to a world seared and marred with the curse. In Christ was righteousness, peace, life -- every blessing necessary for man's happiness. But the world hated **the Son of the infinite God**. The world saw nothing attractive in him. The best gift of Heaven was slighted and spurned.” R&H. Sep 20. 1881.

“Had the world been destroyed, he (Satan) was ready to cast blame upon God, and to spread his rebellion to the worlds above. But instead of destroying the world, **God sent His Son to save it.**” DA 37.

“**God sent His Son** into the world because He loved the world.” 7 Manuscript Release. 79.

Jesus said, “And this is the Father’s will which **hath sent me**... And this is the will of **him that sent me**, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life...” John 6:39.40.

“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath **sent me** draw him...” John 6:44.

“I am not come of myself, but he that **sent me** is true...” John 7:28.29.

“I go unto **him that sent me.**” John 7:33.

“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, **whom thou hast sent.**” John 17:3.

“But when the fullness of the time was come, **God sent forth** his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.” Galatians 4:4.

“In His incarnation He gained in **a new sense the title of the Son of God**... While a human being, He became the Son of God in **a new sense**.” 1 SM 226. ST Aug 2. 1905.

Also see Mark 9:37. Luke 4:18. 9:48. 10:16. John 1:33. 4:34. 5:24.30.36.37.38.39.40.44.57. 7:16.28.29.33. 8:16.18.26.29.42. 9:4. 11:42. 12:44.45.49. 13:20. 14:24. 15:21. 16:5. 17:18.21.23.25. 20:31.

Son takes on Humanity

“Even before He took humanity upon Him, He saw the whole length of the path He must travel in order to save that which was lost. Every pang that rent His heart, every insult that was heaped upon His head, every privation that He was called to endure, was open to His view before **He laid aside His crown and royal robe**, and stepped down from the throne, **to clothe His divinity with humanity**. The path from the manger to Calvary was all before His eyes. He knew the anguish that would come upon Him. He knew it all, and yet He said, ‘Lo I come...’” DA 410.

“Christ, at **an infinite cost, by a painful process**, mysterious to angels as well as to men, assumed humanity. Hiding His divinity, laying aside His glory, He was born a babe in Bethlehem.” MS 29, 1899. 7BC 915.

“Christ took humanity to stand here in our world, to **show that Satan had lied**.” FW 71.

“Here we behold what the angels contemplate with wonder -- the **Son of God**, as He **humbled Himself to become our substitute** and surety, to cope single-handed with the powers of darkness, and to gain the victory in our behalf.” FE 85.

“Christ took upon Himself humanity for us. He clothed His divinity, and **divinity and humanity were combined**.” FW 71.

“He took humanity upon Him, but He **did not leave His divinity**...” 2SAT 126.

“He ***laid aside His royal robes, clothed His divinity with humanity***, stepped down from the royal throne, that He might reach the very depth of human woe and temptation, lift up our fallen natures, and make it possible for us to be overcomers, the sons of God, the heirs of the eternal kingdom.” FE 127.

“The ***Son of God stepped down from His heavenly throne***, laid off His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothed His divinity with humanity. He came to die for us, to lie in the tomb as human beings must, and to be raised for our justification.” IHP 13.

“***Laying aside His royal robe and kingly crown***, He clothed His divinity with humanity, that humanity through His infinite sacrifice might become partakers of the divine nature, and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.” 9 Testimonies 68. (1909)

“Was the human nature of the Son of Mary changed into the divine nature of the Son of God? No; ***the two natures were mysteriously blended in one person – the man Christ-Jesus***. In Him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” 7BC 926.

“This was not done by going out of Himself to another, but by taking humanity into Himself. Thus ***Christ gave to humanity an existence out of Himself***. To bring humanity into Christ, to bring the fallen race into oneness with divinity, is the work of redemption.” 7BC 927.

“Only humanity could reach humanity. He lived out the character of God ***through the human body which God had prepared for Him***. He blessed the world by living out in human flesh the life of God, thus showing that He had the power to unite humanity to divinity.” R&H. Jun 25. 1895.”

“In Christ was united the divine and the human – the Creator and the creature. The nature of God, whose law had been transgressed, and ***the nature of Adam, the transgressor, meet in Jesus – the Son of God, and the Son of man***.” 7BC 926.

“Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but ***a body hast thou prepared me***.” Hebrews 10:5.

“... Christ took our nature and dwelt among us. ***Divinity was revealed in humanity***, the invisible glory in the visible human form.” COL 17.

“He voluntarily assumed human nature. It was his own act, and by His own consent. He clothed His divinity with humanity. He was all the while as God, but He did not appear as God. He veiled the demonstrations of Deity which had commanded the homage, and called forth the admiration of the universe of God. He was God while upon earth, but **He divested Himself of the form of God, and in its stead took the form and fashion of a man.**” 7BC 446.

“Christ alone was able to represent the Deity. He who had been in the presence of the Father from the beginning, He who was the express image of the invisible God, was alone sufficient to accomplish this work. No verbal description could reveal God to the world. Through a life of purity, a life of perfect trust and submission to the will of God, a life of humiliation such as even

the highest seraph in heaven would have shrunk from, God Himself must be revealed to humanity. In order to do this, **our Saviour clothed His divinity with humanity. He employed the human faculties, for only by adopting these could He be comprehended by humanity.** Only humanity could reach humanity. **He lived out the character of God through the human body which God had prepared for Him.** He blessed the world by living out in human flesh the life of God, thus showing that He had the power to unite humanity to divinity.” 1 SM 264.

“He was born without a taint of sin, but came into the world in like manner as the human family. **He did not have a mere semblance of a body, but He took human nature, participating in the life of humanity.**” 7BC 462.

“Man is not his own. He has been bought with a price, and what a price! The only begotten son of God condescended to live a life of humiliation, self-denial, and self-sacrifice, **divesting Himself of His own majesty and glory as Commander of the heavenly courts, that He might bring life and immortality to the human race. He clothed His divinity with humanity,** and came to a world all seared and marred with the curse, in order to give the human family an example of what humanity may become through Jesus Christ, if they will abide in Him. He lived the law of God in human nature, to show that humanity may keep that law through His power.” Bible Echo & Signs of the Times. 07-20-1896.

“Now, of the human: He "was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death." **He voluntarily assumed human nature. It was His own act, and by His own consent.** He clothed His divinity with humanity. He was all the while as God, but He did not appear as God. He veiled the demonstrations of Deity, which had commanded the homage, and called forth the admiration, of the universe of God. He was

God while upon earth, but He divested Himself of the form of God, and in its stead took the form and fashion of a man. He walked the earth as a man.” 5BC 1126.

“He, the Majesty of heaven, **disrobed Himself of His glory, and clothed His divinity with humanity,** that He might pass through what humanity must pass through.” Ms 147, 1899. p. 5. 17MR 27. Notice the words ‘disrobed’, another words for ‘divested, laid aside, clothed’, all meaning the same.

Son on this Earth

“We marvel at the Saviour's sacrifice in **exchanging the throne of heaven for the manger,** and the companionship of adoring angels for the beasts of the stall.” DA 48.5}

“Many among Christ's hearers who were dwellers at Jerusalem, and who were not ignorant of the plots of the rulers against Him, felt themselves drawn to Him by an irresistible power. The **conviction pressed upon them that He was the Son of God.**” DA 457.

“When Jesus came into the world, Satan's power was turned against Him. From the time when He appeared as a babe in Bethlehem, the **usurper worked to bring about His destruction.** In every possible way he sought to prevent Jesus from developing a perfect childhood, a faultless manhood, a holy ministry, and an unblemished sacrifice. But he was defeated...

From the desert to Calvary, the storm of Satan's wrath beat upon Him, but the more mercilessly it fell, **the more firmly did the Son of God cling to the hand of His Father,** and press on in the bloodstained path.” DA 759.

Son is Baptised

“And Jesus when he was **baptised**, went **up straightway out of the water**, and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and light upon him. And lo a voice from heaven saying, ‘**This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.’” Matthew 3:17.

“At the Saviour’s baptism, Satan was among the witnesses. He saw **the Father’s glory overshadowing His Son.**” DA 116.

“When Christ bowed on the banks of Jordan after His baptism and offered up prayer in behalf of humanity, the heavens were opened; and **the Spirit of God, like a dove of burnished gold, encircled the form of the Saviour**; and a voice came from heaven which said, ‘This is **my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased’.” CG 525.

“Never before had angels listened to such a prayer as Christ offered at His baptism, and they were solicitous to be the bearers of the message from **the Father to His Son**. But no! **direct from the Father issues the light of His glory**. The **heavens were opened, and beams of glory rested upon the Son of God** and assumed the form of a dove, in appearance like burnished gold.” R&H. Jan 21. 1873.

“He (John) heard the majestic voice resounding through heaven and echoing through the earth like peals of thunder. He saw the lightnings flash from the cloudless heavens, and heard the fearful words from Jehovah, “**This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.” **He saw the brightness of the Father’s glory overshadowing the form of Jesus**, thus pointing out in that crowd the One whom He acknowledged as His Son with unmistakable assurance.” Confrontation 29.

“And in answer to that prayer (of Jesus), the **light and glory of God flashed forth from His throne** and descended as a dove and rested upon Him.” ST Feb 14. 1878.

“Of the vast throng at the Jordan, few except John discerned the heavenly vision. Yet the solemnity of the divine Presence rested upon the assembly. The people stood silently gazing upon Christ. **His form was bathed in the light that ever surrounds the throne of God.** His upturned face was glorified as they had never before seen the

face of man. From the open heavens a voice was heard saying, "***This is My beloved Son***, in whom I am well pleased." DA 112. The light that surrounded Jesus at His baptism, the light that "ever surrounds the throne of God", is the Spirit of God. It was not a third Person coming down to meet Christ. It was God's presence in Spirit.

"How thoughtlessly we have read the account of the baptism of our Lord, not realizing that its significance was of the greatest importance to us, and that Christ was accepted of the Father in man's behalf. As Jesus bowed on the banks of Jordan and offered up His petition, humanity was presented to the Father by Him who had clothed His divinity with humanity. Jesus offered Himself to the Father in man's behalf, that those who had been separated from God through sin, might be brought back to God through the merits of the divine Petitioner. Because of sin the earth had been cut off from heaven, but with His human arm Christ encircles the fallen race, and with His divine arm He grasps the throne of the Infinite, and earth is brought into favor with heaven, and man into communion with his God. ***The prayer of Christ in behalf of lost humanity cleaved its way through every shadow that Satan had cast between man and God, and left a clear channel of communication to the very throne of glory.*** The gates were left ajar, and heavens were opened, and the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, encircled the head of Christ, and the voice of God was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 5BC 1078.

Son is Tempted by the Devil

"And the devil said to him, ***If thou be the Son of God***, command this stone that it be made bread." Luke 4:3.

"When Satan and ***the Son of God*** first met in conflict, Christ was the commander of the heaven host; and Satan, the leader of revolt in heaven, was cast out. Now their condition is apparently reversed, and Satan makes the most of his supposed advantage...

Not without a struggle could Jesus listen in silence to the arch-deceiver. But ***the Son of God*** was not to prove His divinity to Satan, or to explain the reason of His humiliation... Christ was not to exercise divine power for His own benefit... Though ***he recognised***

Satan from the beginning, He was not provoked to enter into controversy with him.” Desire of Ages 119.

“Satan well knew the position that Christ has held in heaven as **the Beloved of the Father**. That **the Son of God** should come to this earth as a man filled him with amazement and with apprehension.” Desire of Ages 115.

Satan brought Him to the temple and said, “**If thou be the Son of God**, cast thyself down from heaven....” Luke 4:9. “Christ was tempted to answer the ‘if’, but He refrained from the slightest acceptance of the doubt.” Desire of Ages 124.

Son Agonises in Gethsemane

“All heaven and the unfallen worlds had been witnesses to the controversy. With what intense interest did they follow the closing scenes of the conflict. They beheld the Saviour enter the garden of Gethsemane, His soul bowed down with the horror of a great darkness. They heard His bitter cry, “Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me.” Matt. 26:39.

As **the Father's presence was withdrawn**, they saw Him sorrowful with a bitterness of sorrow exceeding that of the last great struggle with death. The bloody sweat was forced from His pores, and fell in drops upon the ground. Thrice the prayer for deliverance was wrung from His lips. Heaven could no longer endure the sight, and a messenger of comfort was sent to **the Son of God**.” DA 759.

“In the Garden of Gethsemane Christ suffered in man's stead, and the human nature of **the Son of God staggered under the terrible horror of the guilt of sin**, until from His pale and quivering lips was forced the agonizing cry, ‘O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me’.” AG 168.

“He must not exert His divine power to escape. As man He must suffer the **consequences of man's sin**.” DA 686.

“As the Father's presence was withdrawn, they (the disciples) saw Him (Jesus) sorrowful with **a bitterness of sorrow exceeding** that of the last **great strength of death**.” DA 759.

“The third time (Jesus prayed for release) He sought the place of prayer. A horror of great darkness overcame Him. He had **lost the presence of His Father.**” Story of Jesus 104. 1896.

“**As the Son of God** bowed in the attitude of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, the agony of His spirit forced from His pores sweat like great drops of blood. It was here that the horror of great darkness surrounded Him. **The sins of the world were upon Him. He was suffering in man's stead as a transgressor of His Father's law... The divine light of God was receding from His vision, and He was passing into the hands of the powers of darkness....** The wrath that would have fallen upon man was now falling upon Christ. It was here that the mysterious cup trembled in His hand.” AG 169.

“Could mortals view the amazement and sorrow of the angels as they watched in silent grief **the Father separate His beams of light, love and glory from His Son**, they would better visualise how offensive is sin in His sight.” ST. Aug 14. 1879.

Testimony of the Father

“The voice of God had been heard at the baptism of Jesus at the beginning of His ministry, and again at His transfiguration on the mount. Now at the close of His ministry it was heard for the third time... Now God again set His seal to the mission of **His Son**. He recognized the One whom Israel had rejected. "This voice came not because of Me," said Jesus, "but for your sakes." It was **the crowning evidence of His Messiahship**, the signal from the Father that Jesus had spoken the truth, and was **the Son of God.**” DA 625.

“As the voice was heard, a **light darted from the cloud, and encircled Christ**, as if the **arms of Infinite Power** were thrown about Him like a wall of fire. The people beheld this scene with terror and amazement. No one dared to speak. With silent lips and bated breath all stood with eyes fixed upon Jesus. The testimony of the Father having been given, the cloud lifted, and scattered in the heavens. For the time the visible communion between **the Father and the Son** was ended.” DA 625.

“With prophetic eye Christ traced the scenes to take place in His last great conflict. He knew that when He should exclaim, ‘It is finished’, all heaven would triumph. His ear caught the distant music and the

shouts of victory in the heavenly courts. He knew that the knell of Satan's empire would then be sounded, and ***the name of Christ would be heralded from world to world throughout the universe.***" DA 679.

Son faces Illegal Trial

"The high priest said unto him, 'I adjure thee by the living God, that thou ***tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.***' Jesus said unto him, '***Thou hast said***'..." Matthew 26:63.64.

"At last, Caiaphas, raising his right hand toward heaven, addressed Jesus in the form of a solemn oath: "I adjure Thee by the living God, that Thou tell us whether Thou ***be the Christ, the Son of God.***" DA 706.

"Jesus said, 'I am'."

"So perverted had the priesthood become that when Christ ***declared Himself the Son of God***, Caiaphas, in pretended horror, rent his robe, and accused the Holy One of Israel of blasphemy." 5BC 1104.

"While in the guardroom, awaiting His legal trial, He was not protected. The ignorant rabble had seen the cruelty with which He was treated before the council, and from this they took license to manifest all the satanic elements of their nature. Christ's very nobility and ***godlike bearing*** goaded them to madness. His meekness, His innocence, His majestic patience, filled them with hatred born of Satan. Mercy and justice were trampled upon. Never was criminal treated in so inhuman a manner as was ***the Son of God.***" DA 710.

"Priests and rulers forgot the dignity of their office, and ***abused the Son of God with foul epithets.*** They taunted Him with His parentage. They declared that His presumption in proclaiming Himself the Messiah made Him deserving of the most ignominious death. The most dissolute men engaged in ***infamous abuse of the Saviour.***" DA 715.

"To the charge of the high priest, Jesus said, 'Thou hast said....'.... The only Son of God was the speaker, and into the hearts of His hearers flashed the conviction, 'Never man spake like this man.' Weighted with such great results, this was to Christ one of the most wonderful moments of His life. He realized that now all disguise must

be swept away. The declaration that He was one with God had been made. **He had openly proclaimed Himself the Son of God**, the One for whom the Jews had so long looked.” TI. May 1900.

“This is one of the times when Christ publicly confessed His claim to be the Messiah... it was to Christ one of the most wonderful moments of His life.... His judges looked upon Him as only a man, and they thought Him guilty of blasphemous presumption. But **He proclaimed Himself at the Son of God**..His words, spoken calmly, yet with conscious power, showed that he claimed for Himself the prerogatives of the Son of God.” 5BC 1104.

Son of God is Condemned

And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said....” Matthew 26:64.65.

“I am” Mark 14:61.62

Jesus is speaking the truth, but He is condemned as a liar for claiming to be the Son of God, not from Bethlehem, but from heaven.

Son of God is Crucified

“In the **sacrifice of God's only begotten Son** is demonstrated the awful glory of divine justice and holiness.” Home Missionary. Nov 1.1897.

“And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull... and **they crucified Him**...” Matthew 27:33.35.

“And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and **Jesus** in the midst.” John 19:17.18. Matt 27:33.35. “It was the **third hour** and **they crucified Him**.” Mark 15:25.

“And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him.... Then said Jesus, ‘**Father, forgive them;** they know not what they do’.” Luke 23:33.34.

“As soon as Jesus was nailed to the cross, it was lifted by strong men, and with great violence thrust into the place prepared for it. This caused the most intense **agony to the Son of God.**” DA 745.

“And the sun was darkened... (about the **sixth hour** until the **nineth hour** – Luk 23:44)... and when Jesus had cried **with a loud voice, he said, ‘Father,** into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.” Luke 23:45.46.

“And at the **ninth hour** Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eloi, eloi, lamasabachthani?... and Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.” Mark 15:34.37. “Jesus cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.” Matt 27:46-50.

“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, ‘It is finished.’ There was a shriek, shrill and agonizing, **and the Son of God expired.** He died of a broken heart. When the spear was thrust into His side, there flowed forth blood and water. His heart was broken by His mental agony.” ST. Apr 14. 1898.

“When **Christ upon the cross cried out, ‘It is finished’** (John 19:30), and the veil of the temple was rent in twain, the Holy Watcher declared that the Jewish people had rejected Him who was the antitype of all their types, the substance of all their shadows. Israel was divorced from God.” DA 709.

“Christ did not yield up His life till He had accomplished the work which He came to do, and with His parting breath He exclaimed, ‘**It is finished.**’ **The battle had been won.**” DA 758.

“The voice that cried from the cross, ‘**It is finished,**’ **was heard among the dead.** It pierced the walls of sepulchers, and summoned the sleepers to arise. Thus will it be when the voice of Christ shall be heard from heaven.” DA 787.

“The cross of Calvary, while it declares the law immutable, proclaims to the universe that the wages of sin is death. **In the Saviour’s expiring cry, ‘It is finished,’ the death knell of Satan was rung.** The great controversy which had been so long in progress was then

decided, and the final eradication of evil was made certain.” FLB 361.

“***The sun refused to look upon the awful scene.*** Jesus cried with a loud voice, which struck terror to the hearts of His murderers, ‘It is finished’. Then the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom, the earth shook, and the rocks rent. Great darkness was upon the face of the earth.” EW 177.

“**The blood of the innocent** had been shed for the guilty. By the life that He gave, man was ransomed from eternal death, and the doom of him who had the power of death was sealed.” Reflecting Christ. 60.

“***As He hung on the cross, He could say, "It is finished."*** The demands of justice were satisfied. The way to the throne of grace was opened for every sinner.” ST. Jul 31. 1901.

“When upon the cross ***He cried out, 'It is finished', He addressed the Father. The compact had been fully carried out.*** Now He declares: Father, it is finished. I have done Thy will, O My God. I have completed the work of redemption.” DA 834.

“When Christ uttered the cry, "It is finished," he knew that the ***battle was won.***” YI. Jun 21. 1900.

“***While the death of Christ appeared to be a hellish triumph over His humanity, it was a victory so full and broad and deep that it encompassed the world.*** Christ was cut off, but not for Himself. He died the just for the unjust, that He might bring many sons and daughters to God. Though innocent and undeserving of punishment, our Substitute and Surety was brought under the curse and condemnation that should have been ours. He, the perfection of holiness, was arrayed in our defiled garments, that we might be clothed with His glorious righteousness.” ST 12-08-1898.

Son of God Dies

“The prince of this world had no power to take (Christ’s) life from Him. ***He had laid it down as a voluntary sacrifice*** in man’s behalf.” YI 11.18.1897.

“Suddenly the gloom lifted from the cross, and in clear, trumpet-like tones, that seemed to resound throughout creation, Jesus cried, ‘It is finished.’ **‘Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.’** A light encircled the cross, and the face of the Saviour shone with a glory like the sun. ***He then bowed His head upon His breast, and died.***” DA 756.

“When He (Jesus) closed His eyes in death upon the cross, the soul of Christ did not go at once to heaven, as many (non-SDAs) believe, or how could His words be true – ‘I am not yet ascended to my Father’? The spirit of Jesus slept in the tomb with His body, and did not wing its way to heaven, there to maintain a separate existence, and to look down upon the mourning disciples embalming the body from which it had taken flight. All that comprised the life and intelligence of Jesus

remained with His body in the sepulcher, and when he came forth it was as a whole being; he did not have to summon His spirit from heaven.” 5 BC 1150.

“He who had said, “I lay down my life, that I might take it again,” came forth from the grave to life that was in Himself. ***Humanity died: divinity did not die.*** In His divinity, Christ possessed the power to break the bonds of death. He declares that He has life in Himself to quicken whom He will.” FLB 51. 1 SM 301.

“It was ***His human nature that died. Deity did not sink and die, that would be impossible.***” 5BC 1113.

“Christ is life itself. He who passed through death to destroy him that had the power of death is the Source of all vitality. There is balm in Gilead, and a Physician there. ***Christ endured an agonizing death under the most humiliating circumstances that we might have life.*** He gave up His precious life that He might vanquish death.” FLB 51.

“I lay down My life, that I might take it again. ***No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down,*** and I have power to take it again.” ***While as a member of the human family He was mortal, as God He was the fountain of life for the world. He could have withstood the advances of death, and refused to come under its dominion;*** but voluntarily He laid down His life, that He might bring life and immortality to light.” DA 484.

“Only He who is one with God could say, I have power to lay down My life, and I have power to take it again. ***In His divinity, Christ possessed the power to break the bonds of death.***” DA 785.

Did the Father raise Christ or did He raise Himself? Christ knew nothing in the tomb. He needed His Father to release Him from the bonds of death. There are many texts that say the Father raised Jesus from the grave, however, the Father and Son always did a combined work, and so we can be certain the resurrection involved both the Father and the Son. We do not need to be concerned that we have it exactly right, but we need to know that we have a *risen* Saviour.

“He who died for the sins of the world was to ***remain in the tomb the allotted time.*** He was in that stony prison house as a prisoner of divine justice... and ***His Father only could release Him.*** A strong guard of mighty angels kept watch over the tomb, and had a hand been raised to remove the body, the flashing forth of their glory would have laid him who ventured powerless on the earth.” 5BC 1114.

Father Suffered with His Son

“The dark cloud of human transgression came between ***the Father and the Son.*** The interruption of the communion between God and His Son caused a condition of things in the heavenly courts which cannot be described by human language.” Letter 139, 1898. 5BC 1108.

“The ***Father suffered*** with the Son.” Signs. Nov 25. 1889.

“Christ was the Son of God, equal with the Father; and yet he was abused, ridiculed, scourged, and crucified. There are many who have thought that the Father had no part in the sufferings of the Son; but this is a mistake. ***The Father suffered with the Son.***” ST. Nov 25. 1889.

“The dark cloud of human transgression came between the Father and the Son. The interruption of the communication between God and His Son caused a condition of things in the heavenly court which ***cannot be described by human language...***” 5 BC 1108.

“The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth; . . . ***yet it was a struggle, even with the King of the universe, to***

yield up His son to die for the guilty race. . . . Oh, the mystery of redemption! the love of God for a world that did not love Him! . . . Through endless ages immortal minds, seeking to comprehend the mystery of that incomprehensible love, will wonder and adore". AG 42.

Angels of Heaven Suffered

"The angels who witnessed the humiliation and soul **anguish of the Son of God** were not permitted to interpose..." PP 154.5.

"The despairing agony of the Son of God was so much greater than his physical pain, that the latter was hardly felt by him. The **hosts of Heaven veiled their faces from the fearful sight**. They heard his despairing cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" **they saw the divine Sufferer die** beneath the sins of the world." Present Truth. Feb 4. 1886.

Son fulfils Covenant

" 'It is finished'. When Christ spoke these words, He addressed His Father... It was the fulfilment of the covenant made between **the Father and the Son** before the foundation of the earth was laid...The compact was now being fully consummated." 5 Bible Commentary 1149.

"Christ bowed His head and died. The compact **between Father and Son** was fully consummated." YI. Jun 21. 1900.

"But when the Saviour yielded up His life, and with His expiring breath cried out, 'It is finished', then the fulfilment of the plan of redemption was assured. **The promise of salvation made to the sinful pair in Eden was ratified**. The kingdom of grace, which had before existed by the promise of God, was then established." AG 19.

Reaction at the cross

"Many who had scoffed and jeered at, and taunted the Son of God were terribly afraid that the shaking earth, the rent and trembling rocks would put an end to their own lives. They **hastened away** from the scene, **beating upon their breasts, stumbling, falling, in awful**

terror lest the earth should open and swallow them up. The veil of the temple rent so mysteriously, changed the religious ideas of many of the Jewish priests, and a large company changed their faith.” 5BC 1108.

“The Jewish rulers had carried out their purpose of putting the Son of God to death, but they **did not feel the sense of victory** that they had thought they would after silencing the voice of the great Teacher. Even in the hour of their apparent triumph they were **harassed with doubt** as to what would next take place.

They **dreaded a dead Christ** more, a great deal more, than a living Christ. They had a deep conviction that their revenge against Jesus for exposing their hypocrisy would not bring rest to their souls. They had heard the cry, "It is finished," "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." They had seen **the rocks rent**, and had **felt the mighty earthquake**, and they were restless and uneasy. The words spoken by Christ when he was under their cruel power recurred to their minds.” YI. May 2. 1901.

His “triumphant cry, ‘It is finished’, which seemed to resound through the universe, his immediate death, the quaking of the earth and the shivering of the rocks, the opening of the graves and the rending of the veil of the temple. All these remarkable circumstances **pressed upon their minds** the overpowering evidence that **Jesus was the Son of God.**” 3SP 177.

“The Roman officers in charge were standing about the cross when Jesus cried out, ‘It is finished’, in a voice of startling power, and then instantly died with that cry of victory upon his lips. They had **never before witnessed a death** like that upon the cross. It was an unheard-of thing for one to die thus within six hours after crucifixion... such an **astonishing event that the Roman officers**, experienced in such scenes, **marveled greatly**, and the centurion who commanded the detachment of soldiers on duty there, immediately declared, **Truly this was the Son of God.**” 1 SP 169. Matthew 27:54.

“The shaking of the earth, the rending of the rocks, the darkness spread over the earth, and the loud, strong cry of Jesus, It is finished... The **disciples wondered at these sin-**

gular manifestations; but their hopes were all crushed. They were **afraid the Jews would seek to destroy them** also. Such hate

manifested against the Son of God they thought would not end there. Lonely hours the disciples spent in sorrow, weeping over their disappointment. They expected that he would reign a temporal prince; but **their hopes died with Jesus**.

“They doubted in their sorrow and disappointment whether Jesus had not deceived them. His mother was humbled, and even her faith wavered in his being the Messiah.” 1SG 63.

“As the outer gloom settled about the Saviour, many voices exclaimed: The vengeance of heaven is upon Him. The bolts of God's wrath are hurled at Him, because **He claimed to be the Son of God**. Many who believed on Him heard His despairing cry. **Hope left them**. If God had forsaken Jesus, in what could His followers trust?” DA 754.

“The sun refused to look upon the awful scene. Jesus cried with a loud voice, which struck terror to the hearts of His murderers, ‘It is finished’.” EW 177.

The darkening of the sun was seen as far away as Rome, which is recorded in Ussher's book on the history of the World.

Satan's Character Revealed

“Christ's betrayal, trial, and crucifixion were all planned by the fallen foe. His **hatred, carried out in the death of the Son of God**, placed Satan where his true **diabolical character** was revealed to all created intelligences that had not fallen through sin.” 5BC 1149.

“When Christ cried out, ‘It is finished’, all Heaven triumphed. The controversy between Christ and Satan in regard to the execution of the plan of salvation was ended. The **spirit of Satan** and his works had taken deep root in the affections of the children of men. For Satan to have come into power would have been death to the world. The **implacable hatred he felt toward the Son of God was revealed** in his manner of treating him while he was in the world.” 3SP 183.

“When Christ cried out, “It is finished,” the **unfallen worlds were made secure**. For them the battle was fought and the victory won. Henceforth **Satan had no place in the affections of the universe**.” R&H Mar 12. 1901.

“The devil saw that he had **overdone himself**. Christ by dying accomplished the death of Satan and brought immortality to light.” FW 73.

“Satan was **defeated**, and knew that his kingdom was **lost**.” DA 758.

“Therefore rejoice ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them . Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! **For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath**, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” Revelation 12:12.

Father Bows head Satisfied

“When Christ cried, ‘It is finished’, God's unseen hand rent the strong fabric composing the veil of the temple from top to bottom. The way into the holiest of all was made manifest. **God bowed His head satisfied**. Now His justice and mercy could blend. He could be just, and yet the justifier of all who should believe on Christ. **He looked upon the victim expiring on the cross, and said, ‘It is finished’. The human race shall have another trial**’. The redemption price was paid, and Satan fell like lightning from heaven.” MS 111, 1897. 5BC 1150.

Christ’s “death had answered the question whether the Father and the Son had sufficient love for man to exercise **self-denial and a spirit of sacrifice**.” PP 69.3

Heaven Rejoices in Victory

“To the angels and the unfallen worlds the cry, ‘It is finished’, had a deep significance. It was for them as well as for us that the great work of redemption had been accomplished. **They with us share the fruits of Christ's victory**.” DA 758.

“When on the cross Jesus uttered the cry, ‘It is finished!’ **glory and joy thrilled heaven**, and discomfiture fell upon the confederacy of evil. After that triumphant cry, the world's Redeemer bowed His head and died and to all appearance the Captain of our salvation was conquered; but by His death He was a conqueror, and He has opened the gates of eternal glory so that all who believe in Him may not perish, but have everlasting life.” R&H. Jan 29. 1895.

“When Christ cried out, ‘It is finished’, the unfallen worlds were **made secure**. For them the battle was fought and the victory won... The **heavenly universe was secured** in eternal allegiance.” R&H. Mar 12. 1901.

“The price was paid to purchase the redemption of man, when, in the last soul-struggle, **the blessed words were uttered**, which seemed to resound through creation, ‘It is finished’.” ST. Aug 28. 1879.

“Well, then, might the angels rejoice as they looked upon the Saviour’s cross; for though they did not then understand all, they knew that the destruction of sin and Satan was forever made certain, that the redemption of man was assured, and that the universe was made eternally secure.” DA 764.

“All heaven had united with Jesus, as they heard the fearful words, ‘It is done. It is finished.’ The plan of salvation had been accomplished...” EW 73.

“All **heaven triumphed** in the Saviour’s victory. Satan was defeated, and knew that his kingdom was lost.” DA 758.

“When on the cross Jesus uttered the cry, ‘It is finished!’ glory and joy thrilled heaven, and discomfiture fell upon the confederacy of evil. After that triumphant cry, the world’s Redeemer bowed His head and died..... but by His death He was a conqueror, and He has opened the gates of eternal glory so that all who believe in Him may not perish, but have everlasting life.” OHC 118.

“As Christ in His expiring agony upon the cross cried out, ‘It is finished’, a **shout of triumph rang through every world** and heaven itself.” PP 69.70.

Son of God rests in the Tomb

“He who died for the sins of the world was to **remain in the tomb the allotted time**. He was in that stony prison house as a prisoner of divine justice... and **His Father only could release Him**. A strong guard of mighty angels kept watch over the tomb, and had a hand been raised to remove the body, the flashing forth of their glory would have laid him who ventured powerless on the earth.” 5BC 1114.

Resurrection of God's Son

"The earth trembles at his approach, the hosts of darkness flee, and as he (the angel) rolls away the stone, heaven seems to come down to the earth. The soldiers see him removing the stone as he would a pebble, and hear him cry, '**Son of God, come forth; Thy Father calls Thee**'. They see Jesus come forth from the grave, and hear Him proclaim over the rent sepulcher, 'I am the resurrection, and the life.' As He comes forth in majesty and glory, the angel host bow low in adoration before the Redeemer, and welcome Him with songs of praise." DA 779.

"When the voice of the mighty angel was heard at Christ's tomb, saying, '**Thy Father calls Thee**', the Saviour came forth from the grave **by the life that was in Himself**. Now was proved the truth of His words, 'I lay down My life, that I might take it again...I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again'." DA 785.

"Then the angel from heaven, with a voice that caused the earth to quake, cried out, '**Thou Son of God, Thy Father calls Thee! Come forth**.' Death could hold dominion over Him no longer. Jesus arose from the dead, a triumphant conqueror." EW 182.

"The resurrection of Christ from the dead **was the Father's seal to the mission of Christ**. It was a public expression of his entire satisfaction in the atoning work. He accepted the sacrifice that Jesus had made on our behalf. It was everything that God required, perfect and complete." R&H. Jan 29. 1895.

"On the cross He cried, "It is finished," and bowed His head and died. He descended into the grave; but **after three days** a mighty angel, clothed with the panoply of heaven, parted the darkness from his track... The angel rolled back the stone from the sepulchre... and Christ **came forth from the prison of death**, and, over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, proclaimed Himself 'the resurrection and the life'...When Christ rose from the dead, the **victory was proclaimed in triumph** by the loftiest order of heavenly intelligence, and joy, **inexpressible joy, filled the courts of God**." ST. Mar 26. 1894.

"God was **pledged to raise His Son**, in whom He was well pleased, to the very highest exaltation as the Redeemer of humanity, and to give Him a name above every name." ST. Jun 27. 1895.

“For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; **neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**” Psalm 16:10.

Son Ascends to Heaven

“After his resurrection, Christ led the disciples out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and **carried up into heaven.**" R&H. Nov 13. 1913.

“And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up**; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, ‘Yes men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.’ Acts 1:9-11.

“As the disciples gazed sorrowfully toward heaven to catch the last glimpse of their ascending Lord, two angels clothed in white apparel stood by them and said to them, ‘Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven...’ The disciples and the mother of Jesus, who with them **had witnessed the ascension of the Son of God**, spent the following night in talking over His wonderful acts and the strange and glorious events which had taken place within a short time.” EW 191.

The disciples "returned to Jerusalem with **great joy**, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." [Luke 24:52, 53.] They were not rejoicing because Jesus had been separated from them and they were left to struggle with the trials and temptations of the world, but because of **the angels' assurance that he would come again.**" GC88 339.1

“As Christ ascended, His hands outstretched to bless His disciples, **a cloud of angels received Him** and hid Him from their sight. As the disciples looked with straining eyes for the last glimpse of their ascending Lord, two angels from the rejoicing throng stood by them...” UL 357.

“While their gaze was still riveted upward, voices addressed them which sounded like the music which had just charmed them. They turned, and saw two beings in the form of men; yet their heavenly

character was immediately discerned by the disciples, whom they addressed in comforting accents, saying: 'Ye men of Galilee...' **These angels** were of the company that had been **waiting in a shining cloud to escort Jesus to His throne**; and in sympathy and love for those whom the Saviour had left, they came to remove all uncertainty from their minds, and **to give them the assurance** that he would come to earth again." Bible Echo, Aug 1. 1887.

Father and Son Reunited

"There is the throne, and around it the rainbow of promise. There are seraphim and cherubim. The angels circle round Him, but Christ waves them back. **He enters into the presence of His Father**. He points to His triumph in this antitype of Himself -- the wave sheaf -- those raised with Him, the representatives of the captive dead who shall come forth from their graves when the trump shall sound.

He approaches the Father... Christ says: **Father, it is finished. I have done Thy will**, O My God. I have completed the work of redemption. If Thy justice is satisfied, 'I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am'. (John 17: 24). And the **voice of God is heard**; justice is satisfied; Satan is vanquished... **The arms of the Father encircle the Son**, and His voice is heard, saying, 'Let all the angels of God worship him.' (Heb. 1:6). 1SM 306.

"The voice of God is heard proclaiming that justice is satisfied. Satan is vanquished.... Before the heavenly angels and the representatives of unfallen worlds, they are declared justified.... **The Father's arms encircle His Son**, and the word is given, 'Let all the angels of God worship Him'." Heb. 1:6. DA 834.

Son given Rightful Place

"Before the universe has been clearly presented the great sacrifice made by **the Father and the Son** in man's behalf. The hour has come when Christ occupies his rightful position, and is glorified above principalities and powers and every name that is named." GC88 671.

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above principalities and powers and every name that is named. It was for the joy that was set before Him--that He might bring many sons unto glory -- that He endured the cross and despised the shame. And inconceivably great as was the sorrow and the shame, yet greater is the joy and the glory.

He looks upon the redeemed, renewed in His own image, every heart bearing the perfect impress of the divine, ***every face reflecting the likeness of their King***. He beholds in them the result of the travail of His soul, and He is satisfied.

Then, in a voice that reaches the assembled multitudes of the righteous and the wicked, He declares: 'Behold the purchase of My blood! For these I suffered, for these I died, that they might dwell in My presence throughout eternal ages.' And the song of praise ascends from the white-robed ones about the throne: '**Worthy is the Lamb** that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing'." Revelation 5:12. GC 671.

Heaven with Father and Son

"In that day the redeemed will shine forth ***in the glory of the Father and the Son***. The angels, touching their golden harps, will welcome the King and His trophies of victory." AG 355.

Christ "came to 'magnify the law' and to 'make it honorable'... Could its claims have been set aside, then ***the Son of God*** need not have yielded up his life to atone for its transgression. The death of Christ proves it immutable. And the sacrifice to which infinite love impelled ***the Father and the Son***, that sinners might be redeemed, demonstrates to all the universe... that justice and mercy are the foundation of the law and government of God." GC88 503.

"All the redeemed saints will see and appreciate as never before the ***love of the Father and the Son***, and songs of praise will burst forth from immortal tongues." Mar 318.3

"The people of God are privileged to hold open communion with ***the Father and the Son***. 'Now we see through a glass, darkly'. 1 Cor. 13:12. We behold the image of God reflected, as in a mirror, in the works of nature and in His dealings with men; but then ***we shall see***

Him face to face, without a dimming veil between. We shall stand in His presence, and behold the glory of His countenance.” FLB 363.

“Jesus died that the sinner might live. Shame is borne by the **Son of the Highest** for the sake of poor sinners, that they might be ransomed and crowned with eternal glory...” That I May Know Him 287.

Second Coming of the Son

“For the **Lord Himself shall descend from heaven** with a

shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” 1 Thes 4:16.17.

When Christ “comes the second time, divinity is no longer con-

cealed. He comes as **One equal with God**, as His own beloved Son, Prince of heaven and earth. He is also the Redeemer of His people, the Life-giver. The glory of **the Father and the Son** are seen to be one.” HP 357.

At the coming of Christ, “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality...” 1 Corinthians 15:52.53.

Jesus comes “in the glory of **His Father** with the Holy angels.” Mar 8:38.

“And the **Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard**, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones...” Isaiah 30:30.

“And it shall be said in that day, Lo, **this is our God**; we have waited for him, and he will save us: **this is the Lord**; we have **waited for him**, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” Isaiah 25:9.

“The earth mightily shook as the **voice of the Son of God** called forth the sleeping saints. They responded to the call, and came forth clothed with glorious immortality, crying, Victory! victory! over death and the grave. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Then the living saints, and the resurrected ones, raised their voices in a long, transporting shout of victory... Friends whom death had separated, were united, never more to part.” 1SG 207.

“Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust... and the earth shall cast out the dead.” Isaiah 26:19.

“Amid the reeling of the earth, the flash of lightning, and the roar of thunder, the voice of **the Son of God calls forth the sleep-**

ing saints. He looks upon the graves of the righteous, then raising his hands to heaven he cries, "Awake, awake, awake, ye that sleep in the dust, and arise!" Throughout the length and breadth of the earth, the dead shall hear that voice; and they that hear shall live. And the whole earth shall ring with the tread of the exceeding great army of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people... And the living righteous and the risen saints unite their voices in a long, glad shout of victory.” GC88 644.

When Moses came from Mount Sinai, “... guilty Israel could not endure the light... How much less can transgressors look upon **the Son of God** when He shall appear in the glory of the Father...” PP 340.

“In the sin and punishment of those unfaithful men the priests and elders see their own course and their own just doom. And now there rises a cry of mortal agony. Louder than the shout, "Crucify Him, crucify Him," which rang through the streets of Jerusalem, swells the awful, despairing wail, "He is the Son of God! He is the true Messiah!" They **seek to flee from the presence of the King of kings.** In the deep caverns of the earth, rent asunder by the warring of the elements, they vainly attempt to hide.” GC 643.

“And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great man, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; an

d said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand." Revelation 14-17.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteous-

ness he doth judge and make ware... his name is called **The Word of God**.. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS**, and **LORD OF LORDS**." Revelation 20:11-16.

He will be "**clad in the robe of light** which He has worn from the days of eternity." LHU 173. "It is clothing such as angels wear." SR 21

The Doctrine of Christ

"He that abideth in **the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son**. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed: for he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds." AA 554.
2 John

"**He that hath the Son hath life**; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." 1 John 5:12.13.'

"He that believeth on **the Son of God** hath the witness in himself..."
1 John 5:10

The Belief of the Antichrist

"The beloved John continues his warning against seducers: 'Who is a liar but **he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son**. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.'" Confrontation 91.2.

This is not simply a denial of the nature of Christ's flesh – sinful or innocent – but a belief that God's only begotten Son, born in heaven, has come to this earth and taken human flesh. To deny that He is

God's literal Son is to deny the Fatherhood of God, which is everything to us.

It is also to deny that Christ dwells in the believer's flesh by His Spirit. To believe that another Spirit, even a God-Spirit dwells in us because Christ cannot do it Himself, is certainly a false understanding. This is also a belief of Antichrist because it denies both the Father and the Son the ability to empower Christians. Anyone who believes Christ is powerless to indwell His redeemed people is also an antichrist.

Deny Christ is Spiritualism

"They (spiritualist teachers of the last days) **refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God**. Concerning such teachers the beloved John declares: 'Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son**. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.' 1 John 2:22, 23. Spiritualism, by denying Christ, **denies both the Father and the Son**, and the Bible pronounces it the manifestation of antichrist." PP 686.

Satan is Obscuring Truth

"Again and again we shall be called to meet the influence of men who are studying sciences of satanic origin, through which **Satan is working to make a nonentity of God and of Christ**. The **Father and the Son** each have a personality. Christ declared, 'I and My Father are one'." 9T68. (1909)

"He (Satan) will work every conceivable device to break this golden chain which links heart to heart of those who believe the truth and binds them up in **close connection with the Father and the Son**." AG 237.

Father-Son love Soul-savers

"Think of the interest that the Father and the Son have in this work (of the colporteur and others). As the **Father loves the Son**, so the Son loves those that are His, **those who work as He worked to save perishing souls**." Review and Herald, June 2, 1903.

“What enterprise will be most dear to the heart of infinite love? What work will bring the greatest satisfaction and joy to the **Father and the Son? The salvation of perishing souls.**” Manuscript 51, 1901. {CME 47.3}

“Time is precious. The destiny of souls is in the balance. At infinite cost a way of salvation has been provided... The **salvation of souls is dependent upon the consecration and activity of God's church.** The Lord calls upon all who believe in Him to be workers together with Him. While their life shall last they are **not to feel that their work is done. Until the time comes when Christ shall say, 'It is finished'**, His work for the saving of souls will not decrease, but will grow in importance, and be far-reaching.” PH 19.

Christians Represent Father-Son

“The soul imbued with the love of Christ is one with Him; he communes with Christ, Christ is formed within, the hope of glory, and the Christian goes forth to **represent the Father and the Son** to the world.” Signs of the Times. Jun 27. 1892

Holy Spirit a Mystery

“The **nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery.** Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them... Regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding, silence is golden.” Acts of the Apostles 52.

“In regard to **the personality and prerogatives of God, where He is, and what He is,** this is a subject which we are not to dare to touch. On this theme silence is eloquence.” Medical Ministry 92.

“The revelation of Himself that God has given in His Word is for our study. This we may seek to understand. But beyond this we are not to penetrate. . . . **None are to indulge in speculation regarding His nature.** Here silence is eloquence. The Omniscient One is above discussion” Faith I Live By 41.

“I say, and have ever said, that I will not engage in controversy with any one in regard to **the nature and personality of God.** Let those

who try to describe God know that on such a subject silence is eloquence." Spalding and Magan. 329.

"Jesus had opened before His disciples a vast tract of truth. ***But it was most difficult for them to keep His lessons distinct from the traditions and maxims of the scribes and Pharisees.*** They had been educated to accept the teaching of the rabbis as the voice of God, and it still held a power over their minds, and molded their sentiments.

Earthly ideas, temporal things, still had a large place in their thoughts. ***They did not understand the spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom, though He had so often explained it to them. Their minds had become confused. They did not comprehend the value of the Scriptures Christ presented.*** Many of His lessons seemed almost lost upon them. Jesus saw that they did not lay hold of the real meaning of His words. He compassionately promised that the Holy Spirit should recall these sayings to their minds." Desire of Ages p670.

Holy Spirit is a Person

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice... (Romans 12:1.2. quoted in full) ... ***The Lord says*** this because He knows it is for our good. ***He would build a wall around us,*** to keep us from transgression, so that His blessing and love may be bestowed on us in rich measure. This is the reason we have established a school here. ***The Lord instructed us*** that this was the place in which we should locate, and we have had every reason to think that we are in the right place. We have been brought together as a school, and we need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds, that ***the Lord God is our keeper, and helper.*** He hears every word we utter and knows every thought of the mind." Manuscript 66. 1899. Talk at Avondale School. April 15. 1899. (Emphasis added) Compare 2 Corinthians 6:16. (The portion underlined is the only part of the quote in the book Evangelism)

In analysing this passage, we must see what instruction the prophet wanted the students to receive when the talk was given. Was it a lesson on the nature of the Holy Spirit? No. There are a number of points, that when grouped together, give the true message.

- (a) It is for their own good the students give themselves to Christ.
- (b) God wanted to build a wall around them to keep them from sin, so He could bless them.
- (c) That is why a school was established.
- (d) The Lord had revealed that this was where the school should be located.
- (e) The teachers and students needed to realise that the Holy Spirit was walking the grounds of the school.
- (f) And they needed to realise that the Holy Spirit is a person like God is a person.

What lesson would the children receive about the Holy Spirit from this part of the talk? Obviously it was message to be very careful how they think and speak because God is listening.

There is no question, the underlined Evangelism statement *alone* sounds convincing, however, when the true message of the talk is seen, the other does not have the same impact.

Please read the following quotation carefully. “He (Christ) walks in the midst of the golden candlesticks... He is represented as walking up and down among the golden candlesticks. He is in communion with his people. He knows their true state. He observes their order, their vigilance, their piety, and their devotion; and he takes pleasure in them if he sees these fruits manifest. Although Christ is mediator in the heavenly Sanctuary, yet he walks up and down in the midst of the churches on earth. He goes about from church to church, from congregation to congregation, from soul to soul. He observes their true condition -- that which is neglected, that which is in disorder, and that which needs to be done. He is represented as walking, which signifies unrest, wakefulness, and unremitting vigilance. He is observing whether the light of any of his sentinels, or candlesticks, is burning dim or going out. These under-shepherds may sleep, but He that keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.” Advent Review and Sabbath Herald. 05-31-87.

To use the Trinitarian reasoning – Christ has legs. He can walk up and down the churches. But how does He do that if He is in heaven ministering in the heavenly sanctuary? “Unto the church of Ephesus

write: These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks..... He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches". Revelation 2:1. 2:7. "Unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These things saith the Son of God....

'He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.'" Revelation 2:18. 2:29. (Compare all the churches) Who is speaking?

Read also the following, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people'." 2 Corinthians 6:16. God wants to *walk in His people*. He does this by His Spirit, not literally with legs, but in a mysterious way we do not understand. As to the nature of the Spirit of God and Christ, "silence is golden". Acts of the Apostles p52.

"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. "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'." Manuscript 20. 1906.

Spirit of Truth

"Jesus comes to you as the Spirit of truth; study the mind of the Spirit, consult your Lord follow His way. If you yield to the dictates of the mind and flesh, your spirit will lose its proper character and balance, and you fail to discern and cannot appreciate moral power." 2 MR 337.

"Christ was the spirit of truth. The world will not listen to His pleadings. They would not accept Him as their guide. They could not discern unseen things; spiritual things were unknown to them. But His disciples see in Him the Way, the Truth, and the Life. And they shall have ***His abiding presence***. They shall have an experimental knowledge of the only true God and of Jesus Christ whom He hath sent." Southern Watchman Oct 25. 1898.

“There is danger that the false sentiments expressed in the books that they have been reading will sometimes be inter-woven by our ministers, teachers, and editors with their arguments, discourses, and publications, ***under the belief that they are the same in principle as the teachings of the Spirit of truth.*** The book, Living Temple, is an illustration of this work, the writer of which declared in its support that its teachings were the same as those found in the writings of Mrs. White. Again and again we shall be called to meet the influence of men who are studying sciences of satanic origin, through which ***Satan is working to make a nonentity of God and of Christ.***” Testimonies, Vol. 9, pp. 67-68. (1909.) CW 92.

Holy Spirit is Father in Spirit

“It is His purpose that the highest influence in the universe, emanating from the source of all power, shall be theirs. They are to have ***power to resist evil***, power that neither earth, nor death, nor hell can master, power that will enable them to overcome as Christ overcame.” DA 679.

“And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but ***the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.***” Matthew 10:18-20.

“And when they bring you into the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: ***for the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.***” Luke 11.12.

“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. And if ***Christ be in you***, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the ***Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you***, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by ***His Spirit that dwelleth in you.*** “Romans 8:8-11.

Spirit is God's Son in Spirit

"We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ." Lt 66 1894. (Apr 10.1894)

"The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ." The Desire of Ages. 805.

"O precious possibilities and encouragement! In the human heart cleansed from all moral impurity, ***dwells the precious Saviour, ennobling, sanctifying the whole nature and making the man a temple for the Holy Spirit.*** Christ therefore is a personal Saviour... Wherever we go, we bear the abiding presence of One so dear to us; for we abide in Christ by a living faith. We have the companionship of the divine Jesus, and as we realize His presence our thoughts are brought into captivity to Him. Our experience in divine things will be in proportion to the vividness of our sense of His companionship... Here again there is a realization of a personal, living influence dwelling in our hearts by faith." Signs of the Time., Sept. 3. 1896.

God's people "have one God and ***one Saviour; and one Spirit -- the Spirit of Christ*** -- to bring unity into their ranks." 9 Testimonies 1909. 189.

"Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25. 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.*** 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."*** Matt. 28:20. ***While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, His energizing presence is still with His church.***" DA 166.

"The sap of the vine, ascending from the root, is diffused to the branches, sustaining growth and producing blossoms and fruit. So the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the

Saviour, pervades the soul, renews the motives and affections, and brings even the thoughts into obedience to the will of God, enabling the receiver to bear the precious fruit of holy deeds.” AA 284.

“I am the Vine; ye are the branches,” Christ said to His disciples. **Though He was about to be removed from them, their spiritual union with Him was to be unchanged. The connection of the branch with the vine, He said, represents the relation you are to sustain to Me. The scion is grafted into the living vine, and fiber by fiber, vein by vein, it grows into the vine-stock. The life of the vine becomes the life of the branch.**

So the soul dead in trespasses and sins receives life through connection with Christ. By faith in Him as a personal Saviour the union is formed. The sinner unites his weakness to Christ’s strength, his emptiness to Christ’s fullness, his frailty to Christ’s enduring might. Then he has the mind of Christ. The humanity of Christ has touched our humanity, and our humanity has touched divinity. **Thus through the agency of the Holy Spirit man becomes a partaker of the divine nature.** He is accepted in the Beloved.” DA 675.

“Cumbered with humanity Christ could not be in every place personally, therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them to 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.” (Manuscript Release #1084)

“The work of the holy Spirit is immeasurably great. It is from this source that power and efficiency come to the worker for God; and **the holy Spirit is the comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul.** He who looks to Christ in simple, childlike faith, is made a partaker of the divine nature through the agency of the holy Spirit. When led by the Spirit of God, the Christian may know that he is made complete in him who is the head of all things. As Christ was glorified on the day of Pentecost, so will he again be glorified in the closing work of the gospel, when he shall prepare a people to stand the final test, in the closing conflict of the great controversy.” R&H November 29, 1892.

“We have only one channel of approach to God. Our prayers can come to him through one name only, that of the Lord Jesus our

advocate. His Spirit must inspire our petitions. No strange fire was to be used in the censers that were waved before God in the sanctuary. So **the Lord himself** must kindle in our hearts the burning desire, if our prayers are acceptable to him. **The Holy Spirit within must make intercessions for us, with groanings that cannot be uttered.**” R&H February 9. 1897.

The following quotation appears to be speaking of two separate Beings – Christ and the Holy Spirit, but we must take this verse in conjunction with all the others. Christ operates on two levels, together with the Spirit of His Father, and this verse shows the different type of work done in both spheres.

“Christ our Mediator, and the Holy Spirit are constantly interceding in man’s behalf, but **the Spirit pleads not for us as does Christ, who presents His blood**, shed from the foundation of the world; **the Spirit works upon our hearts, drawing out prayers and penitence, praise and thanksgiving.** The gratitude which flows from our lips is the result of the Spirit’s striking the cords of the soul in holy memories, awakening the music of the heart.” 1 SM 34.

“The Spirit is freely given us of God if we will appreciate and accept it. And what is it? The representative of Jesus Christ. It is to be our constant helper. It is **through the Spirit that Christ fulfills the promise, ‘I will never leave thee nor forsake thee’**” Ellen G. White 1888 Materials, 1987, p. 1538.

“The Spirit of Abraham was **the Spirit of Christ.**” PP 141.

“It was **the Spirit of Christ** that spoke through Enoch.” PP 86.87.

“The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul.” The Review and Herald. Oct. 26. 1897.

“Christ’s ascension to heaven was the signal that His followers were to receive the promises blessing... When Christ passed within the heavenly gates, He was enthroned amidst the adoration of the angels. **As soon as this ceremony was completed, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in rich currents, and Christ was indeed glorified, even with the glory which He had with the Father from all eternity.** The Pentecostal outpouring was Heaven’s communication that the Redeemer’s inauguration was accomplished. According to His promise He had sent the Holy Spirit from heaven to His followers as a token that He had, as priest and king, received all

authority in heaven and on earth, and was the Anointed One over His people.” AA 38.

Christ is the Comforter

“Jehovah hath anointed Me.... To **comfort** all that mourn.” Isaiah 61:1. MH 423.

Jesus gave the disciples His promise that **He would not leave them “comfortless” as orphans. “I will come to you”**, He said. John 14:18.

“The Comforter is called ‘the Spirit of truth’. His work is to define and maintain the truth. He first **dwells in the heart as the Spirit of truth, and thus He becomes the Comforter.**” DA 671.

“**The Saviour is our Comforter.** This I have proved Him to be.” Manuscript Releases, vol. 8. 49.

“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.**” 19 MR 296.297.

“This **Comforter is the Holy Spirit--the soul of His life**, the efficacy of His church, the light and life of the world. . .” Our High Calling 150.

“The nights are long and painful, but **Jesus is my Comforter and my Hope.**” Manuscript Releases, vol. 19. 296.

“**Christ is everything to those who receive Him. He is their Comforter**, their safety, their healthfulness. Apart from Christ there is no light at all.” Manuscript Releases. vol. 21, 372.

“Let them link up with one another and with Christ. 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. His words will be to them as the bread of life, and in the strength thus gained they will be enabled to develop characters that will be an honor to God.” Reflecting Christ 200.

“**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.***" Review & Herald. Oct 26 1897.

"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." Desire of Ages. 671. (*Third Person has been capitalised in Desire of Ages, but it is not so in the original*)

"The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but ***divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof.*** 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. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. ***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.***" DA 669.

The Original Quotation below

"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 Omnipresent.***" Manuscript Releases, vol. 14, pp 23, 24; written Feb 18 and 19. 1895.

"Before offering Himself as the sacrificial victim, Christ sought for the most essential and complete gift to bestow upon His followers, a gift that would bring within their reach the boundless resources of grace. "I will pray the Father," He said, "and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; 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. ***I will not leave you orphans: I will come to you.***"

John 14:16-18, margin. (The KJV says 'comfortless' instead of orphans)

"Before this the Spirit had been in the world; from the very beginning of the work of redemption He had been moving upon men's hearts. But while Christ was on earth, the disciples had desired no other helper. **Not until they were deprived of His presence would they feel their need of the Spirit, and then He would come.**" DA 668.669.

The Chapman letter: "Your ideas of the two subjects you mention do not harmonize with the light which God has given me. *The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery not clearly revealed, and you will never be able to explain it to others because the Lord has not revealed it to you.* You may gather together scriptures and put your construction upon them, but the application is not correct....

*It is not essential for you to know and be able to define just **what** the Holy Spirit is.* 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." "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 14:16, 17]. **This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter....** There are many mysteries which I do not seek to understand or to explain; they are too high for me, and too high for you. *On some of these points, silence is golden....*

I hope that you will seek to be in harmony with the body... You need to come into harmony with your brethren. Ellen White, June 11, 1891, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 14, pages 175-180.

Henceforth through the Spirit, Christ was to abide continually in the hearts of the children. Their union with Him was closer than when He was personally with them. The light, and love, and power of the in-dwelling Christ shone out through them, ***so that men, beholding, ' marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus'.*** (Acts 4:13)...

We may be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Receiving Christ, we are clothed with power. An indwelling Saviour

makes His power our property... **Christ's presence in the heart is a vitalizing power, strengthening the entire being.** Never feel that Christ is far away. He is always near. His loving presence surrounds you." The Faith I Live By p62.

"At all times and in all places, in all sorrows and in all afflictions, when the outlook seems dark and the future perplexing, and we feel helpless and alone, **the Comforter** will be sent in answer to the prayer of faith. Circumstances may separate us from every earthly friend; but no circumstance, no distance, can separate us from **the heavenly Comforter**. Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is always at our right hand to support, sustain, uphold, and cheer." The Desire of Ages p669.670. This is speaking of Christ.

"**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 everyone who receives Christ. Those who know the indwelling of this Spirit reveal its fruit – love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." Review & Herald. Oct 26. 1897.

"**Christ comes as a Comforter to all who believe.** He invites your confidence. He says, 'Abide in me'. Surely we may trust in our loving Saviour." Lt 103. 1898. (Nov 21. 1898)

"The reason why the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die, is that the enemy has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. He has sought to **shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter**, as one who reproves, who warns, who admonishes them saying, 'this is the way, walk ye in it.'" The Review and Herald, Aug. 26, 1890

"The Saviour has not promised His followers the luxuries of the world; their fare may be plain, and even scanty; their lot may be shut in by poverty; but His word is pledged that their need shall be supplied, and He has promised that which is far better than worldly good – **the abiding comfort of His own presence.**" DA 367.

"And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts**, crying, Abba Father." Galatians 4:6. 2:20.

“Aquila and Priscilla listened to thus able speaker, and saw that his teaching was defective. He had not a thorough knowledge of the mission of Christ, his resurrection and ascension, and of His Spirit, the comforter, which He sent to His people.” 8 Redemption 66.

“***The Saviour is our Comforter.*** This I have proved Him to be.” 8 MR 49.

“Christ is to be known by the ***blessed name of Comforter.***” Ms7.1902. (Jan 26.1902) par 10. EGW.

“Christ declared that after His ascension He would send the Comforter to His church. It was His crowning gift and would take His place. This ***Comforter is the Holy Spirit – the soul of His life,*** the efficacy of His church, the light and life of the world.” Our High Calling 150.

Christ in the Believer

“Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is ***Christ in you, the hope of glory.***” Colossians 1:26.27.

“Christ in you, the hope of glory.” A knowledge of this mystery furnishes a key to every other. It opens to the soul the treasures of the universe, the possibilities of infinite development.” My Life Today 301.

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be ***strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;*** that he, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:14-19.

“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. And ***if Christ be in you***, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.” Romans 8:9.10.11.

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but ***Christ liveth in me***: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20.

“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 before the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with ***the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven***; which things the angels desire to look into.” 1 Peter 1:10-12. Compare verse 11 with 2 Peter 1:20.21.

‘The incarnation of Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, ‘Christ in you, the hope of glory’, is the great theme of the gospel’.....

“The acceptance or rejection of this vital truth is one of the divinely appointed tests of one who claims to have the gift of prophecy.” Christian Experience & Teachings of Ellen G White. 246. 1922.

“In our life here, earthly, sin-restricted, though it is, the greatest joy and the highest education are in service. And in the future state, untrammelled by the limitations of sinful humanity, it is in service that our greatest joy and our highest education will be found -- witnessing, and ever as we witness ***learning anew ‘the riches of the glory of this mystery’, ‘which is Christ in you, the hope of glory’.***” Education. 309. Christian Service 272.

“The ***life of Christ in you*** produces the same fruits as in Him. Living in Christ, adhering to Christ, supported by Christ, ***drawing nourishment from Christ***, you bear fruit after the similitude of Christ.” DA 677.

“Impatience brings the enemy of God and man into your family and drives out the angels of God. If you are abiding in Christ, and **Christ in you**, you cannot speak angry words.” HP 99.

“Souls that have borne the likeness of Satan have been transformed into the image of God. The change is itself the miracle of miracles. **A change wrought by the Word, it is one of the deepest mysteries of the Word.** We cannot understand it; we can only believe, that, as declared by the Scriptures, **it is ‘Christ in you, the hope of glory.’** A knowledge of this mystery furnishes a key to every other. It opens to the soul the treasures of the universe, the possibilities of infinite development.” My Life Today 26.

“The piety and conscientiousness of others are called fanaticism, and those who practise truth and holiness are watched and criticized. They deride those who teach and believe the **mystery of godliness, ‘Christ in you, the hope of glory.’** 4 BC 1138.

“You are going forth to carry the torch of truth. Kindle your taper from the divine altar, and bear the truth to those who are in darkness. You may be sure that angels of God will be round about you. As you impart to others, **you will realize that the life of Christ in you is as a well of water**, springing up unto everlasting life.” GCB. April 2., 1901.

“It is not merely the words that roll off your tongue, it is not merely to be eloquent in speaking and praying, but **it is to make known Christ, to have Christ in you, and make Him known to those that hear.**” R&H. May 30. 1871.

“If you are abiding in Christ, and **Christ in you**, you cannot speak angry words.” R&H. Aug 5. 1890.

“I want to ask our ministers, What kind of character do you think the Lord will accept in his kingdom? Do you know God, and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent? Is the love of God abiding in your souls? **Are you dwelling in Christ, and Christ in you?** If you are, you are safe; but if you are not, there is no safety for you.” R&H. Apr 5. 1892.

“Christ in you a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The souls you win to Christ will be heirs of immortal life, thus **the life of Christ in you will be manifested to others**, charming, winning, and gathering them to Christ.” 4 MR 213.

“It is Christ and Him crucified, and ***the Christ in me will respond to the Christ in you.*** Here is the Bible and the truth, and we must come to the platform of eternal truth and seek to be partakers of the Divine nature, and then the true light will come into this nation.” Ms 83, 1886, pp. 8, 9. (Sermon, September, 1886.) 8MR 104.

“O precious possibilities and encouragement! In the human heart cleansed from all moral impurity, dwells the precious Saviour, ennobling, sanctifying the whole nature and making the man a temple for the Holy Spirit. ***Christ therefore is a personal Saviour... Wherever we go, we bear the abiding presence of One so dear to us; for we abide in Christ by a living faith. We have the companionship of the divine Jesus, and as we realize His presence, our thoughts are brought into captivity to Him.*** Our experience in divine things will be in proportion to the vividness of our sense of His companionship. Enoch walked with God in this way; and Christ dwells in our hearts by faith when we appreciate what He is to us, and what a work He has wrought out for us in the plan of redemption. Then we shall be most happy in cultivating a sense of this great Gift of God to our world, and to us personally.” ST, Sept 3 1896.

The Breath of Christ

“Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.” And when he had said this he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost....” John 20:22.23.

“And when He had said this, He 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 fulfil 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. 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.

“Christ breathed on his disciples, and said, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost.” This is the great gift of heaven. **Christ imparted to them through the Spirit of His own sanctification. He imbued them with His power**, that they might win souls to the gospel. Henceforth Christ would live through their faculties, and speak through their words. They were privileged to know that hereafter He and they were to be one. They must cherish His principles and be controlled by His Spirit.... No longer were they to live their own selfish life; Christ was to live in them and speak through them.” General Conference Bulletin. October 1. 1899. p12.

“The **Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul. The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ.** Only those who are thus taught of God, those who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life the Christ-life is manifested, are to stand as representative men, to minister in behalf of the church.” DA 805.

“All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God, will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. **Christ gives them the breath of His own Spirit, the life of His own life.** The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind.” The Review and Herald, Nov. 19,1908.

“Those who are called and chosen will be co-laborers with Christ. They have a part to act under the greatest Educator the world has ever known. **He who is consecrated to God, sanctified by the breath of Christ, is one with Christ.** He can communicate to others the instruction he has received. He can tell them that the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour are our hope and crown of rejoicing.” R&H. July 19. 1898.

“In the twelve disciples the leaven of truth was hidden by the Great Teacher. These disciples were to be the instruments in God's hands for revealing truth to the world. Divine power was given them; for a risen Saviour breathed on them, saying, ‘Receive ye the Holy Ghost.’ **Imbued with this Spirit,** they went forth to witness for the truth.” R&H. Jun 10.1902.

Christ's Work Today

“**Christ's work below is His work above**, and our reward for working with Him in this world will be the greater power and wider privilege of working with Him in this world to come.” Education 308.

“While Jesus ministers in the sanctuary above, **He is still by His Spirit the minister of the church on earth**. He is with-drawn from the eye of sense, but His parting promise fulfilled, ‘Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world’. Matt 28:20. While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, **His energizing presence is still with His church**.” DA 166.

The Omnipresence of Christ

“In giving His commission to His followers, Christ did not tell them they would be left alone. He assured them that He would be near them. **He spoke of His Omnipresence in a special way**. Go to all nations, He said. **Go, to the farthest portion of the habitable globe, but know that My presence will be there**. Labor in faith and confidence, for the time will never come when I shall forsake you.” Ms 138. 1897 (December 2, 1897)

It is not essential for you to know and be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is. 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." "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 14:16, 17]. **This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.**" 14 MR 179.

“The greatness of God is to us incomprehensible. ‘The Lord’s throne is in heaven’ (Psalm 11:4); yet **by His Spirit He is everywhere present**. He has an intimate knowledge of, and a personal interest in, all the works of His hand.” Education. 132.

“By His Spirit He is everywhere present. Through the agency of His Spirit and His angels, He ministers to the children of men.” The Ministry of Healing. 417.

“O precious possibilities and encouragement! ***In the human heart cleansed from all moral impurity, dwells the precious Saviour, ennobling, sanctifying the whole nature and making the man a temple for the Holy Spirit. Christ therefore is a personal Saviour... Wherever we go, we bear the abiding presence of One so dear to us; for we abide in Christ by a living faith. We have the companionship of the divine Jesus,*** and as we realize His presence our thoughts are brought into captivity to Him. Our experience in divine things will be in proportion to the vividness of our sense of His companionship.... Here again there is a realization of a personal, living influence dwelling in our hearts by faith.” Signs of the Times. Sep 3. 1896.

Christ’s Representative - Spirit

“The Holy Spirit is Christ’s representative, but ***divested of the personality of humanity,*** and independent thereof. 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. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. 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.” The Desire of Ages 669.

According to the dictionary, ‘divest’ means ‘to unclothe, to strip, to uncover, denude, bare, undress, disrobe, dismantle, shed, doff, peel, skin, expose, lay open’. The only person who can do this to ‘humanity’ is Jesus Christ. Sister White uses the same word when referring to Christ, saying He **“divested Himself of the form of God.”** 5BGC 1127. Note that the Holy Spirit – if another God-Being of the Trinity – did not have humanity to divest.

“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 omnipresent." Manuscript Release 1084. 1899.

Exaltation of the Spirit

"Let the brightest example the world has yet seen be your example, rather than the greatest and most learned men of the age, who know not God, nor Jesus Christ whom he has sent. ***The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted.***" The Youth's Instructor, July 7, 1898.

"Jehovah, our Father, and His Son Jesus Christ are alone to be exalted." Ms 11. 1898. (Jun 29.1898) par 11.

The Heavenly Family

"By the power of His love, through obedience, fallen man, a worm of the dust, is to be transformed, fitted to be ***a member of the heavenly family, a companion through eternal ages of God and Christ and the holy angels....***" Manuscript 21, Feb. 16, 1900. Ellen White. *The Upward Look*. 61.

The Atonement

Christ made a full atonement, giving His life as a ransom for us. He was born without a taint of sin, but came into the world in like manner as the human family. He did not have a mere semblance of a body, but He took human nature, participating in the life of humanity. According to the law Christ Himself gave, ***the forfeited inheritance was ransomed by the nearest of kin.*** Jesus Christ laid off His royal robe, His kingly crown, and clothed His divinity with humanity, in order to become a substitute and surety for humanity, that dying in humanity He might by His death destroy him who had the power of death." 7BC 462. Letter 97. 1898.

This is the sacrificial part of the work of redemption. Christ made a full and complete sacrifice. We can join with other Christians in this wonderful truth as this is our salvation.

However, there is more work to the atonement than the sacrifice, and this is why Seventh-day Adventist speak of a final atonement.

This confuses those who only know of the sacrificial part, and they accuse us of not having a finished work by Christ.

There are two other parts to atonement. One is the daily work of accepting and cleaning sinners who surrender to Jesus. In the type, the sinner slew the animal, but it was the priest taking the blood before God that made personal atonement for the sinner, and provided forgiveness. Leviticus 4:20.26.31.35. 5:13.18.

So it is with Christ, His sacrifice was for all men, but only those who claim Jesus as their Saviour, believing that Christ's sacrifice and blood will cleanse them of all sin, will receive cleansing and forgiveness. 1 John 1:7.9. This work of atonement is ongoing until Christ has finished His ministry in the heavenly sanctuary and probation closes. This part of His work of atonement will then be complete.

The final work of atonement is taking place in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary -- the work of judgment (the Day of Atonement) where Christ is standing for those whose sins have been forgiven by the blood. Each name for which Christ can stand saying, '*My blood Father*', will be eternally saved. Their record of sin will be blotted out, making them forever at-one-with-God and Christ.

It is the work of the Father and the Son. Everything relating to salvation is the work of the Father and Son. If they were not omnipresent, we could not be saved as their Spirit must make effective salvation. DA 671.

By their Spirit they can go to every part of the universe, as well as indwell all beings who are surrendered to the will of God and obedient to His commandments.

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