## #28 - Spirit and the Godhead Truth

The term 'God' is used 4, 473 times in Scripture. It is never used to refer to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 4,473 times, 'God' refers to the Father and/or the Son. (Gen 1:1, Joh 1:1) Not once out of 4,473 times does 'God' refer to the Holy Spirit. In the entire Bible, neither the Father, nor Jesus the Son ever talk to the Spirit - not once. From Genesis to Revelation, the Spirit never says a single word to either the Father, or the Son. In the Bible, there is no worship of the Spirit - ever. Why?

The terms 'Trinity', 'God the Son', 'God the Spirit', 'God in three Persons', 'Co-equal', 'Co-eternal', and 'God and the Spirit' are NOT in the KJV Bible. The KJV says: 'God the Father', 'Son of God', 'God and Jesus Christ', 'Spirit of Jesus Christ', 'Spirit of God', and 'His Holy Spirit'.

Eternal life is to know "the only true God and Jesus Christ": Father and Son. Why is the Holy Spirit not included? Why is it not possible to know the Holy Spirit? Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and 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.

**Like the Father, Jesus: Son of God IS a divine Spirit.** Joh 4:24 God is A Spirit... 2Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit... 1Cor 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam (Jesus) was made a quickening spirit. The Father is a Spirit and the Son is a Spirit. They are two separate divine Individuals. Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 8:11 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.

Jesus is possessed by: filled with the fullness of the Father's Spirit. Jesus represents the Father to us. He is 'God with us'. Isa 9:6 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. Mat 1:23 ... and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Pro 8:22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. Mat 12:18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him...

Jesus IS the Truth. Joh 14:6 Jesus saith, I am the Truth... Spirit "of Truth" = Spirit of Jesus. Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter (G3875), that He may abide with you for ever; 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: Lwill come to you. (Jesus uses "He" / "I" interchangeably.)

1John 2:1 ...we have an advocate (G3875) with the Father, Jesus Christ. G3875; paraklētos; intercessor; consoler; comforter. Who is our 'Advocate'; our 'Comforter'? Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is the Agency of God; the Word; the Truth: the Breath; the Life of Father God in Jesus the Son. Joh 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will <u>send</u> unto you <u>from</u> the Father, even the Spirit <u>of</u> truth, <u>which proceedeth from the Father</u>, he shall testify <u>of</u> me... 20:22 And when He had said this, He <u>breath</u>ed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the <u>holy Spirit</u>. 6:63 It is the <u>Spirit</u> that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the <u>words</u> that I speak unto you, they <u>are Spirit</u>, and they <u>are life</u>. The Spirit is the witness of God to our spirit. It is the breath, vital presence, and character of Father and Son; God and Christ.

In the Spirit's presence, is Jesus or the Father absent? How much of the Spirit that descended upon Jesus at His baptism was the Father's presence and identity? All, or in part? How much of the Spirit that descended upon the disciples at pentecost was Jesus' personal presence and identity? All, or in part?

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 16:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 16:15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. In this way the Spirit is a Person; a third Person - the Presence; the Agency of God.

Whose Spirit is the Spirit of God; to Whom does the Spirit belong? Does Jesus belong to the Holy Spirit, or does the Holy Spirit belong to Jesus?

Gal 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. The Holy Spirit is not a separate individual with an independent mind and identity exclusive from the Father and the Son. In every case where the Spirit is identified, the Father and/or the Son are identified in Spiritual form. The Holy Spirit; the Comforter personifies the matrimonial harmony of the Father and the Son. He is the Person; the personality, power, and presence of God. He is the omniscient, omnipresent, Living; life-giving Agent of the divine heart and mind. "blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven" Luk 12:10 Why? Father and Son do not create, work on, or change the heart except by Spirit-Agency.

There are not three Gods. There is only one. The phrase 'God the Father' occurs 13 times in the Bible.

1Cor 8:6 But to us there is but <u>one God, the Father</u>, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. Mat 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. The entire 'model prayer' is directed to the Father only.

God our Father is the one Supreme Being: a Spirit: the Head of the Godhead. 1Cor 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. Jesus the Son of God is the express image of the Father; the "Light of the world". Rather than being like mere earthly matter, both the sun, and the light proceeding from it are virtually immaterial. Yet, the sun and its light are the most substantial, enduring, alive 'things' known to man. These, as one, are the source of life on earth. The identity of every one and every thing is sourced from the Spirit of the Father in the Son; the omnipresent Life of all creation.

How many eternal divine; Holy Individuals compose the Godhead? (2): Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (<u>Jesus the Word existed before creation/time.</u>) 14:23 ... If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 14:24 ... and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 17:11 ... that they may be one, as we are. 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us... 17:22 ... that they may be one, even as we are one... <u>In the entire chapter of John 17, why is the Spirit not mentioned even once?</u>
Eph 4:4 There is one body, and <u>one Spirit</u>... Joh 10:30 I and my Father are one. How are Father and Son one? God; a Spirit, is Life. Unity in Spirit and in Truth is harmony of the mind and heart of Divinity. Mat 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

How many separate, autonomous, independent, individual humans are the image; the likeness of God? (2): Gen 1:26 And God said, Let <u>us</u> make man in <u>our image</u>, after <u>our likeness</u>... 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; <u>male and female</u> created he them. 2:23-24: And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man...they shall be <u>one flesh</u>. Gen 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called <u>their name Adam</u>, in the day when <u>they</u> were created.

1Cor 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

God's image is God's unity; matrimony; harmony; God's Spirit. <u>Adam & Eve were 2 individuals; 'one flesh'; 1 Spirit</u>, (the Spirit of Father in Son)

Paul, James, Peter and John: "Greetings and salutations: from **God the Father,** and from **the Lord Jesus Christ**" (2 Beings): Rom 1:7, 1Cor 1:3, 2Cor 1:2, Gal 1:3, Eph 1:2, Php 1:1-2, Col 1:2, 1Thes 1:1, 2Thes 1:2, 1Tim 1:1-2, 2Tim 1:1-2, Tit 1:1-4, Phil 1:1-3, Jam 1:1, 1Pe 1:1-2, 2Pe 1:1-2, 1Joh 1:1-3, 2Joh 1:3 "cloven tongues/hoof (Act 2:3 Deu 14:6)" is one limb, two separate digits. 'di': divide, diameter, diaphragm, dipole, divine, dissect, etc.

Our breath/spirit/life is owned by God. Ez 36:27 And I will put <u>my</u> spirit within you... 1Cor 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your <u>spirit</u>, which are <u>God's</u>. Eph 2:1 For through him (Jesus) we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. We are to be in Jesus, as Jesus is in the Father.

Where is the holy Spirit's throne? (it doesn't exist) Rev 22:3 ...but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it...

If the Spirit is a conscious Being, whose identity is separate and independent from both the Father and the Son, why not worship Him? Why not pray to Him?

What is the literal personal first name of the Spirit? 'Spirit', 'Ghost', 'Father' and 'Son' are not names. They are titles. Does any person not have a name? We are to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost" (Mat 28:19). Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. Did Jesus mean that we can use His name like a magic wand? Is the 'name' of the holy Ghost literal, or spiritual? (Spiritual: name = character: spirit)

What is the only actual name used for biblical baptism? Act 2:38 Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ.... 8:12...in the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 8:16...only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 19:4...John verily baptized... that they should believe on Him ...Christ Jesus. 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Rom 6:3...so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ... Why did the disciples always; every time, disobey Jesus' apparent Command to baptize using three titles?

Catholic catechism: "The Trinity: not three Gods; one God; three Persons" https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/catechism/index.cfm?recnum=610

SDA doctrine / baptismal vow: "The Trinity: There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal Persons" https://www.adventist.org/trinity/

## 1872/1889 Fundamental Principle #1 of Seventh-Day Adventists:

"There is one God, a personal spiritual Being, the Creator of all things,...everywhere present by His representative, the holy Spirit."

Ellen White's Spirit definition: "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." {10LtMs, Lt 119, 1895, par. 18} ('divested' = opposite invested)

"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 disciples still failed to understand Christ's words in their spiritual sense, and again He explained His meaning. By the Spirit, He said, He would manifest Himself to them." {DoA 669.2} "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." {DoA, p.671}

According to Ellen White, is the "third person" the Spirit of Jesus Christ? (Yes - without question.)

- "The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ." {14 Manuscript Releases, p. 84}
- "We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ." [Ellen White to W.W. Prescott, Letter 66, par. 18, April 10, 1894]
- "They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit the Spirit of Christ." {Testimonies, vol. 9, p.189.3, 1909}
- "It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us..." {DoA, p. 388}
- "...the Spirit of Jesus Christ, which is sent down from heaven, called the Holy Ghost..." {Manuscript 36, 1891}
- "Christ gives them the breath of His own spirit, the life of His own life." {DoA, p.827}
- "The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul." {Review and Herald, October 26, 1897}
- "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." [ISP 24.2]
- "And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: ... Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, Christ breathed His Spirit upon them." {DoA, p. 805} "When He should come forth from the tomb, their sorrow would be turned to joy. After His ascension He was to be absent in person; but through the Comforter He would still be with them, and they were not to spend their time in mourning." {DoA, p. 278} "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." {DoA p805.3} "Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all His disciples, and give them the inspiration of His sanctifying Spirit, and transfuse the vital influence from Himself to His people. Christ is to live in His human agents and work through their faculties, and act through their capabilities. Their will must be submitted to His will, they must act with His Spirit; that it may be no more they that live, but Christ that liveth in them. Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in giving His Holy Spirit He is giving to them the glory which the Father hath given Him, that He and His people may be one in God." {2MR 36.3} "The Saviour has promised that which is far better than worldly good,—the abiding comfort of His own presence." {DoA p367.2} Jehovah, our Father, and His Son Jesus Christ are alone to be exalted." {13LtMs, Ms 11, 1898, par. 11} 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. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning w
- "There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these *three great powers*—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive *Christ by living faith* are baptized, and these *powers* will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the *new life in Christ*." {SpTB07 63.2} Why is there no mention of the 'first' or 'second' person anywhere in Inspired pen of Inspiration?
- The terms 'first person' and 'second person' are not appropriate to use as titles for the Father and the Son, since the 'third' person is the Father in the Son's omniPresence.
- "...most of the leading SDA pioneers were non-Trinitarian...was the pioneer's belief about the Godhead right or wrong? As one line of reasoning goes, either the pioneers were wrong and the present church is right, or the pioneers were right and the present Seventh-day Adventist Church has apostatized from biblical truth." {Jerry Moon, The Trinity, p. 190, 2002} "Ellen White avoided using the word "Trinity", and her husband stated categorically that her visions did not support the Trinitarian creed.

  Her theology did not include a doctrine of the Trinity." <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teachings">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teachings</a> of Ellen G. White
- "The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-Day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years [1853 onward to 1903] would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure." {Letter 242, October 19, 1903; SpTB02 p. 54.3, 1904; SM1 p.204} [bracketed info supplied]
- 1) A reformation would take place 2) Our doctrines / pillars of faith would be given up 3) Engage in Reorganization 4) Our religion would be changed 5) the Fundamental Principles for the last fifty years would be called error and discarded (1853-1903) 6) A New Organization would be established (a counterfeit of the original SDA church, today's General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists) 7) Books of a new order would be written: "Coming of the Comforter", "Questions on Doctrine", "Movement of Destiny"; LeRoy Froom, Roy Allan Anderson, W. E. Read, T. E. Unruh; "Seventh-Day Adventists Believe...27, A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Doctrines", "The Trinity"; Woodrow Whidden, Jerry Moon, John Reeve, "Understanding the Trinity"; Max Hatton, "Ellen White & The Trinity"; Jan Voerman, "Exploring the Trinity, One God...or Three?"; Doug Batchelor, "The Sonship of Christ"; Ty Gibson. 8) Intellectual Philosophy would be introduced (Scholars and Theologians took over-only those with academic degrees) 9) Nothing would stand in the way of this new movement.

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