

### Sabbath School Lesson #3 – The Divinity of the Holy Spirit – 14-20 Jan 2017

**C**hrist who breathed on His disciples saying, “Receive ye the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22), wants us to receive the same “Spirit of Christ” which was in all the prophets (1 Peter 1:11), because “if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His” (Romans 8:9), which Spirit is Christ Himself, as “the Lord is that Spirit” (2 Corinthians 3:17), for Christ being “the last Adam was made a quickening Spirit” (1 Corinthians 15:45) and “because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts” (Galatians 4:6), and for these reasons, let us have Christ; as Ellen White says, “It is not safe to catch the spirit from another. We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ” {Lt66-1894 (April 10, 1894) par. 18}.

Sabbath Afternoon section of the Lesson says, “Here we need to compare scripture with scripture in order to study carefully what God has revealed in His Word about the Holy Spirit. In doing so, we should not affirm less than what Scripture states, and we also should not ‘exceed what is written’ (1 Cor 4:6).” Make no assumptions; compare scripture with scripture!

The memory text for this lesson reads: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen” (2 Corinthians 13:14). ‘Aha,’ you say, ‘Paul implies a trinity!’ Not so fast, please. Recall: make no assumptions; compare scripture with scripture! To assume a trinity here is inconsistent with other Paul’s writings. Read the greetings and benedictions of Paul and note the emphasis to Father/Son.

Romans 1:7 “To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 1:3 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Corinthians 1:2-3 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.” Note: *He is the God of Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.* 2 Corinthians 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.” Note: *God Our Father gave His Son and sends forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts (Galatians 4:6). The indwelling of the “Spirit of His Son” results in sweet communion between fellow believers. This communion is the result of the love of God and the grace of Christ, Who give to us the Holy Spirit. Note: In this verse Paul makes reference to Christ, and God, and the Holy Spirit. If by God, he means the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), then Christ and the Holy Spirit are mentioned twice and the Father only once. If by God He means the Father, then we can say that God is our Father in heaven.*

Ephesians 1:2 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 6:23 “Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:2 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Philippians 4:19-20 “And my God shall supply all your need according to *His* riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.” Colossians 1:2-3 “To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you.” 1 Thessalonians 1:1 “Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father *and* the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Thessalonians 1:1-2 “Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Timothy 1:2 “To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.” Titus 1:4 “To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.” Philemon 1:3 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Here we add few other writers besides Paul. 2 John 1:3 “Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father *and* from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.” Jude 1:1 “Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, *and* preserved in Jesus Christ:” And Revelation 1:4-6 “John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from *Him* who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits [fullness of

the Spirit of God] who are before His throne, *and* from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” *Conclusion: Thirteen times Paul greeted the disciples of Christ in the name of the Father and the Son. Once He prayed that the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Spirit would be with the followers of Christ. If God is a trinity, Paul ignored one-third of trinity thirteen times!*

“And the Spirit [*ruwach*] of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind [*ruwach*], every one of them” (Ezekiel 11:5). Here *ruwach* was translated “spirit” in one place, and “mind” in another. We see that the spirit of an individual is the mind or thinking of that individual (compare Isaiah 40:13 with Romans 11:34), which is always intangible. “To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?” (Job 26:4). When we utter words, we reveal whose spirit we have – either the evil spirit or the Holy Spirit of God. “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption” (Ephesians 4:30). Some people maintain that “the Holy Spirit,” and “the Spirit of God” are different. As you can see from the preceding verse, this is not the case. The Bible speaks of “The Holy Spirit of God.” God the Father has a Spirit: “For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you” (Matthew 10:20). Jesus Christ has a Spirit: “For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:19). The Bible nowhere mentions “the Spirit of the Holy Spirit.” The Father has a Spirit and His Son has a Spirit, yet there is “one Spirit” (Ephesians 4:4). The Father and His Son share the same one Spirit while they are two separate individuals.

The Holy Spirit proceeds from God and is the Spirit of the Son as much as the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:12-14) for it flows forth from God. It is the power of God. Which is the mind [*ruwach*] of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). The Holy Spirit is truly Christ in you the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). With the seed of God in you, you will no longer commit known or willful sin, because the seed of God cannot commit sin (1 John 3:9), and Christ is that seed.

Of spirits, only “one Spirit” (Ephesians 4:4) is holy; that one Spirit is “the Spirit of your Father” (Matthew 10:20); God is everywhere by and in that one Spirit, “Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?” (Psalm 139:7); that one Spirit is God’s inner part as man’s spirit is man’s inner part (Daniel 2:1 “his spirit” was still him), “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” (1 Corinthians 2:11); that one Spirit is which God gave to His Son, “for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him” (John 3:34); that one Spirit is shared between Father and Son as Their Spirit, it is why Paul interchanges this by saying, “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” (Romans 8:9); that one Spirit the Father gives us as the Spirit of His Son, “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father” (Galatians 4:6).

The Friday section of the Lesson says: “Read Ellen G. White, ‘Misrepresentations of the Godhead,’ pp 613-617, in *Evangelism*.” This book is not an original Ellen White book, but a Compilation done in 1946 long after her death, based on the work of LeRoy Edwin Froom, the mastermind of bringing the trinity into our Church. Pages 613-617 were compiled using half-quotations and some words omitted and words disjoined from their original context to support a trinitarian view. This kind of butchery of inspired writings the heathens were doing in the days of Ellen White to her writings {3BIO 130.3}, after her death our own Church did the same in compiling *Evangelism*! “Prove all things” (1 Thessalonians 5:21), use the rule that Ellen White gave for knowing what she taught: “The testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the messages given, as scripture is explained by scripture” {1SM 42.2}. Read her writings on the subject of the Godhead; to help you, download a booklet by Nader Mansour ([http://revelation1412.org/files/1413/4269/9545/Putting\\_the\\_Pieces\\_Together.pdf](http://revelation1412.org/files/1413/4269/9545/Putting_the_Pieces_Together.pdf)) and read the full quotes of the Testimonies that our Church in “*Evangelism*” pp 613-617 did half-quote and misquote to give a false impression that Ellen White writings support a trinity doctrine, and you will be amazed to find clearly that Ellen White was never a trinitarian!