

WE SO NEED TO GET THIS RIGHT:

The proper understanding of the personality of the Father and Son is one of the pillars of truth established in the early days of our Seventh-day Adventist movement. Today this understanding is being replaced by the spiritualistic representations of the Trinity doctrine. We are in danger of being led astray from our solid, biblical foundations.

'God the Father' is truly the God and Father of Christ (His only begotten Son). Our 'one Lord, Jesus Christ', is the real, only begotten, Son of God. They are not ONE GOD (Father, Son, Spirit), but rather, two persons, who are ONE (unified) in nature, character and purpose. Two individuals; Father and Son, who work perfectly together. The 'absolute Godhead' consists of a real Father and a real Son, two individual persons, yet little short of being identical. They are one in spirit, heart and character. By the Spirit, who is the personal presence of Father and Son (omnipresence), their work is carried forward in the earth and throughout the universe. God the Father is the Omnipresent and this is by His own divine Spirit. This life-giving Spirit dwells fully in His Son.

The Father and Son are not one mystical God, broken into three persons or parts, role-playing as God the Father and God the Son and God the Spirit. No matter how you conceal it ... that makes three Gods, who claim to be one God??? The Trinity teaching is a lying deception, that in essence eliminates the reality of the Son of God, as an individual person, whose Father is His God and real Father. It makes the Father and Son out to be actors in a play who are not in reality, Father and Son.

When all is said and done, there are two persons sitting on the throne of heaven, who share God the Father's Spirit of Eternal Life (omnipresence). Our fellowship is with the Father and His only begotten Son. We worship and honor the Father and His Son. They are with us and in us, through the omnipresent Spirit, which is God Himself (divine Spirit—the Omnipresent). The only reason the Holy Spirit is spoken of or referred to as the 'third person OF THE GODHEAD' is that He is of the Father and Son and is with us, invisibly, and not in heaven, where the Father and Son are visible in bodily form. The Spirit is simply the Father and Son with us, by divine omnipresence, as a real and personal presence, unseen, yet in all the fullness of the Godhead (Father and Son)—the true power and omnipresence of God Himself.

“The seventeenth chapter of John speaks plainly regarding *the personality of God and of Christ*, and of their relation to each other. “*Father*, the hour is come,” Christ said: “glorify *thy*

Son, that **thy Son** also may glorify **thee**.” [John 17:23, 3, 5-11 quoted.] **Here is personality, and individuality.**“ — *MS 124, 1903*

Father & Son — Scripture

Mark 12:28-32, “...Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; **The Lord** [Yahweh/Kurios—Lord] **our God** [Elohiym/Theos] **is one Lord** [Yahweh/Kurios—Lord].... And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: **for there is one God** [Theos]; **and there is none other but he:**”

1 Corinthians 8:6, “But to us there is but **one God, the Father**, of whom are all things, and we in him; and **one Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom are all things, and we by him.”

Ephesians 4:4-6, “There is one body, and **one Spirit**, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **One Lord**, one faith, one baptism, **One God and Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

1 Timothy 2:5, “For there is **one God** and **one mediator** between **God** and men, **the man Christ Jesus;**”

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

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

James 2:19, “Thou believest that there is **one God**; **thou doest well**: the devils also believe, and tremble.”

Exodus 3:14, “And **God** said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you.”

Jeremiah 10:10, “But **the LORD** [Yahweh] **is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king**: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.”

John 17:1-26, “1 **These words spake Jesus**, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, **Father**, the hour is come; **glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee**: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give **eternal life** to as many as thou hast given him. 3 **And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent**. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O **Father**, glorify thou **me** with **thine own self** with **the glory which I had with thee before the world was**. ¶ 6 I have **manifested thy name** unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that **all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee**. 8 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**. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which **thou hast given me**; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. ¶ 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and **I come to thee**. **Holy Father**, keep through **thine own name** those whom **thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are**. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them **in thy name**: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now **come I to thee**; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them **thy word**; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as **I am not of the world**. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as **I am not of the world**. ¶ 17 **Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth**. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes **I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth**. ¶ 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 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**: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 **I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one**; and that the world may know that **thou hast sent me**, and hast loved them, as **thou hast loved me**. ¶ 24 **Father**, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold **my glory, which thou hast given me**: for **thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world**. 25 O **righteous Father**, the world hath not known thee: but **I have known thee**, and

these have known that **thou hast sent me**. 26 And I have declared unto them **thy name**, and will declare it: that **the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.**

1 John 5:20, “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know **him that is true**, and we are in **him that is true**, even in **his** Son Jesus Christ. This is **the true God, and eternal life.**”

Psalms 41:13, “Blessed be **the LORD God** of Israel **from everlasting**, and **to everlasting**. Amen, and Amen.”

Psalms 93:2, “**Thy throne** is established **of old: thou art from everlasting.**”

“**All created beings live by the will and power of God.** They are dependent recipients of **the life of God**. From the highest seraph to the humblest animate being, **all are replenished from the Source of life.**” — CSA 43.7

John 5:23, “**That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father.** He that honoureth not **the Son** honoureth not **the Father** which hath sent him.”

John 14:1, “Let not your heart be troubled: **ye believe in God, believe also in me.**”

Proverbs 30:4, “**Who** hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? **who** hath gathered the wind in his fists? **who** hath bound the waters in a garment? **who** hath established all the ends of the earth? **what is his name, and what is his son's name**, if thou canst tell?”

“With what firmness and power he uttered these words. The Jews had never before heard such words from human lips, and a convicting influence attended them; **for it seemed that divinity flashed through humanity as 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***. The Jews understood his meaning, there was no reason why they should misunderstand, and they took up stones to stone him. Jesus looked upon them calmly and unshrinkingly, and said, “Many good works have I showed you **from my Father**; for which of these works do ye stone me?”” — *Signs of the Times, November 27, 1893 par. 5*

“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, December 16, 1897 par. 5*

“By coming to dwell with us, Jesus was to reveal God both to men and to angels. He was the Word of God,—God’s thought made audible.” — *Desire of Ages, p. 19.2*

“All the communion between heaven and the fallen race has been through Christ.” — *The Faith I Live By, p. 47.3*

“From the days of eternity the Lord Jesus Christ was one with the Father; He was “the image of God,” the image of His greatness and majesty, “the outshining of his glory.” It was to manifest this glory that He came to our world. To this sin-darkened earth He came to reveal the light of God’s love—to be “God with us.”” — *God’s Amazing Grace, p. 45.2*

“Because divinity alone could be efficacious in the restoration of man from the poisonous bruise of the serpent, God Himself, in His only begotten Son, assumed human nature, and in the weakness of human nature sustained *the character of God*, vindicated His holy law in every particular, and accepted the sentence of wrath and death for the sons of men. *What a thought is this!*” — *Our Father Cares, p. 116.6*

“Jesus might have remained *at the Father’s side*. He might have retained *the glory of heaven, and the homage of the angels*. But He chose to give back the scepter 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.” — *Our Father Cares, p. 200.4*

“Let the missionaries of the cross proclaim that there is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, who is Jesus Christ the Son of the Infinite God. This needs to be proclaimed throughout every church in our land. Christians need to know this, and not put man *where God should be*, that they may no longer be worshipers of idols, but of *the living God*. Idolatry exists in our churches.” — *The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials, p. 886 — 1891*

John 5:26, “For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; ...”

Proverbs 8:23, “I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.”

Micah 5:2, “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet **out of thee shall he come forth unto me** that is to be ruler in Israel; **whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.**”

‘Godhead’ = Divinity or Diety

“**The Father** cannot be described by the things of earth. The Father IS all the fullness of the Godhead *bodily*, and is invisible to mortal sight. The Son IS all the fullness of the Godhead *manifested*. The word of God declares Him to be “the express image of His person.” “God so loved the world that He gave *His only begotten Son*, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” **Here is shown the personality of the Father.**” — *BTS, March 1, 1906 par. 1*

“**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.** This was no robbery of God.” — *The Review and Herald, April 5, 1906, p. 8*

“**Angels** were expelled from heaven because they would not work in harmony **with God.** They fell from their high estate because they wanted to be exalted. **They had come to exalt themselves, and they forgot that *their beauty of person and of character came from the Lord Jesus.*** This fact the [fallen] angels would obscure, **that Christ was the only begotten Son of God,** and they came to consider that they were not to consult **Christ.** One angel began the controversy and carried it on until there was rebellion in the heavenly courts, among the angels.” — *This Day With God, p. 128 — 1910*

“The world’s Redeemer was *equal with God.* His authority was *as the authority of God.* **He declared that he had no existence separate from the Father.** The authority by which he spoke, and wrought miracles, was expressly his own, yet he assures us that he and the Father are one.” — *The Review and Herald, Jan. 7, 1890, p. 1*

“In His humanity *He was a partaker of the divine nature.* **In His incarnation He gained in a new sense the title of the Son of God.** Said the angel to Mary, “**The power of the Highest** shall overshadow thee: therefore also **that holy thing** which shall be born of thee shall be called **the Son of God**” (Luke 1:35). **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.” — *The Signs of the Times, August 2, 1905. Quoted in Selected Messages Book 1, pp. 226, 227*

“**The Fatherhood of God is given to us in the gift of Jesus Christ**; and as God was one with his only begotten Son, so he would have his earthly children one with him.” — *Review and Herald, September 30, 1909 par. 15*

“The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by **the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.**” — *Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 10, p. 37. (1897)*

“**Of the Spirit Jesus said**, “He shall glorify me.” **The Saviour came to glorify the Father** by the demonstration of His love; so **the Spirit was to glorify Christ** by revealing His grace to the world. The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. **The honor of God, the honor of Christ**, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people.” — *Lift Him Up, p. 191.4*

“**In the religion of Christ** there is a *regenerating influence* that transforms the entire being, lifting man above every debasing, groveling vice, and raising the thoughts and desires toward God and heaven. **Linked to the Infinite One**, man is made *partaker of the divine nature*. Upon him the shafts of evil have no effect; for he is clothed with *the panoply of Christ’s righteousness.*” — *CT 51.4*

1 Corinthians 8:6, “**But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.**”

Ellen White experiences the Presence of God’s Spirit:

“Friday, March 20 [1896], I arose early, about half past three o’clock in the morning. While [I was] writing upon the fifteenth chapter of John suddenly a wonderful peace came upon me. The whole room seemed to be filled with the atmosphere of heaven. **A holy, sacred Presence** seemed to be in my room. I laid down my pen and was in a waiting attitude to see what **the Spirit** would say unto me. I saw no person. I heard no audible voice, but a heavenly Watcher seemed close beside me; I felt that I was in the presence of Jesus. ¶ The sweet peace and light which seemed to be in my room it is impossible for me to explain or describe. A sacred, holy atmosphere surrounded me, and there were presented to my mind and understanding matters of intense interest and importance. A line of action was laid out before me as if **the unseen Presence** was speaking with me. The matter

I had been writing upon seemed to be lost to my mind and another matter distinctly opened before me. A great awe seemed to be upon me as matters were imprinted upon my mind.” — *Selected Messages, book 3, pp. 35, 36*

“I arose early Thursday morning, about two o’clock, and was writing busily upon the True Vine, when I felt a **presence in my room, as I have many times before, and I lost all recollection of what I was about. I seemed to be in the presence of Jesus. He was communicating to me that in which I was to be instructed. Everything was so plain that I could not misunderstand. [...] Not an audible word was spoken to my ear, but to my mind.** I said, “Lord, I will do as Thou hast commanded.”” — *Manuscript Releases Volume 5, p. 147 — 1896*

GODHEAD IN SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:29, “Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that **the Godhead** is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man’s device.”

Romans 1:20, “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse: ...”

Colossians 2:9, “For in him [Christ] dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.”

Heavenly Trio, Three Divine Dignitaries, Three Great Powers in Heaven

Matthew 3:16-17, “16 And **Jesus**, when he was baptized, 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 lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is **my beloved Son**, in whom **I am well pleased**.”

Matthew 28:18-20, “18 And **Jesus** came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto **me** in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of **the Son**, and of **the Holy Ghost**: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever **I** have commanded you: and, lo, **I** am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

John 14:15-17, “15 If ye love **me [Jesus]**, keep **my** commandments. 16 And I will pray **the Father**, and **he** shall give you **another Comforter**, that **he** may abide with you for ever; 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.”

John 14:25-26, “25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. 26 But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name** [in the character of Jesus], he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

John 15:26-27, “26 But when **the Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of **me**: 27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with **me** from the beginning.”

1 Corinthians 12:3-11, “3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by **the Spirit of God** calleth **Jesus** accursed: and that no man can say that **Jesus is the Lord**, but by **the Holy Ghost**. 4 Now there are diversities of *gifts*, but **the same Spirit**. 5 And there are differences of *administrations*, but **the same Lord**. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But **the manifestation of the Spirit** is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given **by the Spirit** the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge **by the same Spirit**; 9 To another faith **by the same Spirit**; to another the gifts of healing **by the same Spirit**; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh **that one and the selfsame Spirit**, dividing to every man severally as he will.”

2 Corinthians 13:14, “The grace of **the Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the communion of **the Holy Ghost**, be with you all. Amen.”

Ephesians 4:4-6, “4 There is one body, and **one Spirit**, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 **One Lord**, one faith, one baptism, 6 **One God and Father** of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Jude 20-21, “20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in **the Holy Ghost**, 21 Keep yourselves in the love of **God**, looking for the mercy of our **Lord Jesus Christ** unto eternal life.”

Revelation 1:4-6, “4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from **the seven Spirits** which are before his throne; 5 And from **Jesus Christ**, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto **God and his Father**; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”