

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD THE FATHER, HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Who is the God of the Bible?

1- What important question does the Bible ask about God?

Job 11:7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? – We cannot of ourselves find out God. God Himself must tell us about Himself.

2- What does God say about Himself?

Isaiah 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth. – He is a creator of infinite power. Not only is He creator but He also upholds and maintains all His creation. **Isaiah 46:9, 10** Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure – God is all knowing or omniscient.

3- How many true gods does the Bible reveal?

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD – God told the Israelites that He is ONE, as opposed to the heathen nations around them which worshiped multiple gods. **Deuteronomy 4:35** Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him. – There is none other besides Him. It is on this basis that God gave the first commandment which prohibits multiple gods. **Jeremiah 10:10** But the LORD 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.

4- Who is the most qualified person to tell us about the true God?

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. – Jesus, the Son of God is the highest authority on this topic. **John 3:11** Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. – In speaking of God Jesus tells us what He knows and has seen. That was His mission in coming down from heaven; to tell us of heavenly things.

5- According to Jesus, who is “the only true God”?

John 17:1, 3 Father... And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. – The only true God, according to Jesus, is the Father. Knowing the only true God and Jesus is the key to eternal life. A correct understanding of God is an issue that affects our eternal life.

6- Who is the Lord of heaven and earth, according to Jesus?

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. – The Father is the Lord of both heaven and earth (see also **Luke 10:21**).

7- Who will the true worshippers worship?

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to

worship him. – True worshippers worship the Father, the only true God, in spirit and in truth.

8- Who did Jesus say we should pray to?

Matthew 6:9-13 Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven ... For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. – The Father's will is done in heaven. The kingdom, power and glory belong to the Father.

9- Which is the first commandment of all?

Mark 12:28-32 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. 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. – Knowing God is required before we can love Him. A correct knowledge of God is vital for our relationship with Him. The scribe agreed that there is only one God, and none other but He.

10- Did Jesus correct the scribe?

Mark 12:34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. – The belief of the scribe reflects the faith of the entire Jewish nation. The Jews believed in one God only. John 8:41 Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

11- Did Jesus identify who is the one God of the Jewish nation?

John 8:54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God.

12- Is He the God of the Jews only?

Romans 3:29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also.

13- Did the apostles of Christ teach the Gentiles the same truth about God?

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. – James taught that there is only one God. Even the devils know that! **1 Timothy 2:5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. – Paul taught that there is only one God. Jesus is the only link between us and God. We can only know God through Jesus.

14- Who is this one true God?

1 Corinthians 8:4-6 We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) 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. – The one God is the Father. **James 3:9** Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. **Romans 15:6** That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 4:6** One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. **2 Corinthians 1:3** Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort. – The Apostles of Christ taught that the one God is only the Father. We do not read about different persons making up one God. It is simply the Father.

15- Who is the living and true God?

1 Thessalonians 1:9, 10 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. – The “living and true God” is the Father.

16- Did the early Christian church maintain this belief of the Apostles?

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

17- Who is the Creator of all things?

Revelation 4:9-11 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. **Acts 17:24** God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands. – We saw earlier that the Lord of heaven and earth is God the Father. It is God the Father who created all things.

18- How did God the Father create all things?

Ephesians 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ. **Colossians 1:16** For by him [Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him. **Hebrews 1:2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds. **John 1:3** All things were made by him [the Word]; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

19- Who is the head of all things?

1 Corinthians 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. – The head of Christ is God, who is His Father.

20- Does Christ have a God?

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast

thou forsaken me? **John 20:17** Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. **Ephesians 1:17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. **Revelation 3:12** 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, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. **Hebrews 1:9** Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

21- Who does Christ belong to?

1 Corinthians 3:23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

22- When we get to heaven, who are we going to serve?

Revelation 21:22, 23 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. **Revelation 22:3** And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him. – We shall serve and worship God and the Lamb, for this is eternal life. To know them both throughout eternity will be our theme.

23- Do we wait till we get to heaven or can this fellowship begin sooner?

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. – This fellowship can begin now as we read and learn about the Father and the Son. Conclusion: We have seen that the word of God clearly tells us there is only one God. That one God is none other than the Father. This one God is the source of ALL life and power. The only way for us to know God is through His Son Jesus, who

came to bring to us a true knowledge of God. If there is only one true God, the Father, then what of Jesus Christ? Who is He?

Jesus Christ, the Son of God

1. Who did Jesus say that He was?

John 10:36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? **John 5:18** Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. – Jesus said that God was His Father. His claims to equality of God were based on His Sonship. This was the highest claim of Jesus.

2. What did the Father testify regarding Jesus?

Matthew 3:16, 17 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: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Matthew 17:5** While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

3. Who did the disciples think Jesus was?

What was the understanding of the disciples about who Jesus was? **Matthew 16:15, 16** He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. – Peter expressed the faith of the 12 disciples. They knew that Jesus was the Son of the Living God. **John 11:27** She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. **Matthew 14:33** Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

4. Did Satan and his demons know who Jesus was?

Luke 4:3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. – Satan, before his fall from heaven, knew that Jesus was the Son of God. In the wilderness of temptation the devil challenged this fact. **Luke 8:28** When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. **Mark 5:7** And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. – Even the demons, or fallen angels, knew the identity of Christ.

5. Is there anyone else referred to as the ‘Son of God’?

Luke 3:38 Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God. – Adam was the son of God by creation (**Genesis 5:1**). Also the angels (**Job 38:7**) **1 John 3: 1** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. – We are sons of God by adoption (**Romans 8:15**)

6. With what special term does the Bible describe Christ?

1 John 4:9 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. – Jesus is the ‘Only begotten Son’. He is not a son by creation, as was Adam; nor is He a son by adoption, like us; but He is a Begotten Son. **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. – God gave His only begotten Son. It is clear that God must have had a Son before He could send Him. **John 1:14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. – The Word that was made flesh is Christ. The only begotten of the Father became a man. The Son of God became the Son of man.

7. When did Jesus become the Son of man?

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law. **Luke 1:31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

8. Did Jesus become the Son of God at Bethlehem? Or was it before?

Proverbs 8:22-30 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: 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. – Christ is the wisdom of God (**1 Corinthians 1:24, 30; Colossians 2:3**). Here we see Christ speaking of His birth before anything was ever created. It was at the very beginning of all things, way beyond our grasp. **John 1:1, 2** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. – Jesus is the Word, who was with God in the beginning of all things, for He made all things. **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. – ‘Goings forth’ also means ‘origin’. Jesus was brought forth in the days of antiquity, or from everlasting (margin: the days of eternity). **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? – Only the Father and the Son were involved in the

act of creation. Clearly the Son was born/begotten before the creation of anything too place. Note: Jesus is not here acting or pretending to be a Son. He is a real and literal son, by birth. Else he would be lying.

9. How much does the Father love the Son? The Father loved us so much that He gave His Son. How much does the Father love the Son?

John 3:35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. – God's love to His Son is beyond measure.

10. What did the Son of God inherit? By virtue of His divine birth, what did the Son of God inherit?

Hebrews 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. – The Son of God inherited the name of His Father. **Exodus 23:20, 21** Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. – The Son of God had His Father's name long before Bethlehem, thus teaching that He was begotten of His Father long before the incarnation. **John 5:26** For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself. – The very same life that the Father has was given to His Son by inheritance. This is immortal, original life that the Son can give to those who believe (**John 17:2**). This was done at creation as well, when the Son gave life to all creatures. The Father's life flows out to all through the beloved Son.

11. What name did Christ have in heaven? What name did Christ have in heaven before He came to earth?

Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels. – 'Michael' means 'one who is like God'. The only one who is like God is His Son. **Isaiah 40:18** To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? **Hebrews 1:1-3** God, who at sundry times and in divers manners

spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high – The Son of God is the express image and likeness of His Father. He is so for He was brought forth (begotten) from the Father. Note: it is falsely understood that attributing the name Michael to Christ makes Him a mere angel, or a created being. This is not so, because Christ is the Son of God, and thus is the Prince of heaven. Consequently, He is the commander and chief of all the angels (He is the archangel). It was He who commanded the angels in the war in heaven. He is the prince of the angels, as well as the prince of His people on earth. (See **Daniel 12:1**, **Jude 9**, **1 Thessalonians 4:16**, it is Christ in every case)

12. Does that make Jesus a divine being? Does that make Jesus a divine being, worthy of our praise and worship?

Hebrews 1: 8, 6 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. – Jesus inherited the name of His Father. He is God by nature. Just like a human being who has a son, that son would also be a human being. So the Father who is divine (God) has a divine Son. He calls the Son God and commands all to worship Him. **Colossians 2:9; 1:19** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell. – The fullness of the Godhead, or divinity, dwells in the Son. He is fully divine because His Father is God. **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. – We honour and worship the Son as much as the Father. They are both of the same divine nature. We pay supreme honour to God when we honour and reverence His Son.

13. The importance of Jesus being the literal Son of God. How important is it for us to understand that Jesus is the real and literal Son of God?

1 John 2:22, 23 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. – If we deny that Jesus is the Son, we have the spirit of Satan (antichrist). In so doing we also deny the Father. **1 John 5:10, 11** He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. **John 20:31** But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

14. What is the difference between Christ and Lucifer? Some are confused regarding the word ‘begotten’ thinking it means the same thing as ‘created’. The difference between ‘begotten’ and ‘created’ is clearly seen when we compare Christ with Lucifer (before his fall). What is the difference between Christ and Lucifer?

Proverbs 8:24, 25 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth. - Twice we are told that Christ was “brought forth” or “begotten.” **Ezekiel 28:13, 15** Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. - Twice we are told that Lucifer was “created.” Christ was “brought forth” while Lucifer was “created.” There is a world of difference between these two words. To say that “begotten” means the same thing as

“created” is to equate Christ with Lucifer! People should be careful before they dishonour Christ in such a way.

15. What important question did Jesus ask the blind man?

John 9:35-38 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. – Believing on the Son of God is our life-line.

16. Why did the Jews kill Christ?

Matthew 26:63-65 But Jesus held his peace. 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: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. – Jesus’ answer “thou hast said” means ‘you have said right/correctly’ **John 19:7** The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. – They refused to accept Jesus was indeed the Son of God. They knew that such a claim made Him equal with God. (**John 10:33**)

17. What great promise is given to those who believe?

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. Conclusion Jesus Christ is the only-begotten Son of God. He was begotten of the Father in the ages of eternity past. He was not created out of nothing, as Lucifer was, but was brought forth from the substance of His Father. This is the evidence and proof of His divinity and deity. This was His consistent teaching while here

on earth, and this is the testimony of the Scriptures. If there is only one true God, the Father, who has a begotten Son, Christ, then what of the Holy Spirit? Who is He? The next lesson will examine this question.

The Holy Spirit

1- What is the Biblical definition for “Spirit”?

Isaiah 40:13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? **Romans 11:34** For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? – Here we learn the plain Bible definition for “spirit”. Spirit = mind. Spirit of the Lord = mind of the Lord.

2- What is another Biblical definition for “Spirit”?

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. – Jesus plainly taught that His words are two things: spirit and life. Thus teaching that spirit = life. This spirit/life is in his words. Words express our thoughts/mind. God’s words express His divine mind. Now we can build this formula: spirit = mind = life.

3- Many people are confused over the ‘Holy Spirit’. How does God clarify the matter for us?

1 Corinthians 2:11 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. – God’s spirit and man’s spirit are comparable to each other. We can learn about the Spirit of God by looking at the spirit of man. That is simple, since man was made in the image and likeness of God.

4- Is the spirit of man a different individual to the man?

Daniel 2:1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. – Who was troubled here? Is it the king himself or someone else? It is certainly the king. His spirit, which is his mind, was troubled. His spirit is not a different individual to him!

5- What did Jesus promise before He left?

John 14:16, 17, 26 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. – Jesus will send a Comforter. The Comforter is the Spirit of truth. It is the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit.

6- Where does this Spirit come from?

John 15:26 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. – The Holy Spirit comes from the Father. Proceeds from the Father. It means to go forth, to issue from.

7- What will this Spirit do?

Mark 13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. – The Holy Spirit will give us the right words. **Matthew 10:20** For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. – It is the Spirit of the Father. So the Father has a spirit, and that spirit is a holy spirit. The word 'Holy' is an adjective.

8- How can we hurt God?

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. – When we grieve the holy spirit of God we hurt God Himself, not someone else. We can't hurt God physically, but we can hurt His feelings. **Genesis 6:3, 6** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. – God was hurt by the

wickedness of man before the Flood. They grieved His Holy Spirit, they grieved Him at His heart.

9- If the Father has a spirit, does the Son have one too?

Philippians 1:19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. **Galatians 4:6** And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. **1 Peter 1:11** Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. – So Jesus Christ has a Spirit as well.

10- How many spirits are there?

Ephesians 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. – There is only one Spirit, not two or three. This one spirit is shared by the Father and Son. It is both the spirit of God and the spirit of Christ. **Romans 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. – So the Spirit of the Father and Christ is the same one Spirit. The Father and Son share that one spirit/life/mind.

11- So when we receive the Holy Spirit who do we receive?

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. – In receiving the Holy Spirit we actually receive the Father and the Son, not someone else different to them. The Holy Spirit is the personal presence of Christ Himself.

12- Who comes to us to be our Comforter?

John 14:18, 19 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. – Jesus Christ is our Comforter! It is Jesus, not another person, who comforts us in our trials on this earth.

13- Who will the Father send to the converted?

Acts 3:19, 20 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you. – He will send forth Jesus.

14- We know that Jesus was made flesh in John 1:14, but what else was he made?

1 Corinthians 15:45 – The last Adam is Christ Himself (v.22), He was made a ‘spirit that gives life’ or a ‘life giving spirit’. So Christ was made 2 things: flesh and Spirit.

15- How does the Father send Jesus to us? Is it Jesus in flesh or in Spirit?

Galatians 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. – The Spirit of His Son. It is the Holy Spirit of Jesus.

16- When we receive the Spirit of Jesus, is that someone different to Christ?

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. – The Lord is Jesus (**1 Corinthians 8:6**). So if there is one Lord, and there is one Spirit, and the Lord is that Spirit it follows then that Christ comes to us as the Holy Spirit. He Himself comes as a personal Comforter, not a different individual, nor an impersonal force.

17- What happens to us when we receive the Spirit of Christ?

1 Corinthians 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. – We become one with the Lord in the Spirit.

18- How is this process described by Peter?

2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. – We become partakers by being joined to the Lord in Spirit.

19- What did Christ say about His words?

John 6:63 The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. – In other words the Spirit is Life. We can obtain this life by taking in the word of God. **Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. **John 15:5, 7** I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. – When the word of Christ abides in us we have life. We have the Spirit of God. Christ abides in our hearts by His words, which are spirit and life!

20- What was the only means through which we could obtain this Life/Spirit?

John 10:11, 15 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. **Luke 23:46** 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. – Jesus had to lay down His life for us. He had to lay down His Spirit as a regenerating agent for us.

21- What did Jesus pray just before He went to the cross?

John 17:20, 21 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 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. – This is done through the Spirit of the Father and the Son: the Holy Spirit. We become one as the Father and Son are one.

22- How are the Father and the Son one?

John 14:10, 20 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. – Jesus and the Father are one

through the Spirit which they share. This is the Spirit which the Father sends into our hearts.

23- How do we become the sons of God?

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. – Through the Spirit that God gives us. His own spirit and life becomes ours. So we are adopted into the family of God.

24- What does Paul say that we, as sons of God, are?

1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? – God lives in us, His temple, by His Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit is the personal presence of Christ Himself, our Comforter.

25- What is the invitation that Christ offers us?

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. – Christ Himself will come and live in us. **Colossians 1:27** 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. – This is the hope of eternal life. Only through Jesus, and no one else, is this hope realized. Christ wants to live in our hearts through His Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

We have seen the Bible testimony regarding the Holy Spirit of God. It is God's own mind and character; His very own person. It is His own life which He pours on us through His precious Son. The Holy Spirit of God is not an individual being as God the Father and His Son Jesus. This Biblical truth unmasks the deceptive theory of the trinity. We are thankful to our Father in heaven for not leaving us in the dark regarding who He really is. We have one God, the Father, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, and one spirit – the spirit of Christ which brings us into the unity of the faith. Amen.

BIBLE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FATHER AND THE SON

“The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted.” {YI, July 7, 1898 par. 2}

1. How many Divine Beings are we invited to believe in?

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. (**John 14:1-3**)

2. How many Divine Beings are involved in our salvation?

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. (**Rev 7:10**)

3. How many Divine Beings do we need to know to have eternal life?

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. (**John 17:3**) And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 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. (**1 John 5:11,20**)

4. How many Divine Beings should we pray to?

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. (**Matt 6:9**) And they stoned Stephen, calling upon [God], and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. (**Acts 7:59**)

5. How many Divine Beings have a spirit?

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. **(Rom 8:9) (See Rom 8:14, 1 Cor 2:11, 1 John 4:2, 1 Pet 1:11, Gal 4:6, Phil 1:19)**

6. How many Divine Beings have a physical form? Father's Form:

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment [was] white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne [was like] the fiery flame, [and] his wheels [as] burning fire. **(Dan 7:9)** And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. **(John 5:37)** Son's Form: And in the midst of the seven candlesticks [one] like unto the Son of man, clothed with a 1 garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and [his] hairs [were] white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes [were] as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance [was] as the sun shineth in his strength. **(Rev 1:13-16)**

7. How many Divine Beings sit on thrones?

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him **(Rev 22:1, 3) (Rev 7:15,17)**

8. How many Divine Beings have a kingdom?

For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **(Eph 5:5) (See Matt 6:33, John 18:36)**

9. How Many Divine Beings have their own glory?

For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed when he shall come in his own glory, and [in his] Father's, and of the holy angels. **(Luke 9:26)**

10. How many Divine Beings communicate with each other?

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **(Matt 3:17)** While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. **(Matt 17:5)** And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou [wilt]. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. **(Matt 26:39,42)** Then they took away the stone [from the place] where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up [his] eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said [it], that they may believe that thou hast sent me. **(John 11:41, 42)** Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, [saying], I have both glorified [it], and will glorify [it] again. **(John 12:28)**

11. How many Divine Beings are praised by the whole creation?

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, [be] unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. **(Rev 5:13)**

12. How many Divine Beings are hated?

He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. **(John 15:23,24)**

13. Persecutors persecute believers because they have not known how many Divine Beings?

They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. **(John 16:2,3)**

14. How many Divine Beings are involved in the work of creation?

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by [his] Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **(Heb 1:2)** **(See John 1:1-3)** And to make all [men] see what [is] the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: **(Eph 3:9)** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **(Col 1:16)** 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? **(Proverbs 30:4)**

15. The counsel of peace was and is between how many Divine Beings?

Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. **(Zech 6:13)** Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man [that is] my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. **(Zech 13:7)**

16. How many Divine Beings are involved in the judgment?

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, [one] like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. **(Dan 7:13)**

17. How many Divine Beings are involved in the everlasting gospel?

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 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 3:16-18)** 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. 3 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 4:9, 10)**

18. How many Divine Beings will the believers fellowship with?

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship [is] with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. **(1 John 1:3)**

19. Whose name will be written on the believers?

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, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my new name. **(Rev 3:12)**

20. Sinners will flee from how many Divine Beings?

And 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: **(Rev 6:16)**

21. Paul, Peter, James, and John in their greetings to the churches tell us that grace and peace come from how many Divine Beings?

Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and [from] the Lord Jesus Christ. **(1 Cor 1:3)** (See all the greetings in the following epistles **1 Cor 1:2, Gal 1:3, Eph 1:2, Phil 1:2, Col 1:2-3, I Thess 1:3, II Thess 1:2, I Tim 1:2, II Tim 1:2, Tit 1:1,4, Phile 1:3, James 1:1, I Pet 1:2, II Pet 1:2, I John 1:3, II John 1:3, Jude 1:1, Rev 1:1**)

22. How many Divine Beings does the Antichrist deny?

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. **(1 John 2:22)**

23. How many Divine Beings commanded Paul to be an Apostle?

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; **(1 Tim 1:1)**

24. Before how many Divine Beings does Paul charge Timothy?

I charge [thee] before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. **(1 Tim 5:21)**

25. How many Divine Beings sent the Son?

But I have greater witness than [that] of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. **(John 5:36-38)** As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. **(John 6:57)** **(See John 7:28,29,33; 8:18,42, 12:49)**

26. Who dwells in who?

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I [am] in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. **(John 14:10,11)**

27. Jesus loved how many Divine Beings?

But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence. **(John 14:31)**

28. How many Divine Beings loved Jesus?

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. **(John 15:9)** 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. 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. **(John 17:23, 26)**

29. How many Divine Beings are one with each other?

"I and My Father are one." **(John 10:30)**

30. How many Divine Beings were with Jesus?

And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. **(John 8:29)** Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. **(John 16:32)**

31. How many Divine Beings were glorified by Jesus?

Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, [saying], I have both glorified [it], and will glorify [it] again. **(John 12:28)** 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: **(John 17:1)**

32. Who gave Jesus His work?

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. **(John 9:4)** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **(John 17:4)**

33. How many Divine Beings are working?

But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. **(John 5:17)**

34. Who gave the Word to Jesus?

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence. **(John 14:24,31)** If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. **(John 15:10,15)** 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 17:8)** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. **(John 17:17)**

35. Jesus fulfilled the will of how many Divine Beings?

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 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: and I will raise him up at the last day. **(John 6:38-40)**

36. Whose doctrine did Jesus teach?

Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. **(John 7:16)** Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am [he], and [that] I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. **(John 8:28)**

37. Whose God and Father?

That ye may with one mind [and] one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **(Rom 15:6)** Blessed [be] God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; **(II Cor 1:3)** The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. **(II Cor 11:31)** Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [places] in Christ: **(Eph 1:3)** We give thanks to God

and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, (**Col 1:3**) Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (**I Pet 1:3**)

38. Whose Son is Jesus?

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (**Matt 16:16**) And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. (**John 1:34**) And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. (**John 6:69**) Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? (**John 10:36**) But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (**John 20:31**)

39. In whose name did Jesus come?

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. (**John 5:43**)

40. Ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness also deny how many Divine Beings?

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort [you] that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. (**Jude 3, 4**)

41. The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of how many Divine Beings?

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (**Rev 11:15**)

42. How many Divine Beings will appear at the second coming?

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; (**Titus 2:13**)

43. How many Divine Beings have given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace?

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given [us] everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, (**2 Thess 2:16**)

44. The 144,000 are first fruits unto how many Divine Beings?

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. (**Rev 14:4**)

45. How many Divine Beings are the temple in Heaven?

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. (**Rev 21:22, 23**) After reading these forty-five questions with their Bible answers does the weight of evidence seem to tell us that there are three or TWO Divine Beings?

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Godhead or Trinity?

At the present time, the church has adopted the teaching of the Trinity or Three- in-One God. Few, however, realize that this was not the original teaching about God held by the church. In 1872 the SDA church put out a statement of Doctrinal Beliefs which showed that the Pioneers opposed the idea of the Trinity:

“1. That there is one God, a personal, spiritual being, the creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal, infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and everywhere present by His representative the Holy Spirit. Ps. 139:7 2. 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.” Issues p. 437

There was no mention of a different person – God the Holy Spirit.

It is a well-known fact, that all of the founding fathers of Adventism were not Trinitarians. As a matter of fact they had some very strong words to speak against this teaching.

Some of the more notable men you may be familiar with are: Ellen G. White (nowhere did she even mention the word “trinity” though it was widely used), E. J. Waggoner, R.F. Cottrell, Sr., and Jr., D.T. Bordeau, D.M. Canright, J.N. Andrews, Loughborough, John Matteson, A.C. Bordeau, A.T. Jones, W.W. Prescott, James White and Uriah Smith, A. J. Dennis and others were all in agreement.

For example: "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." (James White, Review & Herald, Feb. 7, 1856)

"The doctrine of the Trinity was established in the church by the Council of Nicea, 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, Review & Herald, March 6, 1855)

"The Scriptures abundantly teach the pre-existence of Christ and his divinity, but they are entirely silent in regard to a Trinity." (J. H. Waggoner, The Atonement, p. 173)

"Thus the remark is just, that the doctrine of a trinity degrades the Atonement..." (JH. Waggoner, The Atonement, p. 166)

"But to hold the doctrine of the Trinity is not so much an evidence of evil intention as of intoxication from that wine of which all the nations have drunk. The fact that this was one of the leading doctrines, if not the very chief, upon which the bishop of Rome was exalted to popedom, does not say much in its favor." (R. F. Cottrell, Review & Herald, July 6, 1869)

This church teaching remained unchanged until 1931, some 16 years after EG White's death, when an unofficial statement came out 3 years after a Trinitarian book by LE Froom called, "Coming of the Comforter" was published. The new Doctrinal Statement read: "That the Godhead, or Trinity, consists of the Eternal Father, a personal, spiritual being, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, infinite in wisdom and love; The Lord Jesus Christ, The Son of the Eternal Father, through whom all things were created and through whom the salvation of the redeemed hosts will be accomplished; The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, the great regenerating power in the work of redemption." Issues p. 444

In 1980, almost 50 years later, at the General Conference session, the church officially adopted the Trinity into its 27 Doctrinal Beliefs. So, this doctrine filtered into and taken shape in our church by degrees.

Today's Trinity defined: "...the Godhead consists of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal persons having a unique and mysterious relationship." Seventh-day Adventists Believe, p.23

"While no single Scripture passage states the doctrine of the Trinity, it is assumed as a fact... only by faith can we accept the existence of the Trinity." — (Adventist Review, Vol. 158, No. 31, p. 4)

Note: There is no conclusive Bible or SOP evidence for the accepted Trinity doctrine, it is "assumed."

But, WHO does the Bible clearly and repeatedly say God is?

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 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:"

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 4:6 "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." John 17:3 "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

EG White says: "Let them be thankful to God for His manifold mercies and be kind to one another. They have one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit-the Spirit of Christ - is to bring unity into their ranks." (Testimonies Vol. 9, p. 189)

The One God is the Father. There is no statement in the Bible or SOP reading "God the Son," or "God the Holy Spirit." If this were the Truth we would expect it to exist. Instead we read "there is but one God, the Father." If God is the Father, WHO does the Bible say Jesus is? John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." 1 John 4:9 "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." John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Please note: God sent the only Son He already had. It does not say that Jesus became the begotten Son when born on earth. He was the begotten Son who was sent. Begotten: "monogenes" means "only born" - some lexicons say this word could mean "unique", thus the Trinitarian would state that it must apply to His birth in Bethlehem. However, we have to remember that the word begotten is used to describe the Son's existence in Heaven before He ever came to this earth.

Ellen White also calls Jesus the begotten Son prior to His birth in Bethlehem. His existence surely is unique since He is the only Son of God.

John 8:42 "Jesus said unto them, 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."

Note: Jesus proceeded forth and came from God- two separate actions. God gave Jesus the life He has, just as any son receives life from their father. John 5:26 "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;" The Scriptures are clear that Jesus is truly God's Son, not a member of the Godhead playing the role of the Son as the Trinity teaches. To say that Jesus was only 'called' the Son because of His anticipated birth in Bethlehem, as Trinitarians do, is pure conjecture, nowhere substantiated by Scripture.

EGW says: "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." (Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 34)

The Scriptures also declare to us that God is not only the father of Jesus, but is His God as well. 1 Peter 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." 2 Corinthians 11:31 "The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." John 20:17 "... Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." Mark 15:34 "... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Revelation 3:12 "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, which cometh down out of heaven from my God..." 1 Corinthians 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." Hebrews 1:8, 9 "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever...therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee ..."

The Father calls the Son, God. Jesus is truly Divinity because He comes from the very being of God. Therefore He possesses by inheritance all the names and attributes of the Father. Notice also that God calls Himself the God of the Son. However, because Jesus is truly Divinity, He is to be worshiped as is the Father. "Let all the angels of God worship Him." Hebrews 1:6 John 5: 22, 23 "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: 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."

1 Corinthians 15:23-28 "But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; ...For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet... And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."

These verses are simply stating to us the same idea as was expressed earlier - that all things proceed from the Father. The Father is the one true God of Heaven and Jesus, the Son, the exact image of the Father, acknowledges that fact.

So, if God is the Father of Jesus, and Jesus is the Son of God – then WHO does the Bible say is the Holy Spirit? The early Adventist pioneers taught that the Holy Spirit was the personal presence of God with us, His personality. They also believed the Spirit to be termed a 'person' in the sense that it was the personality of the Father and the Son with us but never with the view that the Holy Spirit was a separate and different individual from the Father or the Son.

John 15:26 "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." Galatians 4:6 "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." Romans 8:9-11 "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.”
Philippians 1:19 “For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,”

Please note that the Spirit of the Father and the Son are used interchangeably. That is because there is only one Spirit which they share. Within that truth is a most beautiful knowledge that Christ Himself will come to us to comfort us! There is one Spirit – Eph. 4:4 The Comforter is the Spirit – John 14:26 The Spirit is the Lord – 2 Cor. 3:17, 18 The Lord is Jesus – 1 Cor. 8:6 John 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: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

How are Jesus and the Father "in" each other? It is because they share the same Spirit.

In summary, we may conclude the following.

1. The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9).
2. God sends forth “the Spirit of his Son into your hearts”. It’s not somebody else (Galatians 4:6).
3. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of the Father (Mark 13:11, Matthew 10:19-20).
4. The Holy Spirit that inspired the prophets is the Spirit of Christ (2 Peter 1:21, 1 Peter 1:10-11).
5. The Holy Spirit comes direct from Christ. It’s his very breath, character, and life (John 20:22).

EG White Statements: “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 with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." John 1:1, 2. Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the

eternal Father--one in nature, in character, in purpose--the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God." {PP 34.1}

Note: In the Beginning there were TWO, NOT THREE. And Jesus was the only co-worker, the only begotten of God before the world was. He was "THE ONLY BEING that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God." Therefore, there was and is NO OTHER "coeternal" being, or separate person – God the Holy Spirit.

"The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted." (Sons and Daughters, p. 58) "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, No. 1084)

"When God's people take the position that they are the temple of the Holy Ghost, Christ Himself abiding within, they will so clearly reveal Him in spirit, words, and actions, that there will be an unmistakable distinction between them and Satan's followers." (Notebook Leaflets Vol. 1, p. 79)

"The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ." (The Desire of Ages, p. 805)

"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."" (Review & Herald, August 26, 1890)

"As by faith we look to Jesus, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving us Jesus the Comforter." (Manuscript Releases Vol. 19, pp. 297, 298)

1. Why are we, never told to pray to or worship the Holy Spirit?

2. Where is the Holy Spirit in the councils of Heaven when the plan of salvation was being laid out and when Lucifer was rebelling? Inspiration never mentions the Holy Spirit but only the Father and the Son.

3. Where is the Holy Spirit mentioned when talking of Heaven? We only see the Father and the Son.

4. Why did Ellen White say that Christ was the only being in all the universe who could enter into God's councils? Surely the Holy Spirit would have been included if there was a Trinity.

Do we know whom we worship or we have simply forgotten our God?

Jesus said to the Samaritan woman “Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.” (John 4:22, 23)

Spiritualism has blind folded the mind of Christians that today people are so spiritualistic in error. Jesus says worship God must be in Spirit and truth!

We should know whom we worship and it is the heart of the three angels messages found in revelation 14:6 – 12.

Be blessed not to forget the Lord our God. Psalms 50:22, Job 8:12-13, Deut 8:19, 8:11, 8:13, 14, Psalms 9:17.

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.” Hebrews 3:12

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