

We believe in

One God the Father, of whom are all things (1Cor 8:6), the only true God (John 17:3), one God (Mark 12:32; 1Tim 2:5; James 2:19), one God and Father of all who is above all, and through all, and in you all (Eph 4:6),

...Jehovah, the living and only true God, the supreme Ruler in heaven and in earth. *1888 Materials* p. 1199

...The Lord is my helper. He is the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent is the supreme and everlasting Good. *Kress Collection* p. 61

“Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge?” 1Cor 8:7

the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (1Pet 1:3; 2Cor 1:3; Col 1:3; 2Cor 11:31), one Father (Mal 2:10), the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort (2Cor 1:3), the living and true God (1Thes 1:9), Him which is, and which was, and which is to come (Rev 1:4), who only has immortality,

One day I listened to a conversation between my mother and a sister, in reference to a discourse which they had recently heard, to the effect that the soul had not natural immortality. Some of the minister's proof texts were repeated. Among them I remember these impressed me very forcibly: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:4. "The living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything." Ecclesiastes 9:5. "Which in His times He shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality." 1 Timothy 6:15, 16... When alone with my mother, I inquired if she really believed that the soul was not immortal. Her reply was, that she feared we had been in error on that subject, as well as upon some others. *Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White* p. 39; *Signs of the Times*, March 9, 1876

Immortality is an attribute of God alone. 1 Timothy 6:16. "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen." *Spiritual Gifts* vol. 4b p. 104; *Testimonies* vol. 1 p. 344

dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, whom no man has seen, nor can see (1Tim 6:16),

“No man has seen God at any time” John 1:18

“You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape” John 5:37

“Not that any man has seen the Father, save he which is of God” John 6:46

the fountain of living waters (Jer 2:13), the Ancient of days (Dan 7:9), the Father of lights (James 1:17),

The Ancient of days is God the Father. . . . It is He, the source of all being, and the fountain of all law, that is to preside in the judgment. *Great Controversy* p. 479

God alone is represented as great. In the vision of the prophet He is seen casting down one mighty ruler and setting up another. He is revealed as the monarch of the universe, about to set up His everlasting kingdom—the Ancient of days, the living God, the Source of all wisdom, the Ruler of the present, the Revealer of the future. *Letter 57*, 1896; 16MR p. 334

Youth who are not established, rooted and grounded in the truth, will be corrupted and drawn away by the blind leaders of the blind; and the ungodly, the despisers that wonder and perish, who despise the sovereignty of the Ancient of Days, and place on the throne a false god, a being of their own defining, a being altogether such an one as themselves--these agents will be in Satan's hands to corrupt the faith of the unwary. *Selected Messages* vol. 3 p. 398 [trinity is not like ourselves]

This gift of Christ is the crowning truth of God's love, and this Fatherhood, through all time and through eternity. Here is the love of God in his Fatherhood. *Spalding and Magan Collection* p. 68. "Sunnyside," Cooranbong, N. W. W., March 12, 1897 addressed to "Dear Brethren Daniells, Palmer, and Colcord"

who has life in Himself (John 5:26), who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (John 3:16),

Son of God Before the Incarnation

The King of the universe summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence He might set forth the true position of His Son and show the relation He sustained to all created beings. The Son of God shared the Father's throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both. *Patriarchs and Prophets* p. 36

God the Father is the self-existent One.

As a priest, Christ is now set down with the Father in his throne. [Revelation 3:21.] Upon the throne with the eternal, self-existent One, is he who "hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows" *GC* p. 417

God desires His people to look to Him for guidance that they may be led by His Spirit. He is the eternal, self-existent Source of all life, physical and spiritual. *21MR* p. 272; Letter to E.E. Franke Jan, 1901

Jehovah, the eternal, self-existent, uncreated One, Himself the source and sustainer of all, is alone entitled to supreme reverence and worship. *Patriarchs & Prophets*, p. 305.

It was the Source of all mercy and pardon, peace and grace, the self-existent, eternal, unchangeable One, who visited His exiled servant on the isle that is called Patmos. *Manuscript* 81, 1900; 7BC p. 955

Jehovah, the eternal, self-existent, uncreated One, the source and sustainer of all is King of the universe. Jehovah has given his name to his Son, Jehovah Immanuel, who shall be King over all the earth.

The heavenly gates are again to be lifted up, and with ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of holy ones, our Saviour will come forth as King of kings and Lord of lords. Jehovah Immanuel "shall be King over all the earth; in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one." *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 160

because

Jehovah is the name given to Christ. *Signs of the Times*, May 3, 1899

Christ is also rightly called Jehovah because this same name was given to him by his Father, who also gave him "all things" including the Father's life, the same life that is *in* the Father.

For as the Father has [eternal] life in Himself, so has He given to the Son to have [eternal] life in himself. "Just as the Father is himself the source of life, in the same way he has made his Son to be the source of life." *Good News Bible*

"Has life" (zōēn ζωήν) the form used with "eternal life" (*zoe ainos*, rather than *bios* or *psuchen*)

"Hath he given (ἔδωκεν) more strictly, gave, the aorist tense pointing back to the eternal past." *Vincent's Word Studies* (aorist active indicative)

God has sent his Son to communicate his own life to humanity. Christ declares, "I live by the Father," my life and his being one. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him," "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of Man." The head of every man is Christ, as the head of Christ is God. "And ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's."

These words greatly offended his disciples, but he did not soften down his symbolical representation. All who desired could trace out the truths concerning his person and his office. *The Home Missionary*, June 1, 1897; *Lake Union Herald* Dec 2, 1908.

Ellen White quotes John 6:57; 1:18, 5:26, 27; 1 Cor 11:4; 1 Cor 3:23. This is a carefully selected list of scripture all demonstrating Christ's submission and dependency on his Father as his source of life and origin, authority and ownership. As we belong to Christ who is our head, so Christ belongs to God who is his Head. It was this especially that "offended his disciples." It offends many today. But in these statements are "the truths concerning his person" (the only begotten Son of God who raises the dead) "and his office" (the Son of man who Judges mankind).

The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave his only begotten Son, tore from his bosom Him who was made in the express image of his person, and sent him down to earth to reveal how greatly he loved mankind. *Review & Herald*, July 9, 1895 made then sent; cf John 8:42; 16:28; 17:8.

Therefore the Son of God is also self-existent because he inherited the same nature as the Father.

He is the eternal, self-existent Son, on whom no yoke had come. When God asked, "whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Christ alone of the angelic host could reply, "Here am I; send Me." 12MR p. 395; Ms. 101, 1897 [Christ...of the angelic host is Michael the archangel]

Christ is the pre-existent, self-existent Son of God. *Signs of the Times*, Aug 29, 1900

He is the eternal, self-existent Son. *Manuscript 101*, 1897; *Evangelism* p. 615

He had announced Himself to be the self-existent One, He who had been promised to Israel, "whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity." Micah 5:2, margin. *Desire of Ages* p. 469

A.T. Jones also believed this.

The Church of Christ is not built on a foundation of dust, nor even on a rock that is made out of dust. It is built upon the eternal, self-existent, Rock, which is "Jesus Christ himself." October 11, **1894** A.T. Jones, AMS 314.16

But this did not mean he no longer believed in the begotten Son of God, born in eternity. Remember, it was in 1899 that he preached that Christ was "from the days of eternity, first-born of God."

We are to behold the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ [2Cor 4:6]. God has revealed himself in Jesus Christ. In the person of his only begotten Son, the God of heaven has condescended to stoop to our human nature. The Father in heaven has a voice and a person which Christ expressed [Heb 1:3]. *General Conference Daily Bulletin*, March 6, 1899 p. 8

Christ the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, and in purpose,—the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. *Great Controversy* p. 493 1911

He was indeed more than a teacher come from God; he was the only-begotten Son of the Father, the one sent into the world to save those who should believe on him. *Signs of the Times*, Nov 23, 1891

[Zech 3:1 quoted] The Majesty of heaven, the only begotten of the Father, responds to Satan's claims. "The Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan..." *Review & Herald*, June 20, 1893

Moses passed through death, but Michael came down and gave him life before his body had seen corruption. Satan tried to hold the body, claiming it as his; but Michael resurrected Moses and took him to heaven. Satan railed bitterly against God, denouncing Him as unjust in permitting his prey to be taken

from him; but Christ did not rebuke His adversary, though it was through his temptation that the servant of God had fallen. He meekly referred him to His Father, saying, "The Lord rebuke thee." EW p. 164

There are many who deny the preexistence of Christ, and therefore deny his divinity; they do not accept him as a personal Saviour. This is a total denial of Christ. He was the only-begotten Son of God, who was one with the Father from the beginning. By him the worlds were made. *Signs of the Times*, May 28, 1894

Who is Christ? He is the only begotten Son of the living God. *Youth Instructor*, June 28, 1894

Christ was the Son of God; He had been one with Him before the angels were called into existence. He had ever stood at the right hand of the Father; *Patriarchs and Prophets* p. 38

Christ, the only begotten Son of God, left the royal courts and came to this world, and through him God poured forth the healing flood of his grace. *The Youth's Instructor*, March 30, 1899

Before the foundations of the world were laid, Christ, the Only Begotten of God, pledged Himself to become the Redeemer of the human race, should Adam sin. *Signs of the Times*, August 2, 1905

In order fully to carry out his plan, it was decided that Christ, the only begotten Son of God, should give himself an offering for sin. *Review & Herald*, May 2, 1912

Christ is our Example. He was next to God in the heavenly courts. But He came to this earth to live among men. *Notebook Leaflets from the Elmshaven Library*, Vol. 1, pp. 114, 115 - Letter 48, 1902

"And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." This is a plain statement of the pre-existence of Christ. Had He not had an existence before He assumed human nature, how could He possess glory with the Father before the world was? This is a grand theme for all to contemplate who are searching for truth. The Holy Spirit will be beside all such, to present to them the glory of this wonderful truth... Christ is not praying for the manifestation of the glory of human nature; for that human nature never had an existence in His pre-existence. He is praying to His Father in regard to a glory possessed in His oneness with God. *Signs of the Times*, May 10, 1899

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. Zechariah 6:13

The great plan of redemption was laid before the foundation of the world. And Christ, our Substitute and Surety, did not stand alone in the wondrous undertaking of the ransom of man. In the plan to save a lost world, the counsel was between them both; the covenant of peace was between the Father and the Son. *Signs of the Times*, Dec 23, 1897

Satan originated this terrible evil, and its result was that Satan desired and sought to take the place of the only-begotten Son of God. *Signs of the Times*, Feb 5, 1894

The loyal angels hasten speedily to the Son of God, and acquaint him with what is taking place among the angels. They find the Father in conference with his beloved Son, to determine the means by which, for the best good of the loyal angels, the assumed authority of Satan could be forever put down... The great God could at once have hurled this arch deceiver from Heaven; but this was not his purpose. He would give the rebellious an equal chance to measure strength and might with his own Son and his loyal angels. *The Spirit of Prophecy* Vol. 1 p. 21

The Son of God, the Prince of Heaven, and his loyal angels, engaged in conflict with the arch rebel and those who united with him. *The Spirit of Prophecy* vol. 1 p. 23

The Son of God left the heavenly courts and gave His life as the propitiation for sin. *ST* Feb 17, 1909

To this world, dark with the shadows of sin, sorrow, and death, came the Son of God with the light of pardon, peace, and immortal life. *Review & Herald*, Sept. 11, 1883

One has come from the heavenly courts to represent God in human form. The Son of God was made man, and dwelt among us. *Special Testimonies for Ministers and Workers* No. 9, p. 22 1897

The second person of the Godhead was not made the Son of God.

and made him both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36).

In the words of David referred to by Peter—“The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool,” the Father is called Lord, who said unto Christ, who is also Lord, and equal with the Father, “Sit thou on my right hand.” “Therefore,” said Peter, “let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.” *The Spirit of Prophecy* vol. 3 p. 271

But many who called Jesus the Son of David did not recognize His divinity. They did not understand that the Son of David was also the Son of God.

In reply to the statement that Christ was the Son of David, Jesus said, “How then doth David in Spirit [the Spirit of Inspiration from God] call Him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit Thou on My right hand, till I make Thine enemies Thy footstool?” *Desire of Ages* p. 608

Psalm 110:1 is quoted 22 times in the New Testament by:

Jesus: Matt. 22:44; 26:64; Mark 12:36; 14:62; 16:19; Luke 20:42, 43; 22:69; Rev 3:21.

Peter: Acts 2:33-34; 5:31; 1 Pet. 3:22.

Stephen: Acts 7:55-56.

Paul: Rom 8:34; I Cor. 15:25; Eph 1:20; 2:6 Col 3:1; Heb 1:3; 1:13; 8:1; 10:12-13; 12:2.

Psalm 110:1 speaks of two Lords: the LORD and my Lord. Translators have used the convention of capitalizing all the letters of LORD when rendering YHWH (Yahweh/Jehovah) and the first Letter when translating AND (Adon/Adoni/Adonai). Thus *Barnes' Notes on the Bible*: “Yahweh said to ‘my’ lord ‘the Messiah’”; *Clarke's Commentary*: “The LORD (יהוה) Yeve or Jehovah) said unto my Lord, אדני Adni or Adonai, my prop, stay, master, support)”

The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted. *Youth's Instructor*, July 7, 1898

Before the entrance of evil, there was peace and joy throughout the universe. ... Christ the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, and in purpose—the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. *GC* p. 493 1911

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. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p.36 1890, quoted in Letter 256, August 1, 1906.

Christ was not alone in making his great sacrifice. It was the fulfilment of the covenant made between him and his Father before the foundation of the world was laid. *Youth's instructor*, June 14, 1900

Before the foundations of the earth were laid the Father and the Son had united in a covenant to redeem man if he should be over-come by Satan. *Desire of Ages* p. 834

...the Lord's arrangement, made in council with His only begotten Son, was to leave man a free moral agent to a certain length of probation. *Review & Herald*, Dec 21, 1897

Even the angels were not permitted to share the counsels between the Father and the Son when the plan of salvation was laid. *Testimonies* vol. 8, p. 279, 1904.

The Father and the Son in consultation decided that Christ must come to the world as a babe *Signs of the Times*, May 17, 1905

It was decreed in the councils of God that the only-begotten Son of God must leave His high command in heaven, and clothe His divinity with humanity, and come to the world. *Review & Herald*, Aug 6, 1895

In giving His Son, God gave Himself that man might have another trial. If God could have changed this law to meet man in his fallen condition, would He not have done this, and retained His only begotten Son in heaven?--He certainly would. *Bible Echo*, Feb 8, 1897

None but the Son of God could accomplish our redemption; for only He who was in the bosom of the Father could declare Him. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it manifest. *Steps to Christ*, p. 14

...the Son of God was the acknowledged sovereign of Heaven, one in power and authority with the Father. In all the counsels of God, Christ was a participant, while Lucifer was not permitted thus to enter into the divine purposes... The Son of God presented before him [Lucifer] the greatness, the goodness, and the justice of the Creator... *Great Controversy* p. 495

After the Incarnation

Christ bowed his head and died. The compact between Father and Son was fully consummated *Youth's Instructor*, June 21, 1900

The great gift of salvation has been placed within our reach at an infinite cost to the Father and the Son. To neglect salvation is to neglect the knowledge of the Father, and of the Son, whom God hath sent in order that man might become a partaker of the divine nature, and thus, with Christ, an heir of all things. *Review and Herald*, Nov. 21, 1912

The people of God are privileged to hold open communion with the Father and the Son. GC p. 676

Saul longed to come into full harmony and communion with the Father and the Son; and in the intensity of his desire for pardon and acceptance he offered up fervent supplications to the throne of grace. *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 119, 1911

We may all win heaven; we may all be welcomed to the city of God by the Father and the Son; we may all wear the crown of immortality. *Youth's Instructor*, Nov. 21, 1911.

In that day [Christ's Coronation Day] the redeemed will shine forth in the glory of the Father and the Son. *Signs of the Times*, Nov. 21, 1906.

Through the eternal ages the offensive character of sin will be seen in what it cost the Father and the Son, in the humiliation, suffering, and death of Christ. *Bible Training School*, Dec. 1, 1907

The sinner could not be happy in the companionship of the saints in light, with Jesus, with the Lord of hosts; for on every side will be heard the song of praise and thanksgiving; and honor will be ascribed to the Father and the Son. *Review & Herald*, Oct. 24, 1912

In the Bible every duty is made plain. Every lesson reveals to us the Father and the Son. *Signs of the Times*, Oct. 10, 1906.

“The years of eternity, as they roll, will bring richer and still more glorious revelations of God and of Christ.” *Great Controversy* p. 678.

And one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things (1Cor 8:6), who made all things (John 1:3; Eph 3:9),

All things were made by him [the Word]; and without him was not any thing made that was made (John 1:3) ...God who created all things by Jesus Christ (Eph 3:9)

The physical creation testifies of God and Jesus Christ as the great Creator of all things. MS 117, Sept 21, 1898; *The Upward Look* p. 278; 7MR p. 372

The Father wrought by His Son in the creation of all heavenly beings. *Patriarchs and Prophets* p. 34

the Son of God, who had created man, could make an atonement for him. *Patriarchs and Prophets* p. 66

The Lord Jesus made the world. “All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” Yet he who made all things, he who was equal with the Father, one with God, who was in the express image of his person and character, left the glory which he had with the Father before the world was, clothed his divinity with humanity, and came into our world in order that humanity might touch divinity, and divinity sanctify humanity. *Signs of the Times*, March 28, 1895

who created all things (Col 1:16; Heb 2:10) because he is before all things (Col 1:17),

All things were created by the Son of God. *Desire of Ages* p. 281

If Christ made all things, He existed before all things. The words spoken in regard to this are so decisive that no one need be left in doubt. Christ was God essentially, and in the highest sense. He was with God from all eternity, God over all, blessed forevermore. *Signs of the Times*, May 10, 1899; RH April 5, 1906

“For He [God, even the Father vs 24] has put all things under his feet. But when He says all things are put under *him*, it is manifest that He [God the Father] is excepted” 1Cor 15:27

From all eternity Christ was united with the Father, and when He took upon Himself human nature, He was still one with God. *Signs of the Times*, Aug. 2, 1905

Here Christ shows them that, although they might reckon His life to be less than fifty years, yet His divine life could not be reckoned by human computation. The existence of Christ before His incarnation is not measured by figures. *Signs of the Times*, May 3, 1899

But could be reckoned by divine computation.

by whom He [the Father] made the worlds (Heb 1:2). He is the word of God (Rev 19:13),

Adam was informed that an angel's life could not pay the debt. . . . But the Son of God, who had in unison with the Father created man, could make an atonement for man acceptable to God, by giving His life a sacrifice and bearing the wrath of His Father. *The Story of Redemption* p. 48

God is a being, and man was made in His image. After God created man in His image, the form was perfect in all its arrangements, but it had no vitality. Then a personal, self-existing God breathed into that form the breath of life, and man became a living, breathing, intelligent being. 7MR p. 373; MS 117, 1898

Through Christ the Word, a personal God created man and endowed him with intelligence and power. *Ministry of Healing* p. 414

the Word who was with God (John 1:1,2), God's thought made audible (Desire of Ages p. 19),

The Word existed as a divine being, even as the eternal Son of God, in union and oneness with His Father. . . . Before men or angels were created, the Word was with God, and was God *Review & Herald*, April 5, 1906

What speech is to thought, so is Christ to the invisible Father. He is the manifestation of the Father, and is called the Word of God. God sent His Son into the world, His divinity clothed with humanity, that man might bear the image of the invisible God. He made known in His words, His character, His power and majesty, the nature and attributes of God. MS 77, 1899; 5BC p. 1131

The Son of God was next in authority to the great Lawgiver... He was in the express image of His Father, not in features alone, but in perfection of character. *Review & Herald*, Dec. 17, 1872

Angels that were loyal and true sought to reconcile this mighty, rebellious angel to the will of his Creator. They justified the act of God in conferring honor upon Christ, and with forcible reasoning sought to convince Lucifer that no less honor was his now than before the Father had proclaimed the honor which He had conferred upon His Son. They clearly set forth that Christ was the Son of God, existing with Him before the angels were created; and that He had ever stood at the right hand of God, and His mild, loving authority had not heretofore been questioned; and that He had given no commands but what it was joy for the heavenly host to execute. *The Story of Redemption* p. 16

He so desired that they might be partakers of life everlasting, that he sent his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish. *Youth's Instructor*, Nov 11, 1897

He so loves us, that He gave us a tangible proof of His love, by sending His only begotten Son to bear the sin of the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *Testimonies to the Church Containing Messages of Warning to Seventh-day Adventists* p. 50 1906

the Word of the Lord who made the heavens (Ps 33:6), who framed the worlds (Heb 11:3),

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God.

By faith we must believe in the mighty creative power of God through Jesus Christ. *The Southern Watchman*, April 24, 1902

in the beginning of His ways (Prov 8:22), before he and his Father established the earth (Prov 30:4).

who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

The Father and the Son engaged in the mighty, wondrous work they had contemplated, of creating the world... And now God says to his Son, "Let us make man in our image." *The Spirit of Prophecy* vol. 1 p. 24

From everlasting or ever the earth was, before the mountains he was brought forth (Prov 8:23-25).

And the Son of God declares concerning Himself: "The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way... *Patriarchs and Prophets* p. 34 1890

"The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old," Christ says. "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." But the only-begotten Son of God humbled Himself to come to this earth. *Signs of the Times*, Feb. 22, 1899

Through Solomon Christ declared: "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... In speaking of His pre-existence, Christ carries the mind back through dateless ages. He assures us that there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God. *Signs of the Times*, Aug. 29, 1900

The Lord Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, existed from eternity, a distinct person, yet one with the Father... “The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way,” He declares, “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.” ...There are light and glory in the truth that Christ was one with the Father before the foundation of the world was laid. *Review & Herald*, April 5, 1906

He was one with the Father before the angels were created. *The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, p. 17

From the days of eternity the Lord Jesus Christ was one with the Father; *Desire of Ages*, p. 19

Christ was appointed to the office of Mediator from the creation of God, set up from everlasting to be our substitute and surety. Before the world was made, it was arranged that the divinity of Christ should be enshrouded in humanity. *Review & Herald*, April 5, 1906

Let us see to it that we study the words of Christ in both the Old and the New Testaments, and take heed that we be not agents who shall work to make of no effect the word of God by exalting the traditions and opinions of men. *Signs of the Times*, April 2, 1896

Behold, I was brought forth...did my mother conceive me (Psalm 51:5)

Only a human parallel to demonstrate that the Hebrew *khul* is birth language and refers to the generation of offspring.

He is in the bosom of God (John 1:18), having the Father dwelling in him (John 14:10; 17:21),

Jesus was the majesty of heaven, the beloved commander of the angels, who delighted to do His pleasure. He was one with God, “in the bosom of the Father” (John 1:18), yet He thought it not a thing to be desired to be equal with God while man was lost in sin and misery. He stepped down from His throne, He left His crown and royal scepter, and clothed His divinity with humanity. *Signs of the Times*, Dec 5, 1892

Christ is a perfect revelation of God. “No man hath seen God at any time,” He says; “the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” Only by knowing Christ can we know God. *Review & Herald*, Feb 3, 1903

However much a shepherd may love his sheep, he loves his sons and daughters more. Jesus is not only our shepherd; He is our “everlasting Father.” And He says, “I know Mine own, and Mine own know Me, even as the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father.” John 10:14, 15, R.V. What a statement is this!—the only-begotten Son, He who is in the bosom of the Father, He whom God has declared to be “the Man that is My fellow” (Zech. 13:7),—the communion between Him and the eternal God is taken to represent the communion between Christ and His children on the earth! *Desire of Ages*, p. 483.

The divine Son of God saw that no arm but His own could save fallen man, and He determined to help man. He left the fallen angels to perish in their rebellion, but stretched forth His hand to rescue perishing man. *Review & Herald*, Feb 24, 1874

The divine Son of God left the throne of heaven and gave His life for us, and for our sakes became poor. He clothed His divinity with humanity. MS 40, 1886; Sermon at Nimes, France, Oct 17, 1886; 3MR p. 75

In order that man might be thus privileged, Christ, the divine Son of God, joined himself to human nature *Signs of the Times*, April 11, 1895

The divine Son of God came into our world, its Light and Life, to encompass the whole world and to attract and unite to Himself every human being who is under Satan's discipline and rule. MS 104, Sept 28, 1897; 19MR p. 165

The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but not in personality. *Manuscript* 116, Dec 19, 1905; *The Upward Look* p. 367

The Son of God came to the world as a revelation of the Father. *Healthful Living* p. 289 (1897)

Dwell upon his humiliation and self-denial. Meditate upon the incarnation of the Son of God, who, though equal with the Father, for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich. PH152 *Special Testimonies Concerning the Work and Workers of the Pacific Press* 1897 p. 42

Our sufficiency is found only in the incarnation and death of the Son of God. 1SM p. 302; *Youth's Instructor*, Aug 4, 1898; Jan 3, 1905

This is the heavenly science of redemption, of saving men from eternal ruin, and can be carried out only through the incarnation of the Son of God in humanity... *Review & Herald*, Oct 22, 1895; *Letter* 43, 1895. 5BC p. 1133

Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man no longer revealed the glory of the Divine One. But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of Heaven is fulfilled. *Desire of Ages* p. 161; RH Dec 31, 1908

When we want a deep problem to study, let us fix our minds on the most marvelous thing that ever took place in earth or heaven—the incarnation of the Son of God. *Manuscript* 76, 1903; 7BC p. 904

The only plan that could be devised to save the human race was that which called for the incarnation, humiliation, and crucifixion of the Son of God, the Majesty of heaven. *Signs of the Times*, Jan. 20, 1890; 7ABC p. 443.2

The mystery of the incarnation and the crucifixion of the Son of God will be plainly discerned, and every condemned soul will read clearly the result of a rejection of truth. *Signs of the Times*, Jan 24, 1906

This speck of a world was the scene of the incarnation and suffering of the Son of God. 6T p. 124; RH Jan 19, 1911

By too many the incarnation and work of the Son of God are but dimly comprehended. *RH* Nov 24, 1896

The Son of God's incarnation. The Son of God was incarnated in human flesh. He didn't become the Son of God by incarnation. It was the Son of God "in the heavenly courts" who was incarnated to become the Son of man.

He clothed His divinity with humanity and thus became the Son of man, a Saviour and Redeemer." *Review & Herald* March 8, 1881; *Faith that Works* p. 30

The Son of God came to our world...and thus became the Son of man.
He did not become the Son of God whether begotten or not.
The only begotten Son of God became the begotten Son of man.

That we might become members of the heavenly family, He became a member of the earthly family. He is the Son of man, and thus a brother to every son and daughter of Adam." *Desire of Ages* p. 638

The comparison of the heavenly family with the earthly family suggests that he was the Son of God in heaven, and became the Son of man on earth.

He became flesh, even as we are. He was hungry and thirsty and weary. He was sustained by food and refreshed by sleep. He shared the lot of man; yet He was the blameless Son of God. He was God in the flesh. *Desire of Ages* p. 311

This contrast between becoming and being is unmistakable. **He became** flesh yet **He was** the Son of God. He became the Son of Man—something that had never before existed, a new entity—but He always was from eternity the Son of God.

The Bible to me is the voice of God. I have the witness in myself that the word of God is true, and that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. I am following no cunningly devised fable. *Signs of the Times*, Sept 3, 1894

filled with all the fullness of the Father's divinity (Col 1:19; 2:9), being in the form of God (Phil 2:6),

The Son of God was in the form of God, and He thought it not robbery to be equal with God. *Review & Herald*, Dec. 17, 1872; *The Spirit of Prophecy* vol. 2 p. 10

the divine Son of God, the personification of the only true God, who possessed goodness, mercy, and untiring love, whose heart was ever touched with human woe *Selected Messages* vol. 3 p. 416

They reject the divine Son of God, the personification of all human goodness. *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers* p. 138

and equal with God because God is his Father (John 5:18), his Head (1Cor 11:3),

“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.” The whole nation called God their Father, and if Jesus had done this in the same sense in which they did, the Pharisees would not have been so enraged. But they accused Jesus of blasphemy, showing that they understood that Christ claimed God as His Father in the very highest sense. *Review & Herald*, March 5, 1901

But the Pharisees were still more incensed. He had not only broken the law, according to their understanding, but in calling God "His own Father" had declared Himself equal with God. John 5:18, R. V. *Desire of Ages* p. 207.

They are one in purpose, in mind, in character, but not in person. It is thus that God and Christ are one. *Testimonies* vol. 8 p. 269

From eternity there was a complete unity between the Father and the Son. They were two, yet little short of being identical; two in individuality, yet one in spirit, and heart, and character. *Youth's Instructor* Dec. 16, 1897

The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty, yet Christ and the Father are one. Letter 32, 1899, *Manuscript* 140, 1903; 5BC p. 1129

Yet the Son of God was the acknowledged Sovereign of heaven, one in power and authority with the Father. *Great Controversy*, p. 495

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. *Review & Herald*, Jan. 7, 1890

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. *Signs of the Times*, Nov. 27, 1893

Her definition of one substance is of one kind of substance, having the same attributes, not one undivided, consubstantial substance.

The only way in which the fallen race could be restored was through the gift of his Son, equal with himself, possessing the attributes of God. *Review & Herald*, Nov. 8, 1892

and his God (Psalm 45:7; 110:1; Heb 1:9; John 20:17; Rev 3:12). The Holy One of God (Acts 2:27; 3:14,13).

therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

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

neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

ye denied the Holy One and the Just...The Prince of life, whom God [the King of life] hath raised from the dead

He is the BRANCH of the Lord (Isa 4:2; Zech 6:12), the Son of the living God (Matt 16:16; John 6:69),

In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious. Isaiah 4:2

Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Zechariah 6:12

In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. Jeremiah 33:15

behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH. Zechariah 3:8

we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. John 6:69

He whom the Jews had crucified was the Prince of life, the Son of the living God
Acts of the Apostles p. 22

How different would have been the Scriptural record of the history of Israel, a nation so highly favored of the Lord, if they had carried out the instruction given them from the pillar of cloud by the Son of the living God. *Counsels on Sabbath School Work* (1938) p. 47

the firstbegotten (Heb 1:6), the first-born of heaven (Desire of Ages p. 51), heir of all things (Heb 1:2),

when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he said, And let all the angels of God worship him

Our great Exemplar was exalted to be equal with God. He was high commander in heaven. All the holy angels delighted to bow before Him. *Testimonies* vol. 2 p. 426

When Christ saw that there was no human being able to be humanity's intercessor, He Himself entered the fierce conflict and battled with Satan. The First Begotten of God was the only one who could liberate those who by Adam's sin had been brought in subjection to Satan. MS 125, 1901; *Upward Look* p. 257

When was it that Christ saw the need for Himself to be our intercessor?

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

In order fully to carry out this plan, it was decided that Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, should give Himself an offering for sin. *Counsels on Health* p. 222.

The work for which He had come to this world had been accomplished. He had won the kingdom. He had wrested it from Satan and had become heir of all things. *Acts of the Apostles* p. 29

The world's Redeemer was the light of the world, for His character was without fault. Though He was the only begotten Son of God, and the heir of all things in heaven and earth, He did not leave an example of indolence and self-indulgence. *God's Amazing Grace* p. 236

The Son of God was the heir of all things, and the dominion and glory of the kingdoms of this world were promised to Him. *Testimonies* vol. 1 p. 286; *Spiritual Gifts* vol. 4b p. 77; *Our Father Cares* p. 39

There is a personal God, the Father; there is a personal Christ, the Son. And “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...” *Review & Herald*, Nov 8, 1898

Jesus sought to draw their minds away from himself personally, to the importance of his position as the heir of all things, an equal with God himself; that through suffering and conflict he had gained his great inheritance, the kingdoms of Heaven and of earth. *The Spirit of Prophecy* vol. 3 p. 236

The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each.

“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; being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son?” Hebrews 1:1-5.

God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son. *Testimonies* vol. 8 p. 268

the image of God (2Cor 4:4), the image of the invisible God (Col 1:15),

the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The Lord Jesus is the embodiment of the glory of the Godhead. The light of the knowledge of the glory of God is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. God has revealed himself to men; he stooped to take upon him our nature, and in his Son we see the glory of the divine attributes... In Christ Jesus is a revelation of the glory of the Godhead. All that the human agent can know of God to the saving of the soul, is the measure of the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, to which he can attain; for Christ is he who represents the Father. The most wonderful truth to be grasped by men is the truth, “Immanuel, God with us.” Christ is the wisdom of God. He is the great “I AM” to the world. *Signs of the Times*, Dec 12, 1895; July 3, 1907

the express image of His (God the Father's) person (Heb 1:3), who has life in himself (John 1:4),

He who had been in the presence of the Father from the beginning, He who was the express image of the invisible God, was alone able to reveal the character of the Deity to mankind. *Ministry of Healing* p. 422

As a personal being, God has revealed Himself in His Son. Jesus, the outshining of the Father's glory, "and the express image of His person" *Education* p. 132

I have often seen the lovely Jesus, that He is a person. I asked Him if His Father was a person and had a form like Himself. Said Jesus, "I am in the express image of My Father's person." *Early Writings* p. 77

Christ Himself is the pearl of great price. In Him is gathered all the glory of the Father, the fullness of the Godhead. He is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person. The glory of the attributes of God is expressed in His character. *Christ's Object Lessons* p. 115

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. *Special Testimonies Series B* No. 7 p. 63 1905

He was in the express image of His Father, not in features alone, but in perfection of character. *Review & Herald*, Dec 17, 1872

Looking upon Christ in the flesh, we look upon God in humanity, and see in Him the brightness of divine glory, the express image of God the Father. *Selected Messages* book 3 p. 128

It is God's purpose that all His creatures reflect His image and to restore His image in us:

The Lord has given me a view of other worlds... The inhabitants of the place were of all sizes; they were noble, majestic, and lovely. They bore the express image of Jesus *Adventist Home* p. 543; *EW* p. 39

The crowns of the saints were of the most pure gold, decked with stars. Their faces shone with glory, for they were in the express image of Jesus *Early Writings* p. 54

"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." It is not physical life that is here specified, but eternal life, the life which is exclusively the property of God. The Word, who was with God, and who was God, had this life. Physical life is something which each individual received. It is not eternal or immortal; for God, the Lifegiver, takes it again. Man has no control over his life. But the life of Christ was unborrowed. No one can take this life from Him. "I lay it down of myself," He said. In Him was life, original, unborrowed, underived. This life is not inherent in man. [it is inherent in Christ] He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as his personal Saviour. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). This is the open fountain of life for the world. *Signs of the Times*, April 8, 1897; Feb 13, 1912

Our life is something we receive from Christ by a study of His Word. "In him was life"—original, unborrowed. He was the Fountain of life. We receive life from the Saviour which He takes back again. *MS 2*, Feb 9, 1896; *The Upward Look* p. 54

Life and light, possessed by no other being that has ever breathed, are found in Christ. A human being lives, but his is a given life, a life that will be quenched. "What is your life? It is even vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." But Christ's life is not a vapor; it is never-ending, a life existing before the worlds were made. *Signs of the Times*, June 17, 1897

As through Christ every human being has life, so also through Him every soul receives some ray of divine light. *Education* p. 29

There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. That power is Christ. *Steps to Christ* p. 18 1892

He is the fountain of life. Obedience to Him is the life-giving power that gladdens the soul. *Signs of the Times*, March 31, 1909; *Testimonies* vol. 8 p. 288

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. (Col 3:4)

for as the Father has life in Himself, so has He given to the Son to have life in himself (John 5:26).

“As the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom He will.”...the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.”...That spirit of life in Christ Jesus, “the power of his resurrection,” sets men “free from the law of sin and death.”
Philippians 3:10; Romans 8:2. *Desire of Ages* p. 209

God has sent his Son to communicate his own life to humanity. Christ declares, “I live by the Father,” my life and his being one. “No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him,” “For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of Man.” The head of every man is Christ, as the head of Christ is God. “And ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.” *The Home Missionary*, June 1, 1897; *Lake Union Herald*, Dec 2, 1908; cf *Desire of Ages* p. 210; 1SM p. 250; *The Spirit of Prophecy* vol. 2 p. 167; *Review & Herald*, Jan 3, 1893; March 12, 1901

Thus he lives by the Father (John 6:57), and lives by the power of God (2Cor 13:4)

“I do nothing of Myself,” said Christ; “the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father.” “I seek not Mine own glory,” but the glory of Him that sent Me. John 8:28; 6:57; 8:50; 7:18. In these words is set forth the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. *Desire of Ages* p. 21

For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. *Romans 11:36*

Jesus said, “As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me.” As the Son of God lived by faith in the Father, so are we to live by faith in Christ. So fully was Jesus surrendered to the will of God that the Father alone appeared in His life. *Desire of Ages* p. 389

All who are one with Christ through faith in Him gain an experience which is life unto eternal life. “As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father...” Christ became one with humanity, that humanity might become one in spirit and life with Him. By virtue of this union in obedience to the Word of God, His life becomes their life. *Youth's Instructor*, Aug 4, 1898; *Selected Messages* book 1 p. 302

For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God (2Cor 13:4).

for the Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hands (John 3:35; 13:3; Matt 11:27; 28:18),

All power is given into the hands of Christ, in order that he may dispense rich blessings to men, and impart to them the priceless gifts of his own righteousness. *Review & Herald*, Sept 29, 1896

The divinity of Christ is our assurance of eternal life. “For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand...” *Youth's Instructor*, Feb 11, 1897

and put all things under his feet (1Cor 15:27), and has given him power over all flesh (John 17:2),

God, who put all things under the Saviour's feet, “gave Him to be the head over all things to the church...” *Desire of Ages* p. 414

To see Christ as He is, is one of the greatest blessings that can ever come to fallen humanity; and to know Him is to know the Father also. But how few today know the precious Saviour as He is! How few know Him and the Father! Many acknowledge Jesus as the world's Redeemer, but they know Him not as a personal Saviour; this is essential,--the knowledge of God in Jesus Christ. "Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him." "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." The knowledge of God is eternal life, and this knowledge is received only through Christ. *Bible Echo*, Nov 12, 1894

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son may glorify thee; as thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." In this scripture God and Christ are spoken of separately. They are two distinct persons, but one in mind, one in heart, one in holiness and justice, and purity, and one in the work of seeking to save the sinful race. To those who believe in Christ, God will give power to become His sons even to them that believe on His name. This is the science of the life that now is, and of the life which is to come. *Battle Creek Letters* p. 127 (1928)

Christ is one with the Father, but Christ and God are two distinct personages. Read the prayer of Christ in the seventeenth chapter of John, and you will find this point clearly brought out. *Review & Herald*, June 1, 1905

given him a name which is above every name (Phil 2:9; Ex 23:20,21; John 5:43),

The God of the universe has given our cases in the Judgment into the hands of his Son, one who is acquainted with our infirmities, and knows that we are but dust... He ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and sat down at the right hand of God; --the very Jesus who had borne the curse of sin for us. And there was given him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. To him God has delegated his power; he has the keys of death and the grave. *Bible Echo and Signs of the Times*, Jan 15, 1889

given him authority to execute judgment (John 5:27) and authority to lay down his life (John 10:18),

The world has been committed to Christ, and through Him has come every blessing from God to the fallen race. He was the Redeemer before as after His incarnation. As soon as there was sin, there was a Saviour... And God "hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man." Because He has tasted the very dregs of human affliction and temptation, and understands the frailties and sins of men; because in our behalf He has victoriously withstood the temptations of Satan, and will deal justly and tenderly with the souls that His own blood has been poured out to save,--because of this, the Son of man is appointed to execute the judgment. *Desire of Ages* p. 210

For this reason He has received the appointment of judge. *Review & Herald*, June 18, 1901

God designed that the Prince of sufferers in humanity should be judge of the whole world. *Review & Herald*, Nov 22, 1898

In all His Godlike deeds, the world's Redeemer declares, "I can of mine own self do nothing." "This commandment have I received of my Father." John 5:30; 10:18. All I do is in fulfillment of the counsel and will of My heavenly Father. *Youth's Instructor*, April 23, 1912

[John 10:18 quoted] The Majesty of heaven stood, calmly assured, as a god before His adversaries... His words had asserted His divinity, but now His personal presence, the light of His eye, the majesty of His attitude, bore witness to the fact that He was the beloved Son of God. *Signs of the Times*, Nov 27, 1893

“This commandment have I received of my Father.” In all he did he was working out the will of his Father, so that his life on earth was a manifestation of the divine perfection. *Review & Herald*, Dec 6, 1892

“This commandment have I received of My Father.” In all that I do, I consult the will and fulfil the purposes of the eternal God. The words that I speak, the acts that I perform, are the fulfilment of the wishes and purposes of God. *Signs of the Times*, Dec 14, 1904

“Christ’s time to show His divine power had not yet come. He was fully aware of the glory He had with the Father before the world was. But then He willingly submitted to the Divine will, and He was unchanged now.” Ellen G. White, *Bible Echo*, July 23, 1900, see also *Youth’s Instructor*, January 3, 1901

The Father’s Divine will pre-existed Christ’s willing submission; God was his Father when he submitted because Christ was first the Son of God, then submitted to be man’s substitute.

The tri-theistic alternative is that the Divine will pre-existed both the Father and Son, who both submitted to assume roles. The Father’s authority is thus delegated by consent of the other “members.”

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand. I and my Father are one. John 10:29,30

given him His words (Deut 18:18; John 14:10), which are spirit and life (John 6:63).

Through Moses, God’s purpose to send His Son as the Redeemer of the fallen race was kept before Israel. On one occasion, shortly before his death, Moses declared, “The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken.” Plainly had Moses been instructed for Israel concerning the work of the Messiah to come. “I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee,” was the word of Jehovah to His servant; “and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him” (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18) *Patriarchs & Prophets* p. 684

I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him...he spake to them of the Father. John 8:26
As the Father hath taught me, I speak these things. John 8:28

I speak that which I have seen with my Father. John 8:38

For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, He gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak...I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak. John 12:49, 50

The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me...John 14:10

The word of God is the seed. Every seed has in itself a germinating principle. In it the life of the plant is enfolded. So there is life in God’s word. Christ says, “The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life.” John 6:63. “He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life.” John 5:24. In every command and in every promise of the word of God is the power, the very life of God, by which the command may be fulfilled and the promise realized. He who by faith receives the word is receiving the very life and character of God. *Christ’s Object Lessons* p. 38

God’s holy, educating Spirit is in His word. *Christ’s Object Lessons* p. 131

Jesus says, “The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.” [John 6:63.] But spiritual things are spiritually discerned, and the reason of your lack of interest is that you lack the Spirit of God. When the heart is brought into harmony with the word, a new life will spring up within you, a new light will shine upon every line of the word, and it will become the voice of God to your soul. *Christian Education* p. 80 (1893)

We need to understand these words of Christ, “The flesh profiteth nothing. The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life”--the Holy Word accepted and brought into the practical life. Spiritual life consists in Christ’s being the light and life of the soul temple, as the blood is the life of the

body. All who study the word are represented as eating the word, feeding on Christ. *Counsels on the Sabbath School Work* p. 43; Letter 4, 1902

Christ's words contain nothing that is nonessential... Every word He uttered came from God, and He spoke with the authority of heaven. "The words that I speak unto you," He said, "they are spirit, and they are life." John 6:63. *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students* (1913) p. 439

The life of Christ that gives life to the world is in His word. It was by His word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons; by His word He stilled the sea, and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that His word was with power. He spoke the word of God, as He had spoken through all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament. The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ, and the Saviour desired to fix the faith of His followers on the word. When His visible presence should be withdrawn, the word must be their source of power. Like their Master, they were to live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4. *Desire of Ages* p. 390

The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the word of God. This word imparts power; it begets life. Every command is a promise; accepted by the will, received into the soul, it brings with it the life of the Infinite One. It transforms the nature and re-creates the soul in the image of God. *Education* p. 126

He was the Word and the Wisdom of God, and He ever presented truth with the authority of God. "The words that I speak unto you," He said, "they are spirit and they are life." That which in the councils of heaven the Father and the Son deemed essential for the salvation of man, was defined from eternity by infinite truths which finite beings cannot fail to comprehend. *Fundamentals of Christian Education* p. 407

And one Spirit (Eph 4:4), the Spirit of your Father (Matt 10:20), who is a Spirit (John 4:24),

Eph 4:4 There is one Spirit.
Eph 2:18 We have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
John 14:6 Jesus said, No man comes to the Father but by me.
1Cor 12:12,13 As the body is one...so also is Christ.
 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.
1Cor 12:13 we have all been made to drink into one Spirit
1Cor 10:4 and did all drink the same spiritual drink,
 for they drank of that spiritual Rock... and that Rock was Christ

"There is," he says, "one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism." Ephesians 4:3-5. Such were the blessed results experienced by those who accepted the advent message. They came from different denominations, and their denominational barriers were hurled to the ground; conflicting creeds were shivered to atoms; the unscriptural hope of a temporal millennium was abandoned, false views of the second advent were corrected, pride and conformity to the world were swept away; wrongs were made right; hearts were united in the sweetest fellowship, and love and joy reigned supreme. *Great Controversy* p. 379

Christ became one flesh with us, in order that we might become one spirit with Him. *Desire of Ages* p. 388

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.

"It shall be given you," says Jesus, "in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you." As the Spirit of God illuminates the minds of His servants, the truth will be presented in its divine power and preciousness. *Desire of Ages* p. 354

Christ changes the heart. He abides in your heart by faith. You are to maintain this connection with Christ by faith and the continual surrender of your will to Him; and so long as you do this, He will work in you

to will and to do according to His good pleasure. So you may say, “The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20. So Jesus said to His disciples, “It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.” Matthew 10:20. Then with Christ working in you, you will manifest the same spirit and do the same good works --works of righteousness, obedience. *Steps to Christ* p. 63 1892

Those who have an indwelling Saviour will have something to say of his love and grace. And “it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.” ...John, in the assurance of a living experience, said: “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.” Christ, through his Spirit, is working to draw men to himself; and we, the human agents, are to co-operate with Christ; it is his power that gives efficiency to our labors. *Review & Herald*, Jan 6, 1891

God is a Spirit; yet He is a personal being; for so He has revealed Himself. *Ministry of Healing* p. 413

the Father of Spirits (Heb 12:9), for that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit (John 3:6),

That which is born of the Spirit is Spirit, and when man is born from above, a heavenly peace pervades the soul.--MS 1, 1897; *Special Testimonies BC* No. 3 p. 9; *Mind, Character, and Personality* vol. 1 p. 15

...learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart...that which is born of the Spirit is spirit...We must study the life of Christ and imitate the divine Pattern. *Review & Herald*, Dec 5, 1912

The mind is an invisible agent of God to produce tangible results. Its influence is powerful, and governs the actions of men. If purified from all evil, it is the motive power of good. The regenerating Spirit of God, taking possession of the mind, transforms the life; wicked thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced, love, peace, and humility take the place of anger, envy, and strife. That power which no human eye can see, has created a new being in the image of God. *The Spirit of Prophecy* vol. 2 p. 129

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.” *Pacific Union Recorder*, Sept 25, 1902

who was made a quickening Spirit (1Cor 15:45), His presence (Ex 33:14), the angel of His presence (Isa 63:9),

The Holy Spirit is a free, working, independent agency. The God of heaven uses his Spirit as it pleases him, *Review & Herald*, May 5, 1896

There have been times when it seemed necessary to worship God in very humble places; but the Lord did not withhold His Spirit nor refuse His presence because of this. MS 23, 1886

After His ascension He was to be absent in person; but through the Comforter He would still be with them,... they were to open their hearts to the Holy Spirit, His representative, and to rejoice in the light of His presence. *Desire of Ages* p. 277

...while Christ was on earth, the disciples had desired no other helper. Not until they were deprived of His presence would they feel their need of the Spirit... *Desire of Ages* p. 669

He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ. The blow that is aimed at him falls upon the Saviour, who surrounds him with His presence. FLB p. 64

“as Thou Father art in me and I in Thee that they also may be one in us” John 17:21

“I in them and Thou in me” John 17:23

His presence is His Holy Spirit (Ps 51:11; Ps 139:7), the Lord is that Spirit (2Cor 3:17),

The greatness of God is to us incomprehensible. "The Lord's throne is in heaven" (Psalm 11:4); yet by His Spirit He is everywhere present. *Education* p. 131

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

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." Christ is not here referring to his doctrine, but to his person, the divinity of his character. *Review & Herald*, April 5, 1906

... the soul would be changed into the likeness of Christ. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing." "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed in the same image from glory to glory, even by the Spirit of the Lord." "For as much as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart. . . . The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life. . . . Now the Lord is that Spirit. And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." *Signs of the Times*, July 10, 1893

for God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts (Gal 4:6), the spirit of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:19),

Daniel was imbued with the Spirit of Jesus Christ *Youth's Instructor*, Nov. 22, 1894; Letter 90, 1894

Christ is in him, a well of water springing up into everlasting life *Review & Herald*, May 5, 1896

Those who are in connection with God are channels for the power of the Holy Spirit. *Review & Herald*, May 12, 1896

as the Spirit of Christ who was in the prophets (1Peter 1:11), he is the Spirit of prophecy (Rev 19:10),

It was Christ that spoke to His people through the prophets. The apostle Peter, writing to the Christian church, says that the prophets "prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow." 1 Peter 1:10, 11. It is the voice of Christ that speaks to us through the Old Testament. "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Revelation 19:10. *Patriarchs and Prophets* p. 366.3 1890

for through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father (Eph 2:13,18),

We have access to God through the merits of the name of Christ, and God invites us to bring to Him our trials and temptations; for He understands them all. He would not have us pour out our woes to human ears. Through the blood of Christ we may come to the throne of grace and find grace to help in time of need. We may come with assurance, saying, "My acceptance is in the Beloved." "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." "In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him" (Ephesians 2:18; 3:12). *Youth's Instructor*, Sept 22, 1892

through Jesus we can come into the audience chamber of the Most High. Through His merits we have access by one Spirit unto the Father. . . . With confidence we may come to God, knowing what it is to have the presence and power of His Holy Spirit. . . . We must lie low at the feet of Jesus, and cherish no selfishness, reveal no self-uplifting, but in simplicity seek the Lord, asking for His Holy Spirit as a little child asks bread of his parents. *Signs of the Times*, Oct 3, 1892

who shed the Holy Spirit on us through Jesus Christ (Titus 3:6), the power of the Highest (Luke 1:35),

The spirit of Jesus Christ ever has a renewing, restoring power upon the soul that has felt its own weakness and fled to the unchanging One who can give grace and power to resist evil. *Christian Education* p. 149 (1893)

The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness. *Desire of Ages* p. 324 1898

Sin could be resisted and over-come only through the mighty agency of the third person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. *Desire of Ages* p. 671 1898

Christ has given his Spirit as a divine power to over-come all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress his own character upon the church. Christ declared that after his ascension, he would send to his church, as his crowning gift, the Comforter, who was to take his place. This Comforter is the Holy Spirit,—the soul of his life, the efficacy of his church, the light and life of the world. With his Spirit Christ sends a reconciling influence and a power that takes away sin. *Review & Herald*. May 19, 1904

Jesus himself supplies the oil to these burning lamps; he it is that kindles the flame. “In him was life; and the life was the light of men.” No candlestick, no church, shines of itself. From Christ emanates all its light. Pamphlet: *Elder Daniels and the Fresno Church* p. 3 1890

Faith in Christ is not the work of nature, but the work of God on human minds, wrought in the very soul by the Holy Spirit, who reveals Christ, as Christ revealed the Father. *Review & Herald*, Nov 3, 1904

the power and wisdom of God (1Cor 1:24), for God gives the Spirit to him not by measure (John 3:34),

The gospel is the power and wisdom of God, if it is correctly represented by those who claim to be Christians. *Christian Education* p. 147 1893

Christ crucified—talk it, pray it, sing it, and it will break and win hearts. This is the power and wisdom of God to gather souls for Christ. *Testimonies* vol. 6 p. 66

Christ crucified, though unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness, is to him the power and wisdom of God. *Signs of the Times*, July 27, 1888

To all who believe in Jesus as able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by him, the gospel is the power and wisdom of God. “The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him.” [Psalm 25:14] “If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God.” Jesus is inviting and drawing by his Holy Spirit the hearts of young and old unto himself. He says, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” *Youth’s Instructor*, Jan 19, 1893

Though He is the Son of God, He strengthens His faith by prayer, and by communion with heaven gathers to Himself power to resist evil. . . sought His Father daily for fresh supplies of grace. *Acts of the Apostles* p. 56

The Father gave his Spirit without measure to his Son, and we also may partake of its fullness. Jesus says: “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” [Luke 11:13.] *Great Controversy* p. 477

In giving us His Spirit, God gives us Himself, making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world. *Testimonies* vol. 7, p. 273

We cannot discern the character of God, or accept Christ by faith, unless we consent to the bringing into captivity of every thought to the obedience of Christ. To all who do this the Holy Spirit is given without measure. In Christ “dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and in Him ye are made full.” Colossians 2:9, 10, R. V. *Desire of Ages* p. 180

“And,” declared John, “the Father giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him.” So with the followers of Christ. We can receive of heaven's light only as we are willing to be emptied of self. We can discern the character of God, and accept Christ by faith, only as we consent to the bringing into captivity of every thought to the obedience of Christ. To all who do this, the Holy Spirit is given without measure. In Christ “dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him.” Colossians 2:9, 10. *Testimonies* vol. 8 p. 334

“...And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.” “For He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God; for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hands...” The power and soul of true education is a knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ whom He hath sent. *Fundamentals of Christian Education* p. 392

Having asked the Lord for good things, as a hungry child asks his parent for bread, believe from your heart that the Heavenly Father giveth not the Spirit by measure unto you; for to them that ask in faith the Holy Spirit will be given in its fullness, as free as the river that proceedeth from the throne of God, slaking the thirst of all who will come and drink. *Signs of the Times*, Sept 12, 1892

for no man comes to the Father but by Jesus (John 14:6), the Way, the Truth, the Life,

Christ only is the way, the truth, the life... We would point you to Christ, the way, the truth, the life—the mystic ladder between heaven and earth. *Review & Herald*, Nov 11, 1890

Christ draws them to Himself by an unseen power. He is the light of life, and He imbues them with His own Spirit. *Review & Herald*, March 26, 1895

Through the agency of the Holy Spirit, a new principle of mental and spiritual power was to be brought to man, who, through association with divinity, was to become one with God. *Signs of the Times*, Sept. 24, 1902

Christ is the ladder that Jacob saw, whose base is upon the earth, and whose topmost round reaches the throne of God. Down this ladder streams the glory of God, and on it ascend and descend the angels of heaven to communicate the light and the glory of God, whose train fills the temple, to the lost children of earth. Through Christ heavenly intelligences may communicate with human agents. Christ declared, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” Christ alone can bridge the gulf that sin has made between earth and heaven, and make it possible to reach fallen man with the overtures of mercy. *Signs of the Times*, April 11, 1895

for there is one mediator between God and men (1Tim 2:5), who makes intercession for us (Rom 8:34),

From everlasting He was the Mediator of the covenant, the one in whom all nations of the earth, both Jews and Gentiles, if they accepted Him, were to be blessed. *Review & Herald*, April 5, 1906

After the fall, Christ became Adam's instructor. He acted in God's stead toward humanity, saving the race from immediate death. He took upon Him the work of mediator between God and man. *Signs of the Times*. May 29, 1901

We have only one channel of approach to God. Our prayers can come to him through one name only—that of the Lord Jesus our advocate. His Spirit must inspire our petitions. No strange fire was to be used in the censers that were waved before God in the sanctuary. So the Lord himself must kindle in our hearts the burning desire, if our prayers are acceptable to him. The Holy Spirit within must make intercessions for us, with groanings that cannot be uttered. *Review & Herald*, Feb 9, 1897

as our Advocate (*parakletos*) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous (1John 2:1),

If you have sin of a private character, confess it to Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and man. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." 1 John 2:1. *General Conference Daily Bulletin*, Feb 26, 1897

The intercession of Christ in our behalf is that of presenting His divine merits in the offering of Himself to the Father as our substitute and surety; for He ascended up on high to make an atonement for our transgressions. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father..." The name of Jesus gives me access to the Father. *Signs of the Times*, July 4, 1892

The Elder Brother of our race is by the eternal throne. He looks upon every soul who is turning his face toward Him as the Saviour. *Desire of Ages* p. 329

We shall often have to bow down and weep at the feet of Jesus because of our shortcomings and mistakes; but we are not to be discouraged. Even if we are overcome by the enemy, we are not cast off, not forsaken and rejected of God. No; Christ is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Said the beloved John, "These things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father" *Signs of the Times*, Dec 26, 1892; *Selected Messages* book 1, p. 337

And now He stands to mediate for you. He is the great High Priest who is pleading in your behalf; and you are to come and present your case to the Father through Jesus Christ. Thus you can find access to God; and though you sin, your case is not hopeless. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father" *Testimonies* vol. 2 p. 591

He presents us to the Father clothed in the white raiment of His own character. He pleads before God in our behalf, saying: I have taken the sinner's place. Look not upon this wayward child, but look on Me. *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing* 1896, p. 9

In Him the Advocate with the Father was revealed. *Fundamentals of Christian Education* p. 239

Jesus is our Advocate, our High Priest, our Intercessor. *Lift Him Up* p. 319

This Advocate pleads for sinners and the Father accepts His prayer. He turns not away the request of His beloved Son. *In Heavenly Places* p. 119

The Holy Spirit will work upon minds if we will hearken to its faintest whispers. It is the voice of your Advocate in the heavenly courts." 17MR 193, 194; *1888 Materials* pg. 1592 1896

who sends the Comforter (*parakletos*) from the Father (John 15:26), and has the seven Spirits (Rev 3:1),

"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: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning."

The Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the only-begotten Son of God, binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to the perfect, divine-human nature of Christ. *Review & Herald*, Apr. 5, 1906, 1SM p. 251

The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Letter Feb. 6, 1896 from 'Sunnyside' Cooranbong, Australia

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. *Sons and Daughters of God* p. 124; 19MR p. 297 (1892)

Study the seventeenth (chapter) of John and learn how to pray and how to live the prayer of Christ. He is the Comforter. He will abide in their hearts, making their joy full. *Review & Herald*, Jan 27, 1903

There is no comforter like Christ, so tender and so true.... No circumstances, no distance, can separate us from the heavenly Comforter. *Review & Herald*, Oct 26, 1897

“Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you.” Luke 24:49

Those who have Jesus abiding in the heart by faith, have actually received the Holy Spirit. Every individual who receives Jesus as his personal Saviour, just as surely receives the Holy Spirit, to be his Counselor, Sanctifier, Guide, and Witness. *Upward Look* p. 19

...He has promised that which is far better than worldly good, -- the abiding comfort of His own presence. *Desire of Ages*, p. 367. 1898

Receive the Holy Spirit, and your efforts will be successful. Christ's presence is what gives power. *The Central Advance*, Feb. 25, 1903

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* from the Elmshaven Library Vol. 1 p. 79, Chapter 25 – An Address Given in the St. Helena Sanitarium Chapel, July 14, 1902

The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send is the presence and power of God. *Signs of the Times*, Nov.23, 1891

It is not essential for us to be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is...The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them. *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 51

The Spirit is given as a regenerating agency, to make effectual the salvation wrought by the death of our Redeemer.

It is the office of the Holy Spirit to reveal to the mind the character of the consecration that God will accept. Through the agency of the Holy Spirit, the soul is enlightened, and the character is renewed, sanctified, and uplifted. *Review & Herald*, Jan 30, 1894

When Christ entered within the heavenly gates, He was enthroned, amid the songs of millions of angels. As soon as this ceremony was completed, the Holy Spirit descended upon His followers in rich currents according to Christ's promise, and they were no more orphans. How quickly Christ fulfilled His promise, and sent from the heavenly courts the guarantee of His love! After His inauguration, the Spirit came and Christ was indeed glorified, even with the glory which He had from all eternity with the Father. During His humiliation upon this earth, the Spirit had not descended with all its efficacy; and Christ declared that if He went not away, it would not come, but that if He went away, He would send it. It was a representation of Himself, and after He was glorified it was manifest. *Signs of the Times*, May 17, 1899

the Spirit of truth which proceeds from the Father (John 15:26), and breathed by Jesus (John 20:22),

They find music in the words spoken by Christ, “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; and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.” If men will receive the ministration of His Holy Spirit,--the richest gift God can bestow, they will impart blessings to all who are connected with them. *Ellen G. White 1888 Materials* p. 1600

The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified. The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ's ascension. Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world. But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose. Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, Christ breathed His Spirit upon them. He was committing to them a most sacred trust, and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished.

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

We are to make supplication according to the will of God, relying on the precious Word, and believing that Christ not only gave Himself for but to His disciples. The record declares, "He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (John 20:22). Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all His disciples, and give them the inspiration of His sanctifying Spirit, and transfuse the vital influence from Himself to His people... Christ is to live in His human agents, and work through their faculties, and act through their capabilities. Their will must be submitted to His will, they must act with His Spirit that it may be no more they that live, but Christ that liveth in them. Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in giving His Holy Spirit He is giving to them the glory which the Father has given Him, that He and His people may be one in God. *Signs of the Times*, Oct 3, 1892

The instruction given them had in it the vital, spiritual breath that is in Christ. He alone could give them the oil which they must have in order to work successfully. Christ's likeness must appear in them. *Review & Herald*, June 13, 1899

Christ Himself calls our attention to the growth of the vegetable world as an illustration of the agency of His Spirit in sustaining spiritual life. The sap of the vine, ascending from the root, is diffused to the branches, sustaining growth and producing blossoms and fruit, so the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Savior, pervades the soul... *Acts of the Apostles* p. 284 1911

by which the Father and Son make their abode in us (John 14:23; 2John 9; Rom 8:9),

From eternal ages it was God's purpose that every created being, from the bright and holy seraph to man, should be a temple for the indwelling of the Creator. *Desire of Ages* p. 161

The promise of his continued presence with his disciples in his representative, the Holy Spirit, was the greatest promise which Jesus could make to his disciples just before the time when he was to take his bodily presence from them. [Quotes John 14:23] Thus the living presence of the Father and the Son would be found in and among the people of God. *Review and Herald Sept. 23, 1902*

the Father's Spirit in the inner man (Eph 3:16) that Christ may dwell in us (vs 17; 1John 4:13; Gal 2:20).

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith (Eph 3:16,17)

Hereby know we that we dwell in Him [God], and he in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit (1John 4:13)

I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God (Gal 2:20)

Christ was invested with the right to give immortality. The life which He had laid down in humanity, He again took up and gave to humanity... Christ became one with humanity, that humanity might become one in Spirit and life with Him. By virtue of this union in obedience to the Word of God, His life becomes their life. *Youth's Instructor*, Aug. 4, 1898; 1SM p. 302

We must be imbued with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, or we cannot manifest to others that Christ is in us the hope of glory. We must have an indwelling Saviour, or we cannot exemplify in our lives his life of devotion, his love, his gentleness, his pity, his compassion, his self-denial, and purity. *Review & Herald*, March 29, 1870

The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the canvasser, walking with them, is the chief worker. If we recognize Christ as the One who is with us to prepare the way, the Holy Spirit by our side will make impressions in just the lines needed. *Colporteur Ministry* p. 107 1902

They did not think that the subject of their conversation was walking by their side; for Christ referred to Himself as though He were another person. *Desire of Ages* p. 800

After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. Mark 16:12

I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter... John 14:16

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. 14MR p. 23

Christ is the only divine Being with a human and Spirit personality; only Christ could divest Himself of His human personality and represent Himself by His Spirit.

I will come to you...At that day you shall know that I am...in you. John 14:18, 20 and shall be in you. John 14:17

Abide in me, and I in you...He that abides in me, and I in him. John 15:4, 5

Thou Father art in me, and I in Thee...I in them and Thou in me. John 17:21, 23

...and I in them. John 17:26

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

I am with you always... Matthew 28:20

...that he may abide with you for ever. John 14:16

Christ is formed within, and by His Spirit He fulfils the promise, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." [Heb 13:5] *Signs of the Times*, Sept 27, 1899

He is coming to us by His Holy Spirit today. Let us recognize Him now; then we shall recognize Him when He comes in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. *Review & Herald*, April 20, 1901

That Christ should manifest Himself to them, and yet be invisible to the world, was a mystery to the disciples. They could not understand the words of Christ in their spiritual sense. They were thinking of the outward, visible manifestation. They could not take in the fact that they could have the presence of Christ with them, and yet He be unseen by the world. They did not understand the meaning of a spiritual manifestation. *The Southern Work*, September 13, 1898

Christ walks unseen through our streets. With messages of mercy He comes to our homes. With all who are seeking to minister in His name, He waits to co-operate. He is in the midst of us, to heal and to bless, if we will receive Him. *Ministry of Healing* p. 107

The Bible

The Bible has not been given for the benefit of ministers only; it is the book for the people; it is the comfort of the poor man. It is a great mistake for ministers to give the impression to the people that they should not read the Bible because they cannot understand its sacred teachings, and should be content with the interpretation given by those whose business it is to proclaim the word of God. Ministers who thus educate the people are themselves in error. *Signs of the Times*, Aug 20, 1894

The truth is to be taught as Christ taught it. If he had desired us to cherish new views of God and heavenly things, he would have plainly given them to us by revelation. Let not God's servants allow their eyes to be blinded by the sophistries of the enemy. Let them not allow themselves to be led to accept theories that are contrary to the Word of God... Teach the truth in the way that it is taught in the Bible... Let those who want the bread of life go to the Scriptures, not to the teaching of finite, erring men. *Review & Herald*, Nov 3, 1904

My brethren, the value of the evidences of truth that we have received during the past half century, is above estimate. These evidences are as treasure hidden in a field. Search for them. Study the Bible truths that for fifty years have been calling us out from the world. Present this evidence in clear, plain lines. Those who have been long in the truth, and those who have recently received the truth, must now dig for the buried heavenly treasure. Let every man work to the point. Study the Word of God. Revive the evidences given in the past. *Review & Herald*, April 19, 1906

Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith—the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the word and by revelation. *Testimonies* Vol. 8 1904; *Review & Herald* Mar. 3, 1904

The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. *Special Testimonies Series B No. 2*, p. 54 1904

We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith, and go forward from strength to increased faith... Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time. *Special Testimonies Series B*, No. 7 p. 57, Dec. 4, 1905

If we are the Lord's appointed messengers, we shall not spring up with new ideas and theories to contradict the message that God has given through His servants since 1844. 4MR p. 247, MS 75 1905

God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it?—He has said that the dead are to speak. How?—Their works shall follow them. We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work. *Review & Herald*, May 25, 1905

If you continue to believe and obey the truths you first embraced regarding the personality of the Father and the Son, you will be joined together with him in love. There will be seen that union for which Christ prayed just before his trial and crucifixion. *Review & Herald*, March 8, 1906

When the world is at last brought up for trial before the great white throne, to account for its rejection of Jesus Christ, God's own messenger to our world, what a solemn scene it will be! What a reckoning will have to be made for nailing to the cross One who came to our world as a living epistle of the law. God will ask each one the question, What have you done with my only begotten Son? What will those answer who have refused to accept the truth? *Review & Herald*, Jan 30, 1900

Do not trust to the wisdom of any man, or to the investigations of any man. Go to the Scriptures for yourselves, search the inspired word with humble hearts, lay aside your preconceived opinions; for you will obtain no benefit unless you come as children to the word of God. You should say, "If God has

anything for me, I want it. If God has given evidence from his word to this or that brother that a certain thing is truth, he will give it to me. I can find that evidence if I search the Scriptures with constant prayer, and I can know that I do know what is truth." You need not preach the truth as the product of another man's mind, you must make it your own. *Review & Herald* March 24, 1890

...when unpopular Bible truths are presented, many refuse to make this investigation. Though unable to controvert the plain teachings of Scripture, they yet manifest the utmost reluctance to study the evidences offered. Some assume that even if these doctrines are indeed true, it matters little whether or not they accept the new light, and they cling to pleasing fables which the enemy uses to lead souls astray. Thus their minds are blinded by error, and they become separated from heaven... Those who are sincerely seeking for truth will make a careful investigation, in the light of God's word, of the doctrines presented to them. *Acts of the Apostles* p. 232

Do not carry your creed to the Bible, and read the Scriptures in the light of that creed... give heed to the Word of God rather than to the sayings of men. Let every controversy or dispute be settled by "It is written." ...Laying aside all creeds or articles prescribed by any church, we are to read the Bible as the word of God to us... The Bible is its own interpreter. With beautiful simplicity, one portion connects itself with the truth of another portion, until the whole Bible is blended in one harmonious whole. 2MR p. 89

Three Powers

The eternal heavenly dignitaries—God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit—arming them [the disciples] with more than mortal energy *Evangelism*, p. 616: **God, Christ (the Son of God), the Holy Spirit of God**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2Cor 13:14) **Again, God, Christ (the Son of God), and the Holy Spirit of God**

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19)

The Saviour has given the promise of **His presence** to all who labor in the spirit of true service. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He says; "go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." As you present the Word to your hearers, claim this promise of Christ's presence. There is no day, no hour of the day, when He will not be near you by His Holy Spirit. He is in every meeting that is held in His name. His promise is given for as long as time shall last. *Australian Union Conference Recorder*, December 30, 1907 par. 3

Christ gave his followers a positive promise that after his ascension **he would send them his Spirit**. "Go ye therefore," he said, "and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father [a personal God], and of the Son [a personal Prince and Saviour], and of the Holy Ghost [sent from heaven to represent Christ]: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." *Review & Herald*, October 26, 1897 par. 9 [bracketed comments in original, bold and underline mine]

While Jesus ministers in the sanctuary above, **He is still by His Spirit the minister of the church on earth. He is withdrawn from the eye of sense, but His parting promise is fulfilled, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."** Matt. 28:20. While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, **His energizing presence is still with His church**. *Desire of Ages* p. 166 [Jesus delegates His power to inferior ministers, but he does not delegate His energizing presence to anyone else]

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 (Ephesians 1:17) **The Father of glory is the God of Jesus**.

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels (Matthew 16:27)

Of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels (Mark 8:38)

When he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels (Luke 9:26)

Hereafter shall you see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven (Matthew 26:64) **The Father is coming in the clouds with His Son at His right hand**

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." Christ has all power in heaven and in earth, and he can strengthen the wavering, and set right the erring. He can inspire with confidence, with hope in God; and confidence in God always results in creating confidence in one another. *Review & Herald*, August 26, 1890

Christ Himself calls our attention to the growth of the vegetable world as an illustration of the agency of His Spirit in sustaining spiritual life. The sap of the vine, ascending from the root, is diffused to the branches, sustaining growth and producing blossoms and fruit. So the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Saviour, pervades the soul, renews the motives and affections, and brings even the thoughts into obedience to the will of God, enabling the receiver to bear the precious fruit of holy deeds. *Acts of the Apostles* p.284.1

The Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the only begotten Son of God, binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to the perfect, divine-human nature of Christ. This union is represented by the union of the vine and the branches. Finite man is united to the manhood of Christ. Through faith human nature is assimilated with Christ's nature. We are made one with God in Christ. *Review & Herald*, April 5, 1906

Body, Soul, and Spirit: we are bound to Christ: our body is part of his body (the church 1Cor 12), our soul is knit to his soul, our spirit witnesses with his spirit (Rom 8:17)

The juices of the vine, ascending from the root, are diffused to the branches sustaining growth, and producing blossoms and fruit. So the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, proceeding from Christ, and imparted to every disciple, pervades the soul, renews the motives and affections, and even the most secret thoughts, and brings forth the precious fruit of holy deeds. The life attests the union with the true and living Vine. *Spirit of Prophecy* vol. 3 p. 418.2

Through faith in Jesus Christ the chain of mutual dependence is fastened to the throne of God, and through the agency of man humanity is bound to God. God has promised his Holy Spirit, the highest power in the universe, to be embodied in men, that through faith in Jesus Christ humanity may be elevated. An influence emanating from God draws and concentrates the power of the universe, that a lost and rebel race may be reconciled and restored to God. *Signs of the Times*, September 4, 1893

They are to despair nothing, and to hope for everything. With the golden chain of His matchless love, Christ had bound them to the throne of God. It is His purpose that the highest influence in the universe, emanating from the Source of all power, shall be theirs. They are to have power to resist evil, power that neither earth, nor death, nor hell can master, power that will enable them to overcome as Christ overcame. *Gospel Workers*, p. 39.

Current Adventist Belief No. 2: the Trinity

There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons.
Seventh-day Adventists Believe... p. 24

Catholic Doctrine of the Trinity Mystery

In the unity of the Godhead there are three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, truly distinct one from another.

Handbook for Today's Catholic, 1977. pg. 12.

How are these two declarations different? Both speak of God or the Godhead as a unity; both identify the same three Persons. We are told that the Adventist trinity is not the same as the Catholic trinity. This would certainly be true if one considers the tri-theistic version of the Adventist trinity which depicts three divine beings, each taking a different role, where the Father and Son are only metaphors, symbolic titles and not eternal realities. At least the Catholic doctrine does not restrict Christ's Sonship to that of his incarnation. But they apply his begetting to all eternity a mystery indeed (Rev 17).

Significantly, the Catholic Church claims credit for the creation of this mysterious doctrine.

The Church studied this mystery with great care and, after four centuries of clarifications, decided to state the doctrine in this way *ibid*

We believe in one God who is the Father of all things. He is the source of everything, the supreme authority, who has eternal self-existent life in Himself.

We believe Jesus is God's Son whose origin is from eternity. He was begotten, not created, and came out of the Father in eternity past. He has the same nature as God his Father and thus He is God in nature but not in person. All authority has been given to Him. He is equal with God because He is God's Son and has all the attributes of God his Father. He is the eternal, self-existent Rock of our salvation and has eternal self-existent life in himself because his Father gave it to him.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ. Both God and Christ have the same Spirit because God the Father is a spirit and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. This Spirit proceeds from both of their beings—not simply a force but the very life and presence of God and Christ. The very person of Christ lives in us in Spirit form. This Spirit is not another separate being, but the third person or personality of the Godhead, not in the Godhead. We would say it is God and Christ in the third person.

We believe Christ was incarnated in the womb of Mary by the Spirit of God his Father. Thus the Son of God became the Son of man. He was both human and divine. He had a body just like us that had degenerated 4000 years from Adam's creation. He had a divine mind and was perfect love from birth. If he had sinned He would have perished along with us. When He died on the cross His Spirit slept with Him in the tomb just as our spirit does when we die. But Christ died the second death taking our fallen human nature to death for eternity as he wasn't resurrected with it. His divinity—His Spirit, however, did not die but only slept in the tomb. Then He was resurrected with the same divinity He went into the grave with. He was also raised with glorified humanity. The divinity of Christ is everything to us because it is His divine life that He gives to us as the Spirit of Christ. The same divine mind Christ had lives in us by faith.

“The Lord Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, existed from eternity, a distinct person, yet one with the Father.” RH April 5, 1906

The divine Son of God existed from eternity (born of the spirit)
The human Son of Man existed from Bethlehem (born of the flesh)

“Jesus Christ was God in heaven, and he came to this world, and was born of the flesh, and thus he who had been born of the Spirit was afterward born of the flesh, and by this double birth this family was established, --the divine human family of which he is the head...”
W. W. Prescott, *Review & Herald* March 17, 1896

“As Christ was twice born, -- once in eternity, the only begotten of the Father, and again here in the flesh, thus uniting the divine with the human in that second birth,—so we who have been born once already in the flesh, are to have the second birth, being born again of the Spirit, in order that our experience may be the same, -- the human and the divine being joined in a life union” W. W. Prescott, *Review & Herald*, April 14, 1896 published after his return from Australia during which he spoke at the Armadale camp-meeting:

“Our third Australian camp-meeting was held in Armadale, a populous suburb of Melbourne... The evening discourses, given by Elders Prescott, Corliss, and Daniells, all presented the truth as it is in Jesus Christ...In every sermon Christ was preached, and as the great and mysterious truths regarding his presence and work in the hearts of men were made clear and plain, the truths regarding his second coming, his relation to the Sabbath, his work as Creator, and his relation to man as the source of life, appeared in a glorious and convincing light that sent conviction to many hearts.” “In the evening Professor Prescott gave a most valuable lesson, precious as gold...All seemed to be fascinated with the word, as he presented the truth in lines so new to those not of our faith. Truth was separated from error, and made, by the divine Spirit, to shine like precious jewels...The Lord is working in power through his servants who are proclaiming the truth, and he has given brother Prescott a special message for the people. The truth comes from human lips in demonstration of the Spirit and power of God.” Ellen White *Review & Herald*, January 7, 1896

“I write you a few lines to you this morning by lamplight. Before receiving this, you will have met Prof. Prescott...He has the truth in the heart, as well as on the lips. God is with him, and will work by him if our brethren will receive him as one who bears to them a message from God.”
Letter to S.N. Haskell, May 30, 1896 in *EGW 1888 Materials* p. 1536

“He came from heaven, God's first-born, to the earth, and was 'born again'. But all in Christ's work goes by opposites for us: he, the sinless one, was made to be sin, in order that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. He, the living one, the prince and author of life, died that we might live. He whose goings forth have been from the days of eternity, the first-born of God, was born again, in order that we might be born again.” A. T. Jones, Sermon preached on March 6, 1899 at the General Conference Session in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, see *Review & Herald*, Aug. 1, 1899

“The One appointed in the counsels of heaven came to the earth as an instructor. He was no less a being than the Creator of the world, the Son of the Infinite God.” Ellen G. White, *Special Testimonies on Education* p. 173, 1897

“Angels were expelled from heaven because they would not work in harmony with God... This fact the [fallen] angels would obscure, that Christ was the only begotten Son of God...”
Letter 42, April 29, 1910 to Elder D. A. Parsons in *This Day with God* p. 128 [brackets in original]

One in nature not in person:

“They are **one in purpose, in mind, in character, but not in person**. It is thus that **God and Christ are one**.” Ellen White, Testimonies Vol. 8, p. 269, ‘The Essential Knowledge’, 1904

“Christ “is in the bosom of the Father;” being **by nature the very substance of God** and **having life in Himself**, He is **properly called Jehovah, the self existing one...**” E.J. Waggoner, Christ and His Righteousness, p. 23 1890

The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty, yet Christ and the Father are one. Letter 32, 1899, *Manuscript 140*, 1903; 5BC p. 1129

Nor one in being; he is a separate distinct being:

“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.” Ellen White, Letter 256, August 1, 1906

“Christ was God essentially, and in the highest sense. He was with God from all eternity, God over all, blessed forevermore.”

God essentially is God in essence, God in nature

“in the highest sense” because God was his Father “in the very highest sense”

[quoting John 5:17] “He not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that **God was His Father**, making himself **equal with God**.” “... they understood that **Christ claimed God as His Father in the very highest sense**.” *Review & Herald*, March 5, 1901

He was with God—Christ and God are “two distinct personages” different personalities

“He was not the Father but in Him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily...”
Ellen White, Letter 8a, July 7, 1890, To M. J. Church, Manuscript Release Volume 20, MR1444

“Almost any portion of the New Testament we may open which has occasion to speak of the **Father and Son**, represents them as **two distinct persons**.” John Loughborough, *Review & Herald*, Nov. 5, 1861

“Neither are the **Father and the Son** parts of the “three-one God”. “They are **two distinct beings**, yet **one** in the design and accomplishment of redemption.” James White, ‘Life Incidents’ page 343 Chapter ‘The Law and the Gospel’ 1868

“The simple language of the Scriptures represent **the Father and Son as two distinct persons**.” James White, *Review and Herald*, June 6, 1871

“Christ has explained to us how **he and the Father are one**. [John 17:11,22 quoted] This oneness, then, is **that of two distinct individuals** having the same thoughts, the same purposes, the same attributes.” E.J.Waggoner, *Signs of the Times*, June 19, 1884

“Christ is one with the Father, but **Christ and God are two distinct personages**.”
Ellen White *Review and Herald*, June 1, 1905

“All through the Scriptures, **the Father and the Son** are spoken of as **two distinct personages**. You will hear men endeavoring to make **the Son of God a nonentity**. He and the Father are one, but they are **two personages**.” Ellen White *Review and Herald* July 13, 1905

“There is a **personal God, the Father**; there is a **personal Christ, the Son**.” Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, Mar. 17, 1904

“**The Son of God shared the Father's throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both.**” Ellen White, *Patriarchs & Prophets*, p. 36

but both have the same infinite, divine nature

“The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is **truly God in infinity, but not in personality.**” MS 116, Dec 19, 1905; *Upward Look* p. 367

“**From everlasting he was the Mediator of the covenant**, the one in whom all nations of the earth, both Jews and Gentiles, if thy accepted him, were to be blessed.”

Mediator cannot be a mediator unless there are two parties between which mediation can occur. The divine Son of God became mediator when he created the first finite being—Lucifer.

“In speaking of His pre-existence, Christ carries the mind back through **dateless ages**. He assures us that **there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God**. He to whose voice the Jews were then listening **had been with God as one brought up with Him.**” *Signs of the Times*, August 29, 1900

Having been with God as one brought up with Him, there never was a time when Christ in His pre-existence was not in close fellowship with the eternal God.

Here the standard is the eternal God by which the pre-existent Christ is compared.

Having been with Christ in His pre-existence as Christ was brought up with the eternal God, there never was a time when the eternal God was not in close fellowship with Christ.

Here the standard is the pre-existent Christ by which the eternal God is compared.

“**The office of the Holy Spirit** is to take the things of Christ as they fall from His lips, and infuse them as living principles into the hearts opened to receive them. **Then we will know both the Father and the Son.**” *14MR No. 1106, Letter 40, December 31, 1890, pp. 10-11*

“Since the sin of our first parents there has been **no direct communication between God and man**. **The Father** has given the world into the hands of **Christ**, that through His mediatorial work He may redeem man and vindicate the authority and holiness of the law of God. **All the communion between heaven and the fallen race has been through Christ.**” *Patriarchs & Prophets*, p. 366

This is why Peter said that it was the Spirit of Christ which was in the prophets 1Pet 1:10,11

This is why John was told that the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy Rev 19:10

“The Lord **Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit**; for **it** is **his representative**. Through **it** he infuses **spiritual life** into the soul...” Ellen White, *Review & Herald*, August 25, 1896

“Those who believe the truth should remember that they are God's little children, that they are under His training... They have **one God and one Saviour**; and **one Spirit -- the Spirit of Christ** -- is to bring unity into their ranks.” Ellen White, *Testimonies* Vol. 9, page 189, 1909

“He that abideth in **the doctrine of Christ**, he hath both the **Father and the Son**. If there come any unto you, and bring not **this doctrine**, receive him not...” [2John 9, 10] *Acts of the Apostles* p. 554