

Person/Personal/Personality

Person 54 verses

Person of the poor, person of the mighty—don't respect. Lev 19:15

Person of the old. Deut 28:50

Person of the wicked. Prov 18:5

Clean person to sprinkle "water of purification" Num 19:18

Uncircumcised person cannot eat Passover Exodus 12:48

Comely person (David) 1Sam 16:18

Righteous person 2Sam 4:11

Vile person Psalm 15:4

Brutish person Psalm 49:10

Michievous person Prov 24:8

Go to battle in **your own person** 2Sam 17:11

"I forgave...in **the person of Christ**" 2Cor 2:10

God who in times past spoke by the prophets has in these last days spoken to us by His Son

... "the express image of **his [God's] person**" Heb 1:3 **God has a person; God is a person.**

Third Person 52 of the Godhead 27 "second person" 0 "first person of the Godhead" 0

"Evil has been accumulating for centuries and could **only** be **resisted** by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, **the third person of the Godhead**, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fulness of divine power." Lt8-1896.2

"The prince of the power of evil can **only** be held in check by **the power of God in the third person of the Godhead**, the Holy Spirit." SpTA10 37.1; Ms22-1897.19 **1Cor 1:24 Christ, the power of God.**

"Sin could be **resisted** and overcome **only** through the mighty agency of **the third person of the Godhead**, who would come with no modified energy, but **in the fullness of divine power**... Christ has given **His Spirit as a divine power** to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress **His own character** upon **His church**." DA 671.2
1898

"There is **but one power** that can break the hold of evil from the hearts of men, and that is **the power of God in Jesus Christ**." 8T 291, 1903. **"Jesus Christ = third person of the Godhead"**

"There is in his [man's] nature a bent to **evil**, a force which, unaided, he cannot **resist**. To withstand this force, to attain that ideal which in his inmost soul he accepts as alone worthy, he can find help in **but one power**. **That power is Christ**." Education 29.1

"**Only** through the blood of the Crucified One is there cleansing from sin. **His grace alone** can enable us to **resist and subdue** the tendencies of our fallen nature." *Testimonies* vol. 8 p. 291 1903

"There is **only one power** that can turn the sinner from sin to holiness—**the power of Christ**. Our Redeemer is the **only one who can take away sin**." *Review & Herald*, June 2, 1903

"The **power of Christ alone** can work the transformation in heart and mind that all must experience who would partake with Him of the new life in the kingdom of heaven." *Review & Herald*, March 19, 1908; *Testimonies* vol. 9 p. 156 May 31, 1909

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

"Christ is the source of every right impulse. He is **the only one that can implant in the heart enmity against sin**." *Steps to Christ* p. 26 1893

"Union with Christ is our **only means for overcoming sin**." That I May Know Him p. 318.4

“Christ gave **His representative, the third person of the Godhead**, the Holy Spirit. This gift could not be excelled. The **divine Spirit**, converting, enlightening, **sanctifying**, would be **His donation**, because He would give **all gifts in one**.” Ms44-1898.11

“He determined to give **His representative, the third person of the Godhead**.” Southern Watchman Nov 28, 1905

“God the Son” 0 “God the Spirit” 2

“In the providence of God **the spirit** which is a controlling power over each human agent **will be made manifest**.” BEcho July 20, 1896, par. 3; Lt22-1896.9

“There is in every one who truly loves God **the spirit of Christ**, which always leads to peace and love and never to dissension.” Lt21-1886.25

Persons 54 verses

King of Sodom to Abram, “Give me **the persons**, you take **the goods**” Gen 14:21 people vs things

Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughts, and all **the persons** of his house” Gen 36:6

Treat all persons fairly, the same: disregard their flesh, consider only their spirit

You shall **not respect persons in judgment**: hear the small as well as the great” Deut 1:17

The Lord your God is God of gods, Lord of lords, a great God, mighty, terrible, **regards not persons**” Deut 10:17

It is **not good to have respect of persons** in judgment. Prov 24:23

Peter, after his visit to Cornelius, said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons**.” Acts 10:34

Paul agreed, “For there is **no respect of persons with God**.” Romans 2:11; Eph 6:9; Col 3:25

“If you have **respect of persons, you commit sin**, convicted by the law as a transgressor” James 2:9

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Personal Being 31 7 unique

“There are many issues in our world today in regard to **the Creator** not being a **personal God**. **God is a being**, and man was made in His image.” 7MR 373.1; Ms117-1898.9

“God is a **spirit**; yet He is a **personal being**, for man was made in His image.” MH 413.1; 8T 263.1; Ms124-1903.1

“As a **personal being**, **God** has revealed Himself in **His Son**. The outshining of the Father's glory, “and the express image of **His person**,” **Jesus, as a personal Saviour**, came to the world. As a **personal Saviour** He ascended on high. As a **personal Saviour** He intercedes in the heavenly courts.” MH 418.4; Ed 31.5; 8T 265.1; Ms124-1903.1

“The Lord Jesus came to this world to represent the Father. He did **not** represent God as **an essence pervading nature**, but as a **personal being**.” Spaldng & Magan 324.2; Lt212-1903.23

Father vapor 3 1906 William Boardman “The Higher Christian Life” 1858

“Still another subtle and mischievous error is the fast-spreading belief that **Satan** has no existence as a **personal being**.” GC 524.3; 4SP 348.1

Personal God 111

Every church member will be vigorous and fruitful in proportion as he honors **the Father**, who is **not to be regarded as an essence** but as a **personal God** who made man in His own image and likeness.” Ms93-1893.6

“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 alway, even unto the end of the world.” Home Missionary July 1, 1897, Art. A, par. 16; RH Oct 26, 1897.9; 12MR 260.2; Ms41-1897.34; Ms70a-1897.10

“There is a **personal God, the Father**; there is a **personal Christ, the Son**.” Unpublished Testimonies, July 3, 1898. Healthful Living 287.1; RH Nov 8, 1898.9; RH March 17, 1904.9; Ms86-1898.11

“Christ came as a **personal Saviour** to the world. He represented a **personal God**. He ascended on high as a **personal Saviour**, and will come again as he ascended into heaven, a **personal Saviour**.” Healthful Living 296.3; RH Nov 8, 1898.15; March 17, 1904.15

“In the creation of man was manifest the agency of a **personal God...a personal, self-existing God** breathed into that form the breath of life, and man became a living, breathing, intelligent being...” MH 415.1; 8T 264.1;
“Through Jesus Christ, **God—not a perfume, not something intangible, but a personal God**—created man, and endowed him with intelligence and power.” 3MR 326.4; Ms117-1898.10

**John 4:24 God is a spirit. “Not a vapor, not a perfume, not just an essence pervading the universe”
A spirit being can also be a personal being, a person with a personality.**

“**God** gives to nature its life, its living properties, its beauty. [He] is the author of all nature's loveliness, and while He gives us this evidence of mighty power, **He is a personal God** and **Christ is a personal Saviour**.” Ms236-1902.1

“The **books of the Bible** containing most important instruction are disregarded because they **say so much about a personal God**.” SpTB07 39.2; Lt 242-1903.12

“Men are to discharge their duty to God. They are to have reverence for, and a **knowledge of, a personal God**.” SpTB07 50.1; Lt2531-1903.16

“Christ and the apostles taught clearly the truth of **the existence of a personal God**.” 8T 256.6; Lt250-1903.3

“...**ministers** who went to Battle Creek to teach and strengthen the truths of the Bible, are now, when old and gray-headed, **turning from the grand truths of the Bible**, and accepting infidel sentiments. This means that the next step will be a **denial of a personal God**, pulling down the bulwarks of the faith that is plainly revealed in the Scriptures.” 4MR 248.3

“Extreme views of “God in nature” undermine the foundation truths of **the personality of God and the ministration of angels**. A confused mass of spiritualistic ideas takes the place of faith in a **personal God**. I take no stock whatever in some of the principles that are **now being advocated**.” Lt271b-1903.3 **Both “spirits” What was NOW being advocated?**

Ms117a-1903 October

Dr. Kellogg’s “scientific, spiritualistic sentiments, which **do away with a personal God**, representing the Creator as an **essence pervading nature**.” “...impressions that are **opposed to the sacred truths** that for **the last fifty years** God has been giving us.” “...misleading arguments and views that Him [God as the supreme Rule]...**as nothingness**.” “The sentiments in the Living Temple regarding **the personality of God** have been received even by men who have a long experience in the truth...accept theories that rob us of a **personal God**, putting in **His place a farce**.” “...doctrines that **bring God down** to a level where **He is nothingness**...make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin.” “...rob [the people of God] of **their past experience**, giving them a **lie instead**.” “...doctrines that **deny the past experience** of the people of God.” “...God has led us **in the past**, giving us **truth, eternal truth**.” “...they will make many believe that the platform upon which we have been standing for **the last fifty years has been torn away**.” “...**Dr. Kellogg has departed from the faith** and has given heed to the seductions of satanic agencies.” “How dare any one seek to make of no effect the experience of Seventh-day Adventists for **the last fifty years**.”

Merging Church.ppx slides 14-20 “Kellogg had come to believe in the trinity” Oct 29, 1903

“Satan has sought to bring in the supposition that a reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the pillars of our faith for a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles that God in His wisdom has given would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be shown to be error. A new organization would be established. A system of intellectual philosophy would be formed. Books of a new order would be written.”

“Every church member will be vigorous and fruitful in proportion as he honors **the Father**, who is not to be regarded as an essence but as a **personal God** who made man in **His own image and likeness**. 20MR 323.5
The **Son of God**, who is the express image of **the Father's person**, became man's Advocate and Redeemer.” 20MR 323.6

“The Lord will work. Great facts will be revealed in the Word. There are rich experiences to be received from the great Medical Missionary. The knowledge of salvation through faith and a full trust in a **personal God** and a **personal Saviour**, will be manifest.” LLM 143.8; Paulson Collection 110.3; 201.5

“The sophistry that there is no **personal God** and no **personal Christ** has been set forth, and still lives, to be brought forth and fastened up human minds.” Paulson Collection 111.6; 202.7

Personal Presence 73

“After the Saviour's ascension, the sense of the divine presence, full of love and light, was still with them. It was a **personal presence**... Their union with Him was stronger now than when He was with them **in person**. The light and love and power of an **indwelling Christ** shone out through them, so that men, beholding, marveled.” AA 65.1

“It is the **Holy Spirit that draws men to Christ**, for He takes of the things of God and shows them unto the sinner. Jesus said: “He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.” Ms143-1901.33

No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him. John 6:44

“...the **Holy Spirit is the Comforter, as the personal presence of Christ** to the soul.” Ms143-1901.34

“They knew that **His personal presence** was no longer to be with them,...Ed 49.1

“**All things that I have heard of My Father** I have made known unto you.” And “the Comforter, ... whom **the Father will send in My name**, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 16:7; 15:15; 14:26. Ed 94.2

“All things that **the Father hath are Mine**.” “When **He, the Spirit of truth**, is come, **He will guide you** into all truth.... **He shall receive of Mine**, and shall show it unto you.” John 16:15, 13, 14. Ed 94.3

Acts 3:19 And he will send Jesus.

Personally

“As **Jehovah, the supreme Ruler, God** could **not personally communicate** with sinful men, but He so loved the world that He sent Jesus to our world as a revelation of Himself.” 9MR 122.3

Personality

“We need no fanciful teaching regarding **the personality of God**. What God desires us to know of Him is revealed in His word and His works. The beautiful things of nature reveal **His character and His power** as Creator.” CET 83.2; LS 94.2

“All created things testify to His power, His wisdom, His love. But not from the stars or the ocean or the cataract can we learn of **the personality of God as it is revealed in Christ**. 8T 265.4 1904

God saw that a clearer revelation than nature was needed to portray both **His personality and His character**. He sent **His Son** into the world to reveal, so far as could be endured by human sight, the nature and the attributes of the invisible God.” 8T 265.5 1904

“The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between **God and Christ**, and they bring to view as clearly **the personality and individuality of each**. CCh 76.4

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.” 8T 268

“Publish the truth; do not publish error. Do not try to explain in regard to . You cannot give any further explanation than the Bible has given.” Letter 179, 1904

“The **Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity**, and independent thereof. Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. **By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all.** In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not ascended on high. DA 669.2 1898

“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. **Christ would represent Himself** as present in all places by **His** Holy Spirit,—**as the Omnipresent.**” Present Truth UK May 30, 1895.7; 14MR 23.3; Lt119-1895.18

“And truly our **fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son** Jesus Christ.” 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**. **Wrong sentiments** regarding this are **coming in**, and we shall all have to meet them.” RH July 13, 1905

“Satan is working to make a **nonentity** of God and of Christ. The **Father and the Son each have a personality**. Christ declared, “I and My Father are one.” Yet **it was the Son of God who came to the world in human form.**” 9T p. 68; RH Aug 6, 1908.14

“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 p. 62 1905

“The **Holy Spirit has a personality**, else He could not bear witness **to our spirits and with our spirits** that we are the children of God. He must also be a **divine person**, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God. “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”—Manuscript 20, 1906; 20MR 69.1 **Not a separate divine person.**

“Christians should bear in mind that **God has a personality as verily as has Christ.** They should so represent Christ's person and conduct that by doing His works they will manifest the **character and spirit of the Father**. Christ is the express **image of His Father's person and character.**” Manuscript 130, 1902.34

“The **Holy Spirit** is the Comforter, in Christ's name. **He personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality.** We may have the Holy Spirit if we ask for **it** and make it [a] habit to turn to and trust in God rather than in any finite human agent who may make mistakes.” 20MR 324.2; Ms93-1893.8

“Reject every phase of error, even though it be covered with a semblance of reality, which **denies the personality of God and of Christ.**” RH August 31, 1905, par. 11

“He who **denies the personality of God and of his Son Jesus Christ**, is **denying God and Christ.** “If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall **continue in the Son, and in the Father.**” 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.” RH March 8, 1906.19

“While Christ stood forth **distinctly in His human personality**, and appealed in striking but simple language to humanity, He was in such **perfect oneness with God** that **His voice** came with authority, **as the voice of God** from the center of glory.” FE 406.1 **Christ also has a divine personality**

“The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between **God and Christ**, and they bring to view as clearly **the personality and individuality of each.**” MH 421.2; 8T 268.1

“The **personality of the Father and the Son**, also the unity that exists between Them, are presented , in the prayer of Christ for His disciples:” MH 421.7 **John 17 our church creed**

“The **seventeenth chapter of John** speaks plainly regarding the **personality of God and of Christ**, and of their relation to each other.” Ms 124, 1903

“The relation between **the Father and the Son, and the personality of both**, are made plain in this scripture also: 8T 269.5 “Thus speaketh **Jehovah** of hosts, saying, Behold, the man whose name is the **Branch**:...a counsel of peace shall be between them **both**. Zech 6:12,13”

“When I visited Battle Creek in the summer of 1904, we had to meet opposition from those who ought to have sustained me... “You desire to hear what Sister White believes,” I said. “She believes that **Jesus Christ is a personal Saviour, just as she has ever believed**. She does not try to do away with **His personality**,.. Our heavenly **Father is the God of the universe**, and **Christ is the divine Son**, the One equal with the Father.” Ms49-1906.26 **As the divine Son, he has a divine personality, distinct from the Father.**

“**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 **Not the same personality.**

“Here the position of **Jesus Christ** in reference to **his Father** is brought to view. While they are one in purpose, and one in mind, **yet in personality they are two.**” RH Aug 15, 1907.4

“There are those who do not believe in **the personality of Satan**. These do not oppose his work in their hearts. They are ignorant of his devices.” PH139 10.4

“The Lord Jesus came to our world **to represent the Father**. He **represented God not as an essence** that pervaded nature, but as **a God who has a personality**. Christ was the express image of **His Father's person;**” 19MR 250.4; Ms24-1891.59

“God sent **His own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, liable to physical infirmities, tempted in all points like as we are. He was the **Son of the living God**. **His personality did not begin with His incarnation** in the flesh.” Lt77-1894.9

“We all need to cling to the Lord Jesus Christ. In regard to **the Father**, we shall **soon understand** in regard to **His personality.**” Lt214-1903.13

“You are not definitely clear on **the personality of God**, which is **everything to us as a people**. You have virtually **destroyed the Lord God Himself.**” Lt300-1903.7

“While Christ stood forth as **the Son of man**, in **His own personality**, He was **at the same time one with the Deity.**” Ms140-1903.44 **[the Son of God]**

“The **personality of God** is represented in Jesus Christ. He is the express image of **His Father's person**. An understanding of the first chapters of the book of Hebrews is important.” Ms8-1914.37

“The **spiritualistic theories** regarding the **personality of God**, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy.” 1SM 203.4