

Holy Spirit Sabbath School Lessons
Lesson 12 – The work of the Holy Spirit

Sabbath Afternoon:

Quoted texts: John 16:8–11; Romans 5:10; Hebrews 4:15, 16; 1 Peter 5:8, 9; 1 John 5:12, 13; Psalm 31:24

John 16:7-11 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: **for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.** ⁸And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹Of sin, **because they believe not on me;** ¹⁰Of righteousness, **because I go to my Father,** and ye see me no more; ¹¹Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”

Please notice that in the above text the subject is Jesus himself. “that I go away” “if I go not” “if I depart, I will send him” “because they believe not on me” “because I go to my Father” and it is the same in the rest of the context when the words “the comforter” are used. Jesus is talking about Himself, in “the third person” which he did many times as shown below...

John 1:51 “And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

John 3:14-18 “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

John 5:25-28 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. ²⁶For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; ²⁷And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. ²⁸Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,”

These are just a few examples, and there are many, many more that can be shown, that show clearly the way that Jesus always talked.

Was “the Son of man” someone different to Jesus? No.

Was “the Son of God” someone different to Jesus? No, God forbid

Why didn't he just say “the angels of God ascending and descending upon me” or “the dead shall hear my voice: and they that hear shall live?”

That was clearly the way He talked about Himself in the third person especially when he was talking of the future.

So, when you read John 14-16 in context, it is clear that He is talking about Himself in the third person when He was telling His disciples about the Comforter, and particularly when He actually says to them “I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you”.

Romans 5:10-11 “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, **we shall be saved by his life.** ¹¹And not only so, but we also joy in God **through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.**”

Here, we see a vitally important point. It is through Christ and by Christ that we receive the atonement.

How does the trinity doctrine affect the atonement?

“Many writers appear to think that the atonement, in respect to its dignity and efficacy, rests upon the doctrine of a trinity. But I fail to see any such connection. On the contrary the advocates of that doctrine really fall into the difficulty they seem anxious to avoid. And here it is curious to observe how the widest extremes meet in theology. The highest Trinitarians and lowest Unitarians meet and are perfectly united on the death of Christ,- the faith of both amounts to Socinianism. Unitarians believe that Christ was a prophet, an inspired teacher, but merely human;

that his death was that of a human body only. Trinitarians hold that "Christ" comprehends two natures; one that was merely human; the other, **the second person in the trinity, who dwelt in the flesh for a brief period**, but could not possibly suffer, or die: that the Christ that died was only the human nature in which the divinity had dwelt. Both classes have a human offering, and nothing more. No matter how exalted the pre-existent Son was; no matter how glorious, how powerful, or even eternal; if the manhood only died the sacrifice was only human. And so far as the vicarious death of Christ is concerned, this is Socinianism. Thus I think the remark just that **the doctrine of a trinity degrades the atonement**, resting it solely on a human offering as a basis.

{James White, ARSH November 3, 1863, p. 181.26}

The trinity doctrine destroys the atonement.

Atonement is only possible for mankind because God was willing to give His only begotten Son to die for guilty mankind.

The trinity denies that there is a real Father and a real Son. So who gave who, if the trinity is real? If they are all co-eternal, then that means they are all the same age and no one gave up anything and there isn't a real Father who gave His real Son. It was all just a role play and not real?

Where does that leave us?

No atonement, no salvation, and totally lost.

But what does the scripture say above? "we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,"

The Bible does not lie, God isn't a liar, Paul isn't a liar.

"much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

1 John 5:9-11 "If we receive the witness of men, **the witness of God is greater**: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. ¹⁰He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: **he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.** ¹¹And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

I would rather believe God, His only begotten Son, and the Apostles' Paul and John than the father of lies who has deceived the whole world with this evil trinitarian heresy.

Hebrews 4:14-16 "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. ¹⁵For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

This text is so important because it shows that the adversary watches for every opportunity to devour God's people. Does the SDA church think that he will leave them alone? Do they honestly think that they are immune from infiltration from the forces of evil? History should show them the success that the enemy of souls has had in leading God's people into idolatry, sin and open apostasy.

All through the pages of the history of the people of Israel are scattered with examples of spiritual adultery where they went after other gods and provoked God to jealousy and anger until He finally cast them off, left their house desolate and formed the Christian church.

Now, they have followed in the footsteps of the Jewish church and repeated the same history, even until today, where the SDA church has chosen another god.

But, praise God, he still has a small remnant that have not bowed the knee to this trinitarian monstrosity, but still worship the one true God of the Bible.

1 John 5:12-13 "He that believeth on **the Son of God** hath the witness in himself: **he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.** ¹¹And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and **this life is in his Son.** ¹²**He that hath the Son hath life;** and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. ¹³These things have I written unto you **that believe on the name of the Son of God;** that ye may know that **ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.**"

Psalms 31:23-24 "O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for **the LORD preserveth the faithful,** and

plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. ²⁴Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, **all ye that hope in the LORD.**"

We will comment on the above two texts as they appear in the lesson study.

Memory Text: Romans 15:13 "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

The comments attached to this quote are so very wrong, it is beyond my comprehension that someone claiming to be a Seventh-day Adventist could even put them in print.

The Bible is abundantly clear...

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

1 John 2:1-2 "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have **an advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: ²And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

Romans 8:34 "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, **who also maketh intercession for us.**"

Hebrews 7:22,25 "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. ²⁵Wherefore he is able also **to save them to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, seeing **he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**"

There is only one mediator, advocate, intercessor between God and man, the man Jesus Christ. It is pure confusion and blasphemy against "the Spirit of Christ" to even suggest that there is someone else. The Bible never suggests anywhere that there are two advocates/mediators/intercessors.

Yes, the "spirit" is referred to as an intercessor in...

Romans 8:26-27 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

If we were just to take these two verses out of context, you might think that it is saying that "the Spirit" is someone different from Christ, but when read in context with...

Romans 8:9-11 "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that **the Spirit of God** dwell in you. Now if any man have not **the Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his. ¹⁰And **if Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹But if **the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies **by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.**"

It becomes very clear that "the Spirit" referred to in v:26-27 is "the Spirit of Christ" who "maketh intercession for us" "because he maketh intercession for the saints" not some co-eternal god the eternal spirit of a mysterious trinity confusion.

Also, it would be impossible for the sincere Bible student to harmonize Rom 8:9-11 with 1 Tim 2:5, if you make the Holy Spirit anyone other than Jesus Christ.

Sunday:

Conviction of Sin

John 16:7-10 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: **for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.** ⁸And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹Of sin, **because they believe not on me;** ¹⁰Of righteousness, **because I go to my Father**, and ye see me no more; ¹¹Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

As we have seen before, "the Comforter" is Jesus Christ himself. He is our comforter, our "paraclete" our helper and advocate and none other as "the Spirit of Christ", remember this very powerful statement whenever someone quotes these verses and the others in John 16 and says it is someone else...

"It is not essential for you to know and be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is. Christ tells us that the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, and the Comforter is the Holy Ghost, "the Spirit of truth, which

the Father shall send in My name.” “I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you” [John 14:16, 17]. **This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.** Again Jesus says, “I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth” [John 16:12, 13]. – {14MR 179.2}

This quote alone totally destroys the trinity doctrine, and agrees 100% with the scriptures already quoted that show who our “helper/advocate/comforter really is, “the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ”

Romans 2:1-11 “Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. ²But we are sure that **the judgment of God is according to truth** against them which commit such things. ³And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, **that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?** ⁴Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? ⁵**But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;** ⁶Who will render to every man according to his deeds: ⁷To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: ⁸But unto them that are contentious, **and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness,** indignation and wrath, ⁹Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; ¹⁰But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: ¹¹For **there is no respect of persons with God.**”

Matthew 7:3 “And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?”

These texts show what is happening today to the servants of God who are faithfully sharing the truth about the one true God and Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. The very things that the church of today are accusing God's servants of, they are committing themselves.

They are busy on a witch hunt to root out heresy, when they are “wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked” themselves and don't even realise it.

We are accused of heresy and blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, but these are the very things that the church is doing by accepting this trinity doctrine which is the very omega of deadly heresy.

The lesson states in the 4th paragraph “we do not believe in Jesus, and, thus, reject the One who can save us from our sin and guilt”. This is true about the church. They have rejected Jesus as the only begotten Son of God and placed a false god in His place and until they repent, they can not be saved from their sin and guilt.

And Only Christ Jesus “can open our hearts and minds to our great need of repentance”, by “the Spirit of Christ” and no other.

Monday:

The Need of Righteousness

John 16:8 “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:”

Since the context shows that the whole passage is talking about Jesus Christ, and what He will do for and “in” His people then it is clear that it is Christ Himself that will convict us of righteousness.

“He is our righteousness”

“Righteousness within is testified to by righteousness without. He who is righteous within is not hard-hearted and unsympathetic, but day by day he grows **into the image of Christ**, going on from strength to strength. He who is being sanctified by the truth will be self-controlled, and **will follow in the footsteps of Christ until grace is lost in glory. The righteousness by which we are justified is imputed; the righteousness by which we are sanctified is imparted. The first is our title to heaven, the second is our fitness for heaven.** – {RH June 4, 1895 Par. 7}

This is so clear. Our only source of righteousness is Christ Himself. It is His righteousness which

He imputed to us and imparts to us, and He convicts us of this truth, by “the Spirit of truth” which is “the Spirit of Christ”

Romans 5:10-11 “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, **we shall be saved by his life.** ¹¹And not only so, but we also joy in God **through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.**”

We saw before how our atonement is affected by the trinity doctrine but how are we saved according to the above text? “we shall be saved by his life”

“To the believer, Christ is the resurrection **and the life.** In our Saviour the life that was lost through sin is restored; for **He has life in Himself to quicken whom He will.** He is invested with the right to give immortality. **The life that He laid down in humanity, He takes up again, and gives to humanity.** “I am come,” He said, “that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” “Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” “Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” John 10:10; 4:14; John 6:54. – {DA 786.4}

“The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of **the life of Christ.** {DA 805.3}

“All professions of Christianity are but lifeless expressions of faith until **Jesus imbues the believer with his spiritual life, which is the Holy Ghost.** The evangelist is not prepared to teach the truth, and to be the representative of Christ, till he has received this heavenly gift.” {3SP 242.2}

“**The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ,** which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency, that through His grace we might be complete in Him. The Lord has provided that we should always be under the teaching and influence of the Holy Spirit.” {14MR 84.3}

The quotes above show, when placed alongside Romans 5:10, that the life of Christ, that we are saved by, is the “Spirit of Christ” beyond any doubt.

When Christ had perfected His humanity, he laid it down in death, resurrected it and then took it to heaven, was glorified and now he offers us His perfect life, which is “His Holy Spirit” “the Spirit of Christ” and it is that life, in us, by His word, that saves us, that “quickens” us, gives us life, eternal life.

Hebrews 4:14-16 “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. ¹⁵For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

This text affirms the fact that our great high priest is “Jesus the Son of God” and as we have seen before, this fact is denied by the trinity doctrine.

How can a trinitarian “come boldly to the throne of grace” and “obtain mercy” when they worship another god, one who isn’t even seated on the throne of grace, but is a fallen angel deceiving the whole world into worshipping him.

The only trinity found in the Bible is the trinity of Satan himself.

*He is **the father of lies** John 8:44*

*He is “**Lucifer son of the morning**” Isaiah 14:12*

*He is “**the spirit of antichrist**” 1 John 4:3; He is “the devil” an “unclean spirit” Luke 9:42*

There you have it – a counterfeit father, son and unholy spirit – three in one.

The last paragraph implies that the spirit is someone separate from Christ, but as we have shown so clearly, this is not the case, Christ’s presence is here with us himself by “the Spirit of Christ” and His disciples are empowered by “the Spirit of Christ” who enables them to grow in “conformity to Christ”. Again we ask why would Christ need to send someone else when He is omnipresent and is able to be with us Himself by His spirit?

Tuesday:

Conviction about Judgement:

John 16:7-11 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: **for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.** ⁸And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹Of sin, **because they believe not on me;** ¹⁰Of righteousness, **because I go to my Father,** and ye see me no more; ¹¹Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”

1 Peter 5:8-9 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

Why was “the prince of this world judged”? Because of what he did in his rebellion against God, His government and particularly His only begotten Son. He spared nothing in his attack on Jesus Christ and revealed his true character when he caused him to be crucified.

Sadly, the church is following in his footsteps instead of following Jesus, and those who follow the dictates of the church will be swept away with it like the Jews who refused to flee Jerusalem when it was destroyed were caught up in it’s destruction.

Now as one of the daughters of Babylon, she is drunk with the wine of Babylon and will be destroyed with her unless she heeds the warning message...

Revelation 18:4 “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

Wednesday:

The Assurance of Salvation

1 John 5:9-13 “If we receive the witness of men, **the witness of God is greater:** for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. ¹⁰He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: **he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.** ¹¹And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and **this life is in his Son.** ¹²He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. ¹³These things have I written unto you that believe on **the name of the Son of God;** that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of **the Son of God.**”

Romans 8:9-17 “But ye are not in the flesh, but **in the Spirit,** if so be that **the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not **the Spirit of Christ,** he is none of his. ¹⁰And **if Christ be in you,** the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹But **if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you,** he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies **by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.** ¹²Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. ¹³For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. ¹⁴For as many as are led by **the Spirit of God,** they are **the sons of God.** ¹⁵For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

2 Corinthians 5:5 “Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.”

Notice what they have done with the three texts above, they have quoted just a few verses, completely out of context to try to show that “the Spirit” is someone other than “the Spirit of Christ” or “the Spirit of God” but the context reveals their deception.

The first sentence in the comments is totally wrong. “The Spirit of Christ” is the only one who draws sinners to Christ Jesus.

Next, they introduce such confusion by using the words “If we do not have the Spirit of Christ” then going on to state “But now we have the internal testimony of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us” implying that it is a different person to “the Spirit of Christ” and then continues this confusion till the end of the comments.

There is only one Spirit (Eph 4:4), which is the Spirit of the Father (Jn 15:26) inherited by His Son

'from the days of eternity' (Mic 5:2 Margin).

The words "Holy Spirit" are just a shortened version of "the Spirit of God" or "the holy Spirit of God" or "the Spirit of Christ". It isn't a different person.

Ephesians 1:12-14 "That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted **in Christ**.¹³In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**,¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, **unto the praise of his glory.**" *Again, they take the scriptures out of context, imply that it is referring to someone else other than Christ Jesus and bring in total confusion by separating Christ from His spirit in one instance and then quote Romans 8:9 which teaches the exact opposite to what they just stated. The text is clear...* "Now if any man have not **the Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his." *Just leave it at that. It is so clear; the holy spirit is the spirit of Christ. It belongs to Him, it comes from Him, and it is "the Spirit of Christ" that seals us to Christ.* "Christ in you the hope of glory" **"unto the praise of his glory"**

"And when He had said this, **He breathed on them**, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." 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. – {DA 805.2}

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. – {DA 805.3}

"Herein is My Father glorified," said Jesus, "that ye bear much fruit." God desires to manifest through you the holiness, the benevolence, the compassion, **of His own character**. Yet the Saviour does not bid the disciples labor to bear fruit. He tells them to abide in Him. "If ye abide in Me," He says, "and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." **It is through the word that Christ abides in His followers**. This is the same vital union that is represented by eating His flesh and drinking His blood. **The words of Christ are spirit and life**. Receiving them, you receive the life of the Vine. You live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4. **The life of Christ in you produces the same fruits as in Him. Living in Christ, adhering to Christ, supported by Christ, drawing nourishment from Christ, you bear fruit after the similitude of Christ.** – {DA 677.1}

These quotes are so clear, it is all Christ and no-one else. He does everything in us by "the Spirit of Christ", His own life in us to change us into His likeness.

Thursday:

The Holy Spirit and hope

Romans 5:1-5 "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:²By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.³And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;⁴And patience, experience; and experience, hope:⁵And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.⁶For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

Romans 15:13 "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

And again, they quote verses that use the words “Holy Ghost” in an effort to imply something different to what the texts actually say. The first two could easily read as follows...

“because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Spirit of God”

“that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Spirit of God”

It is the Spirit of God or the Spirit of Christ that pours out God’s love to us, not some mysterious third member of a trinity.

God demonstrated His love for us, by giving His Son for us, and by pouring His love into our hearts by His Holy Spirit.

It is God and Christ alone that give us love and hope because they are truly a real Father and Son and gave everything they had just to save us and give us the hope of eternal salvation. That is true love.

The trinity doctrine destroys this love, by destroying the true Father/Son relationship.

“Angels were expelled from heaven because they would not work in harmony with God. They fell from their high estate because they wanted to be exalted. They had come to exalt themselves, and they forgot that their beauty of person and of character came from the Lord Jesus. This fact the [fallen] angels would obscure, **that Christ was the only begotten Son of God**, and they came to consider that they were not to consult Christ.” – {TDG 128.2}

This testimony of Jesus tells us the enemy’s plan, and they have almost achieved it through this trinity doctrine, but God has a faithful remnant who will not bow the knee to this heresy of heresies but are standing for the truth and giving the warning message to the world and many are coming out of this darkness into the light of truth, all praise and glory to God the Father and to His only begotten Son Jesus Christ.

Psalm 31:23-24 “O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. ²⁴Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.”

What does it mean to “hope in the LORD”? The only one who can truly hope in the LORD is the one that is faithful and obedient to what the Bible teaches and places their complete trust in the provision that God has made for mankind in giving us His only begotten Son to die in our place to offer us salvation. The trinitarian has no hope of these things because they have chosen a false god in the place of the One True God of the Bible and have chosen another Jesus, and another gospel, and have built their house on the shifting sands of error, and storm and tempest will sweep them away.

Friday

This quarterly lesson finishes where it started and continued all the way through with error by stating “the Holy Spirit works harmoniously together with God the Father and God the Son to accomplish our salvation”.

The plan of salvation was worked out by God the Father and Christ the only begotten Son of the Father alone, working in us and for us by their Holy Spirit, which is their omnipresence, their life.

There is no such person as “God the Son”, it is found nowhere in Scripture or the Spirit of Prophecy.

Zechariah 6:12-13 “And speak unto him, saying, 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: ¹³Even 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.**”

“**The Sovereign of the universe** was not alone in **His** work of beneficence. He had **an associate—a co-worker** who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1, 2. **Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God**, was one with the eternal Father—one in nature, in character, in purpose—the **only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God**. “His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6. His “**goings forth** have been from of old, from everlasting.” Micah 5:2. And **the Son of God**

declares concerning Himself: "The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. **I was set up** from everlasting.... When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as **one brought up with Him**: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him." Proverbs 8:22-30. – {PP 34.1}

The Father wrought by His Son in the creation of all heavenly beings. "By Him were all things created, ... whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him." Colossians 1:16. Angels are God's ministers, radiant with the light ever flowing from His presence and speeding on rapid wing to execute His will. **But the Son, the anointed of God, the "express image of His person," "the brightness of His glory,"** "upholding all things by the word of His power," holds supremacy over them all. Hebrews 1:3. "A glorious high throne from the beginning," was the place of His sanctuary (Jeremiah 17:12); "a scepter of righteousness," the scepter of His kingdom. Hebrews 1:8. "Honor and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary." Psalm 96:6. Mercy and truth go before His face. Psalm 89:14. – {PP 34.2}

All of the comments that the lesson brings forth about this mysterious person that the trinitarian calls "the Holy Spirit" are in truth, the workings of "the Spirit of Christ" and no one else.

Finally, to bring this commentary to a close I would like to share the following with you. It shows how far reaching this trinity confusion goes in separating those who believe it from the One True God of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

The Ten Commandments are the very transcript of God's character of love, and the solid foundation of His government. To break just one of the commandments is a serious matter because the Scripture says...

Matthew 5:19-20 "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

James 2:8-10 "If ye fulfil **the royal law** according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: ⁹But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whosoever shall keep the whole law, **and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.**"

This trinity doctrine not only breaks the first commandment but breaks every one of them as is shown below. To believe this omega of deadly heresy is to totally separate the one who believes it from God.

Isaiah 59:1-15 "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: ²**But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.** ³**For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.** ⁴None calleth for justice, **nor any pleadeth for truth**: they trust in vanity, and **speak lies**; they **conceive mischief**, and **bring forth iniquity**. ⁵They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. ⁶Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: **their works are works of iniquity**, and the act of violence is in their hands. ⁷**Their feet run to evil**, and they make **haste to shed innocent blood**: their thoughts are **thoughts of iniquity**; wasting and destruction are in their paths. ⁸**The way of peace they know not**; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them **crooked paths**: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. ⁹Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: **we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.** ¹⁰We grope for the wall like the blind, and **we grope as if we had no eyes**: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. ¹¹We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: **we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.** ¹²For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and **our sins testify against us**: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; ¹³**In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.**

¹⁴And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: **for truth is fallen in the street**, and equity cannot enter. ¹⁵Yea, **truth faileth**; and **he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey**; and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.”

Believing in the Trinity, and professing this belief, makes me a commandment breaker for the following reasons:

1. The Trinity is a different god than the God of the Bible that delivered me from bondage, and by pledging my name to this belief I am breaking the first and great commandment, which is to love the Lord my God with all my heart, and with all my soul, and with all my mind, and to worship no other gods (Exodus 20: 3; Matthew 22:37, 38). I cannot place the Trinity before the God of the Bible who delivered me.
2. The Trinity is a different god than the God of the Bible that delivered me from bondage, and by pledging my name to this belief I am breaking the second of the Ten Commandments by humbling myself to an image formed by the imagination of man (Exodus 20: 4, 5).
3. The Trinity is a different god than the God of the Bible that delivered me from bondage, and by pledging my name to this belief I am breaking the third of the Ten Commandments by taking the name of Jehovah as emptiness and vanity by misrepresenting the truth of who my God is (20:7).
4. The Trinity is a different god than the God of the Bible that delivered me from bondage, and by pledging my name to this belief I am breaking the fourth of the Ten Commandments by attributing the work of creation to a god who is not the God of creation (Exodus 20:7-11).
5. The Trinity is a different god than the God of the Bible that delivered me from bondage, and by pledging my name to this belief I am breaking the fifth of the Ten Commandments by dishonoring the teachings that were handed to, and preserved by, the fathers and mothers of our faith (Exodus 20:12). This includes the valiant fathers and mothers of ancient Israel who preserved and passed down the faith, and the fathers and mothers of the Seventh-day Adventist present Truth.
6. The Trinity is a different god than the God of the Bible that delivered me from bondage, and by pledging my name to this belief I am breaking the sixth of the Ten Commandments by leading people to their destruction by preventing the true knowledge of God and Christ that heals and saves the soul (Exodus 20:13).
7. The Trinity is a different god than the God of the Bible that delivered me from bondage, and by pledging my name to this belief I am breaking the seventh of the Ten Commandments by committing spiritual adultery, which is idolatry (Exodus 20:14).
8. The Trinity is a different god than the God of the Bible that delivered me from bondage, and by pledging my name to this belief I am breaking the eighth of the Ten Commandments by seeking to enter the fold of Christ by a way other than through Christ, who is truly the only begotten Son of God. Jesus says, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber... I am the door of the sheep.” (Exodus 20: 15; John 10:1, 7).
9. The Trinity is a different god than the God of the Bible that delivered me from bondage, and by pledging my name to this belief I am breaking the ninth of the Ten Commandments by bearing false witness against Jesus Christ, my own Brother: “For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren” (Hebrews 2:11). By twisting my closest Brother’s plain testimony as to who He is and His origin to suit the Trinity, I deny my Lord and Saviour, and lie to my neighbor about who God and Christ are (Exodus 20:16).
10. The Trinity is a different god than the God of the Bible that delivered me from bondage, and by pledging my name to this belief I am breaking the tenth of the Ten Commandments by coveting those things which God has appointed for destruction, namely the works of falsehood, and the fellowship and accomplishments of others who are breaking the commandments of God by worshipping the Trinity.

Let us conclude with the following...

Revelation 3:14-2 “And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; ¹⁵I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. ¹⁶So then **because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.** ¹⁷Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and **knowest not that thou art**

wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: ¹⁸I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; **and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.** ¹⁹**As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.** ²⁰**Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.** ²¹To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. ²²**He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

Revelation 18:4 “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

Amen