

Lesson 60: The Godhead, Part 1

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

1. God is infinite; we are finite. **Job 11:7-9**

"Canst thou by searching find out _____? canst thou find out the _____ unto perfection? It is as _____ as heaven; what canst thou _____? _____ than hell; what canst thou _____? The measure thereof is _____ than the earth, and _____ than the sea."

Note: "No **finite** mind can fully comprehend the **existence**, the **power**, the **wisdom**, or the **works** of the Infinite One. ... The mightiest intellects of earth cannot comprehend God. Men may be ever searching, ever learning, and still there is an **infinity** beyond." PP 116.1

2. God has revealed Himself in the works of creation. **Romans 1:20**

"For the _____ things of him from the creation of the world are clearly _____, being _____ by the things that are _____, even his eternal _____ and _____; so that they are without _____."

Note: "Yet the **works** of creation **testify** of God's **power** and **greatness**. ... **Those who take the written word as their counselor**, will find in science an **aid** to understand God." PP 116.2

"But their testimony can be understood **only through the aid of the divine Teacher.**" Ed 134.3

Psalms 19:1 "The _____ declare the _____ of God; and the firmament _____ his _____."

3. In order to understand God's revelation rightly, we must have His Spirit to teach us.

1 Corinthians 2:10,11 But _____ hath revealed them unto us by his _____: for the _____ searcheth _____ things, yea, the _____ things of _____. For what man knoweth the things of a _____, save the spirit of _____ which is in him? even so the things of _____ knoweth no _____, but the _____ of God."

"**He who studies most deeply** into the mysteries of nature will **realize most fully** his own **ignorance** and **weakness**. He will realize that there are **depths** and **heights** which he cannot reach, **secrets** which he cannot **penetrate**, vast fields of truth lying before him unentered. He will be ready to say, with Newton, 'I seem to myself to have been like a child on the seashore finding pebbles and shells, while the great ocean of truth lay undiscovered before me.'" Ed 133.2

"**The deepest students of science are constrained to recognize in nature the working of infinite power.** But to man's unaided reason, nature's teaching cannot but be **contradictory** and **disappointing**. **Only** in the light of **revelation** can it be read **aright**. 'Through faith we understand.' Hebrews 11:3.

"'In the beginning God.' Genesis 1:1. **Here alone** can the mind in its eager questioning, fleeing as the dove to the ark, find rest. Above, beneath, beyond, abides **Infinite Love**, working out all things to accomplish 'the good pleasure of His goodness.' 2 Thessalonians 1:11." Ed 134.1,2

4. Who guides us into all truth? **John 16:13** "Howbeit when he, the _____ of truth, is come, he will _____ you into _____ truth: for he shall not speak of _____; but whatsoever he shall _____, that shall he speak: and he will _____ you things to come."

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Note: “Only by the aid of that Spirit who in the beginning 'was brooding upon the face of the waters;' [Gen. 1:2] of that Word by whom 'all things were made;' [John 1:3] of that true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world,' [John 1:9] can the testimony of science be rightly interpreted. Only by their guidance can its deepest truths be discerned.” Ed 134.4

“Only under the direction of the Omniscient One shall we, in the study of His works, be enabled to think His thoughts after Him.” Ed 134.5

5. What is the first thing we learn about God in the Bible? **Genesis 1:1**

“In the _____ God _____ the _____ and the _____.”

God is the One who _____ everything. The power to create is one of the characteristics that makes Him God. **Isaiah 45:18** “For thus saith the _____ that _____ the heavens; _____ himself that _____ the earth and _____ it; he hath _____ it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the _____; and there is _____ else.”

Nehemiah 9:6 “Thou, even thou, art LORD _____; thou hast _____ heaven, the heaven of heavens, with _____ their host, the _____, and _____ things that are therein, the _____, and _____ that is therein, and thou _____ them _____; and the host of heaven _____ thee.”

6. The Hebrew word for God in Genesis 1:1 and many other verses is *Elohiym* which is a plural form. *Elohiym* is used when God made man. This is why it uses “us” and “our” instead of “me” and “my”.

Genesis 1:26,27 “And God said, Let _____ make man in _____ image, after _____ likeness: and let them have _____ over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over _____ the earth, and over _____ creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So _____ created man in his _____ image, in the image of _____ created he _____; _____ and _____ created he _____.” Just as God is plural, so when He created man in His image, he created him plural – male and female.

7. Let's see who this “us” includes: **Hebrews 1:1-3** “_____, who at sundry times and in divers manners _____ in time past unto the fathers by the _____, Hath in these last days _____ unto us by his _____, whom he hath _____ heir of all things, _____ whom also he _____ the worlds; Who _____ the brightness of his _____, and the _____ of his _____, and upholding _____ things by the _____ of his power, when he had by himself _____ our _____, sat down on the _____ hand of the _____ on high.”

Genesis 1:2 And the _____ was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the _____ of _____ upon the face of the waters.

We see in **Hebrews 1:1** that it says _____ spoke to the fathers by the prophets.

In **Hebrews 1:2** it tells us that G_____ has spoken to us by His _____.

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So we have the S_____ and His F_____. It says that the Father made all things by His _____. So we have the Father and the _____ who created.

Genesis 1:2 tells us that the _____ of God was there M_____ upon the face of the waters. He was also involved in the creation of the world. So we have the F_____ and the S_____ and the S_____ of God, often called the Holy S_____.

8. **Hebrews 1:2,3** tells us that the S_____ is the brightness of the F_____ 's glory and He also is the express _____ of the F_____ 's person. He is also _____ all things by the word of His _____.

Note: "As regards this earth, Scripture declares the work of creation to have been completed. 'The works were finished from the foundation of the world.' Hebrews 4:3. **But the power of God is still exercised in upholding the objects of His creation.** It is not because the mechanism once set in motion continues to act by its own inherent energy that the pulse beats, and breath follows breath. Every breath, every pulsation of the heart, is an **evidence** of the **care** of Him in whom we live and move and have our being. From the smallest insect to man, **every living creature is daily dependent upon His providence.**" Ed 130.5

"The mighty power that works through all nature and sustains all things is **not**, as some men of science claim, merely an all-pervading principle, an actuating energy. **God is a spirit; yet He is a personal being, for man was made in His image.** 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' (Hebrews 1:3), was on earth found in fashion as a man. As a **personal Savior** He came to the world. As a **personal Savior** He ascended on high. As a **personal Savior** He intercedes in the heavenly courts. Before the throne of God in our behalf ministers 'One like the Son of _____.' Daniel 7:13." Ed 131.1

9. The apostle Paul, writing by the Holy Spirit, declares of Christ in **Colossians 1:14-17**: "In _____ we have _____ through his blood, even the forgiveness of _____: Who is the _____ of the _____ God, the firstborn of every creature: For _____ him were all things _____, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: _____ things were _____ by him, and for him: And he is _____ all things, and _____ him all things _____."

Note: "The **hand** that **sustains** the worlds in space, the hand that **holds** in their orderly arrangement and tireless activity all things throughout the universe of God, **is the hand that was nailed to the cross for us.**" Ed 132.1

10. God is a God of **infinite power**. He is also a God of **infinite wisdom**.

Daniel 2:20 "Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of _____ for ever and ever: for _____ and _____ are _____."

1 Corinthians 1:24 "But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, _____ the _____ of God, and the _____ of God."

Romans 11:33 "O the depth of the riches both of the _____ and _____ of God! how _____ are his judgments, and his ways _____ finding out!"

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Psalm 104:24 "O LORD, how _____ are thy works! in _____ hast thou _____ them all: the earth is _____ of thy riches.

Note: "Parents can associate God with the works of nature. While beholding his works, the beautiful trees, and plants, and flowers, they can **awaken an interest in their young minds for the glories of Heaven**. By making home and its surroundings attractive, they will **lessen the desire for exciting pleasures and amusements** which are injurious to the physical, mental, and moral health of children. You can beautify your homes with fruit trees, and shrubs, and flowers, and **encourage in the minds of your children a love for these things**. You can teach them in relation to the better life, by **connecting** the beauties of nature, so marred, and imperfect, and short-lived, with the never-fading and immortal beauties of **Eden restored**. You can unite with nature's your lessons of the love and mercy of our beneficent Creator, who has given them all these things for their happiness. **You should seek to draw their hearts from nature up to nature's God**, and **connect** the **mercy** of God with the morning light, and the glories of the setting sun. His **mercy** is **seen** in the musical, murmuring streams, and even in frowning storms. **Direct their minds to the mercy of God** in the summer's heat and winter's cold. **We can trace before them the mercy and wisdom of God** in the falling of the blessed rain to refresh and enliven the parched earth and vegetation, and **direct them to a love and wisdom that is infinite**. Young hearts will **respond** to such lessons as these, and parents will be blessed in seeing the fruit of their labor in the physical, mental, and moral improvement of their loved ones." HR, March 1, 1871 par. 10

11. "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. He has an intimate knowledge of, and a personal interest in, all the works of His hand." Ed 132.2

Psalm 113:5,6 Who is _____ unto the LORD our God, who _____ on high, Who _____ himself to _____ the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

Psalm 139:7-10 "Whither shall I _____ from thy _____? or whither shall I _____ from thy _____? If I ascend up into _____, thou art _____: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art _____. If I take the wings of the morning, and _____ in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even _____ shall thy _____ lead me, and thy right hand shall _____ me."

12. He is a **personal** God who knows us individually and personally.

Psalm 139:2-6 Thou _____ my downsitting and mine uprising, thou _____ my _____ afar off. Thou _____ my path and my lying down, and art _____ with _____ my ways. For there is not a _____ in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou _____ it altogether. Thou hast beset me _____ and _____, and _____ thine hand upon me. Such _____ is too _____ for me; it is _____, I cannot attain unto it.

Note: "It was the Maker of all things who **ordained** the wonderful adaptation of means to end, of supply to need. **It was He who in the material world provided that every desire implanted should be met**. It was He who **created the human soul, with its capacity for knowing and for loving**. And He is not in Himself such as to leave the demands of the soul unsatisfied. No intangible principle, no impersonal

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essence or mere abstraction, can **satisfy** the **needs** and **longings** of human beings in this life of struggle with sin and sorrow and pain. It is **not enough** to believe in law and force, in things that have no pity, and never hear the cry for help. **We need to know of an almighty arm that will hold us up, of an infinite Friend that pities us.** We need to clasp a hand that is warm, to trust in a heart full of tenderness. And even so God has in His word revealed Himself." Ed 133.1

13. God is a **personal** God with **infinite love**.

1 John 4:8 "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for _____."

Jeremiah 31:3 "The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have _____ thee with an _____ love: therefore with _____ have I drawn thee."

Ephesians 3:17-19 "That _____ may dwell in your _____ by faith; that ye, being _____ and grounded in _____, May be able to _____ with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and _____, and height; And to _____ the _____ of Christ, which _____ knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the _____ of God."

Note: "When we seek for appropriate language in which to describe the love of God, **we find words too tame, too weak, too far beneath the theme**, and we lay down our pen and say, 'No, it cannot be described.' We can only do as did the beloved disciple, and say,

' _____, what _____ of love the Father hath _____ upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.' **1 John 3:1.**

Note: "In attempting any description of this love, we feel that we are as infants lisping their first words. Silently we may adore; for silence in this matter is the only eloquence. **This love is past all language to describe.**" FLB 43.3

"All the paternal love which has come down from generation to generation through the channel of human hearts, all the springs of tenderness which have opened in the souls of men, are but as a tiny rill to the boundless ocean when compared with the **infinite, exhaustless love of God**. Tongue cannot utter it; pen cannot portray it. You may meditate upon it every day of your life; you may search the Scriptures diligently in order to understand it; you may summon every power and capability that God has given you, in the endeavor to comprehend the love and compassion of the heavenly Father; and yet there is an infinity beyond. You may study that love for ages; yet **you can never fully comprehend the length and the breadth, the depth and the height, of the love of God in giving His Son to die for the world.** Eternity itself can never fully reveal it. Yet as we **study** the Bible and **meditate** upon the life of Christ and the plan of redemption, these great themes will open to our understanding more and more." FLB 43.4

14. So we have discovered that God has infinite P_____. This was demonstrated in the C_____ of all things and in U_____ all that has been created by His word. God has infinite W_____. This is demonstrated in the **way** all things are created. God has infinite L_____. God ___ love. It is his character. His love is deeper, higher, wider, longer than we can understand. This powerful, wise, and loving God is a P_____ God who knows each one of us **personally** and cares for each of us and each of the things that He has created personally so that not even a _____ is forgotten before _____. [Luke 12:6,7] And He says that we are of **more** _____ to God than many _____.

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15. This God created the world and made it most beautiful. Then He created a _____ [Adam] and a _____ [Eve]. He placed them in a _____. **Genesis 2:8,9** “And the LORD God planted a _____ eastward in Eden; and there he put the _____ whom he had formed. And out of the ground _____ the LORD God to _____ every tree that is _____ to the sight, and _____ for food; the tree of _____ also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of _____ and _____.”
16. In this garden God placed a **test** to see if they would **choose** to be loyal and obedient to His word or **choose** to be disloyal and disobedient to His word and **choose** another as their ruler. **Genesis 2:16,17** “And the LORD God _____ the man, saying, Of _____ tree of the garden thou mayest _____ eat: _____ of the tree of the knowledge of _____ and _____, thou shalt _____ eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely _____.”
17. When they disobeyed and listened to the serpent instead of believing and obeying the Word of their all-powerful, all-wise, all-loving Creator, how did they respond when He came to talk with them? **Genesis 3:8** “And they _____ the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife _____ themselves from the _____ of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.”
18. What happened then? **Genesis 3:9-11** “And the LORD God _____ unto Adam, and said unto him, _____ art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was _____, because I was _____; and I _____ myself. And he said, _____ told thee that thou wast _____? Hast thou _____ of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst _____ eat?”
19. How did God deal with the problem of Adam and Eve? They had sinned. The penalty for sin was death. They had chosen the S _____ [S _____] as their ruler instead of God. Would God abandon them and have them bear the penalty of death and start over? **Genesis 3:14,15** “And the LORD God said unto the _____, Because thou hast done this, thou art _____ above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put _____ between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; _____ shall bruise thy _____, and thou shalt _____ his heel.” This God who now spoke these words is the same One who created all things in the beginning. This includes the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And as in creation, all things were created by the Father through the Son, so also now. It was Jesus who was given to man for their re-creation into the image of God. We can see this in **John 3:16**. “For God so _____ the world, that he _____ his only begotten _____, that whosoever _____ in him should not _____, but have _____ life.”

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Note: “It is the glory of the gospel that it is founded upon the principle of **restoring in the fallen race the divine image by a constant manifestation of benevolence**. This work began in the heavenly courts. There God decided to give human beings **unmistakable evidence of the love** with which He regarded them. He 'so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' John 3:16.” CH 222.1

“The **Godhead** was stirred with pity for the race, and the **Father**, the **Son**, and the **Holy Spirit gave Themselves** to the working out of the plan of redemption. 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**. What line can measure the depth of this love? God would make it impossible for man to say that He could have done more. With Christ He gave all the resources of heaven, that nothing might be wanting in the plan for man's uplifting. Here is love – the contemplation of which should fill the soul with inexpressible gratitude! Oh, what love, what matchless love! The contemplation of this love will cleanse the soul from all selfishness. It will lead the disciple to deny self, take up the cross, and follow the Redeemer.” CH 222.2

“**The Lord Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit; for it is His representative**. Through it He infuses spiritual life into the soul, quickening its energies for good, cleansing it from moral defilement, and giving it a fitness for His kingdom. **Jesus has large blessings to bestow, rich gifts to distribute among men**. He is the wonderful Counselor, infinite in wisdom and strength; and **if we will acknowledge the power of His Spirit, and submit to be molded by it, we shall stand complete in Him**. What a thought is this! In Christ 'dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him' (Col. 2:9, 10). **Never will the human heart know happiness until it is submitted to be molded by the Spirit of God**. The Spirit conforms the renewed soul to the model, Jesus Christ. **Through the influence of the Spirit, enmity against God is changed into faith and love, and pride into humility**. The soul perceives the beauty of truth, and Christ is honored in excellence and perfection of character. As these changes are effected, angels break out in rapturous song, and God and Christ rejoice over souls fashioned after the divine similitude.” AG 196.4 This is how God puts *enmity* against the *serpent* in us.

20. When Jesus came to this world to carry out the plan of salvation. All of the Godhead was involved – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This becomes obvious at His baptism. **Matthew 3:16,17** “And _____, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the _____ were opened unto him, and he saw the _____ of God descending like a _____, and lighting upon him: And lo a _____ from heaven, saying, This is my beloved _____, in whom I am well pleased.

Jesus, the _____, was on earth being baptized. The _____ spoke with a voice from heaven. The _____ of God came from heaven in the form of a _____.

21. In **Acts 10:38** it tells about Jesus' baptism and it says that “God _____ Jesus of Nazareth with the _____ and with _____”. Jesus said in **Luke 4:18** “The _____ of the Lord is _____ me, because he hath _____ me to preach the _____ to the _____; he hath sent me to _____ the brokenhearted, to preach _____ to the captives, and recovering of _____ to the blind, to set at _____ them that are _____.” This is what he did. Acts 10:38: He “went about doing _____, and _____ all that were _____ of the _____; for _____ was with him.”

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Note: "O, what a history we have in the life and death, resurrection and exaltation of Christ! He was the incarnate God, the Lord of life and glory; yet **for our sakes** he was delivered into the hands of wicked men. Satan and the whole confederacy of evil men and evil angels raged around him, and he suffered that which would have been insupportable to any human being. **His life was one of utter self-denial and self-sacrifice, full of achievements of divine mercy, goodness, and power.** Disease fled at his touch, the blind saw, the deaf heard, demons were cast out, the dead were raised. The tempest-tossed waters were stilled at his command, and as he hung upon the cross, nature gave signs that she sympathized with her dying Author. The earth reeled and heaved beneath the feet of men; the sun clothed itself in sackcloth. When the mighty angel descended from heaven, parting the darkness from his track, the Roman guard fell as dead men before the resplendent glory, and **Christ in his Godhead shone forth as he burst from the tomb**, and rose triumphant over death and the grave. The disciples understood, when they saw him arisen from the dead, what he meant when he said, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' " ST, May 30, 1895 par. 7

"Jesus is a risen Saviour. He came forth from the grave
to **vindicate** his previous claims,
to **confirm** the faith of his followers,
to **establish the truth of his Godhead before men**,
to **make doubly sure** the assurance that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life." ST, May 30, 1895 par. 8

22. Why did Jesus come to this world?

Romans 8:3,4 "For what the _____ could not _____, in that it was weak through the flesh, _____ sending his own _____ in the _____ of sinful flesh, and _____ sin, condemned _____ in the flesh: _____ the righteousness of the law might be _____ in _____, who walk _____ after the _____, but after the _____."

Romans 8:7 "B_____ the _____ mind is _____ against _____: for it is _____ subject to the _____ of God, neither indeed _____ be." God's purpose is to turn this around so that our **mind will not be at enmity with God's law, but at enmity with sin.** This is the enmity which He **promised** to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:15. Then the R_____ of God is restored in man through Christ. He made it possible for us to have a **new** mind which is **not** carnal, but **spiritual** causing us to be **able** to walk according to the **Spirit** instead of according to the **flesh**. **Romans 8:5,6** "For they that are after the _____ do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the _____ the things of the Spirit. For to be _____ minded is _____; but to be _____ minded is _____ and peace."

2 Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made _____ to be _____ for us, who knew _____ sin; that we might be _____ the _____ of God _____ him.

Acts 5:31 _____ hath God _____ with his right hand to be a Prince and a _____, for to give _____ to Israel, and _____ of sins.

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Note: "The carnal [or natural] mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.' Human nature could not keep the law, even if it would. **Apart from Christ, without union with him, we can do nothing.** 'Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.' The law requires us to present to God a holy character. It demands of men today just what it demanded of Adam in Eden, – perfect obedience, perfect harmony with all its precepts in all relations of life, under all circumstances and conditions. No unholy thought can be tolerated, no unlovely action can be justified. **As the law requires that which no man of himself can render, the human family are found guilty before the great moral standard,** and it is not in the province of law to pardon the transgressor of law. The standard of the law cannot be lowered to meet man in his fallen condition. No compromise can be made with the sinner to take less than the full requirement of the law. **The law cannot acquit the guilty, it cannot cleanse the sinner, or give power to the transgressor to raise himself into a purer, holier atmosphere.** Standing before a holy, good, and just law, and finding ourselves condemned because of transgression, we may well cry out, **What shall we do to be saved?**" ST, May 30, 1895 par. 2

"There is but one way of escape for the sinner. There is but **one** agency whereby he may be cleansed from sin. He must **accept** the propitiation that has been made by the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world. **The shed blood of Christ cleanseth us from all sin.** 'For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.' 'Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.' **A complete offering has been made;** for 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,' – **not a son by creation,** as were the angels, **nor a son by adoption,** as is the forgiven sinner, but **a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person,** and in all the brightness of his majesty and glory, **one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection.** In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." ST, May 30, 1895 par. 3

"If man will **cooperate** with God by returning **willingly** to his **loyalty,** and **obeying** the commandments, **God will receive him as a son.** Through the provision Christ has made by taking the punishment due to man, we may be reinstated in God's favor, being made partakers of the divine nature. If we **repent** of our transgression, and receive Christ as the Life-giver, our personal Saviour, we become **one with him,** and **our will is brought into harmony with the divine will.** We become partakers of the life of Christ, which is eternal. **We derive immortality from God by receiving the life of Christ for in Christ dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.** This life is the **mystical union and cooperation of the divine with the human.**" ST, June 17, 1897 par. 14

"Good works are the result of **faith and love;** for, conscious of the **debt of love and gratitude** which we owe to God for the infinite sacrifice made in our behalf, we **show forth** the praises of him who hath called us **out of darkness into his marvelous light.** **Every one is under bonds to God to manifest obedience to all his commandments, relying fully on the righteousness of Christ for his acceptance with God.** Accepting the grace of Christ, we are to **live** to the **honor and glory** of God, keeping the commandments at any sacrifice to ourselves. 'There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.' " [Acts 4:12] ST, May 30, 1895 par. 5

23. While Jesus was still with His disciples He told them of the greatest gift which heaven would give them. What was it? **Luke 11:13** "If ye then, being evil, know how to give _____ gifts unto your children: how much _____ shall your heavenly _____ give the _____ to them that ask him?"

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Note: "O that the baptism of the Holy Spirit may come upon us all, that we may have more to impart to others! Work, watch, and pray that we may each have the spirit of the true Christian. Let us place ourselves in the channel of light, and know for ourselves what it means to believe in Jesus. **As yet there is only a feeble, partial faith in the hearts of the professed followers of Christ in the word of God; but we must learn what it means to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.** Who of us has this faith? Who of us believes with the simplicity of a little child that we may come to God, through the name of Jesus, and ask for spiritual food, ask for the Holy Spirit, the greatest gift that Heaven can bestow?" YI, June 29, 1893 par. 4

"Jesus has said, 'If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give good things to them that ask him?' **Should we ask in faith, the Lord would fulfill his word, and we should go forth weighted with the important truths for this time.** We should then pass the time of our sojourning, not in trifling, but in sobriety, **in earnest, determined effort**, with much prayer, for the salvation of those who are ready to perish. We should be gathering sheaves for the Master, and would be fitted up for the heavenly benediction, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' "

YI, June 29, 1893 par. 5

24. What does Jesus say the Holy Ghost would do for them? **John 14:26**

"But the Comforter, which is the _____, whom the _____ will send in _____ name, he shall _____ you _____ things, and bring _____ things to your _____, whatsoever I have _____ unto you."

Who is the Comforter? He is the _____.

Who sends the Comforter to us? The _____ sends Him.

In whose name is he sent? He is sent in _____'s name.

What will He do? He will _____ us and remind us of what _____ said.

Note: "The **Comforter** that **Christ** promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the **Spirit in all the fullness of the Godhead**, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. **There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit** – those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ." Ev 615.1

25. In **John 15:26** we see the same co-operation among the three members of the Godhead: The Comforter (the Holy Spirit), the Father, and Jesus Christ, the Son.

"But when the _____ is come, whom _____ will send unto you from the _____, even the _____ of _____, which proceedeth from the _____, he shall testify of _____."

Note: "In describing to His disciples the office work of the **Holy Spirit**, **Jesus** sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. He rejoiced because of the **abundant help** He had provided for His church. **The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people.** The Spirit was to be given as a **regenerating agent**, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. **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.** It is the Spirit that makes **effectual** what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. **It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure.** Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. 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