

Who is the Holy Spirit and the Comforter according to Ellen White?

Ellen White says the Comforter is the Holy Spirit but she also said it is the Spirit of Christ. So which is it? Note the following two quotes.

"Christ tells us that the **Holy Spirit is the Comforter**, and the Comforter is the Holy Ghost." — (E.G. White, 14MR 179.2)

"This refers to the omnipresence of the **Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.**" — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 179.2)

There is no contradiction as Ellen White tells us that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ and hence both are correct!

"**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." — (Ellen G. White, 14 Manuscript Releases, p. 84)

The writings of Ellen White can easily be abused if you do not know what else she wrote in this respect. Those teaching the trinity doctrine would only show you the first quote that can be misunderstood but they will never show you quotes like the second and third.

Ellen White said, "**The Holy Spirit is a free, working, independent agency.**" — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, May 5, 1896). Here she is explaining that the Spirit of Christ can function in you as if it is "another" entity that is "independent" of Christ Himself even though it is Himself by His Spirit. Note the following for an example of this:

"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.**" — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 23.3, 1895)

Even though Ellen White states that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, I am sure you will agree that this statement on its own sounds like the Holy Spirit is someone else other than the Spirit of Christ. She writes this way because the Spirit of Christ can function in you as if it is "another" entity even though it is Christ Himself by His Spirit. This is also why Christ said He will send "another Comforter." His Spirit is like it is "another" because it can function independently of His physical self. In this quote she tells us that Christ by His physical presence could not be everywhere and with everyone at the same time. But in "another" form, that is by His Holy Spirit, Christ could be with everyone at the same time as their Comforter functioning independently in each one of us as if He is "another" entity.

Looking at this quote you may still think that I am wrong and that the Holy Spirit is someone else other than Christ. Many of her quotes are like this, and without seeing what else she wrote you could easily end up believing the Holy Spirit is another being as per the trinity doctrine. The above quote is incomplete and below is the full quote where you will find that the Holy Spirit is indeed the Spirit of Christ.

"Cumbered with humanity, **Christ could not be in every place personally**; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His father, **and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. The Holy Spirit is Himself** divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. **He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit**, as the Omnipresent." — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 23.3, 1895)

So Ellen White can indeed be easily misunderstood and Trinitarians can easily abuse her writings to teach a lie on a doctrine that came for the Catholic Church. The trinity doctrine is Satan's counterfeit for the Godhead to hide who the Father, Son and Holy Spirit really are.

"The Saviour is our Comforter. This I have proved Him to be." — (Ellen G. White, 8MR 49.3)

"When He should come forth from the tomb, their sorrow would be turned to joy. After His ascension He was to be **absent in person**; but **through the Comforter He would still be with them**, and they were not to spend their time in mourning." — (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 278)

"Jesus was about to be removed from his disciples; but he assured them that although he should ascend to his Father, **his Spirit and influence would be with them always, and with their successors even unto the end of the world.**" — (E.G. White, 3SP 238.1)

"He had not a thorough knowledge of the mission of **Christ**, his resurrection and ascension, and of the work of **his Spirit, the Comforter** which he sent down to remain with his people during his absence." — (Ellen G. White, *Life of Paul*, 119.3)

"The reasons why the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die is that the **enemy** has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. **He has sought to shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter.**" — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, August 26, 1890). The Churches are sick because they have accepted a counterfeit from Satan in place of the Holy Spirit of Christ!

"Christ is our Guide and Comforter, who comforts us in all our tribulations." — (Ellen G. White, 2SM 270.3)

"**Christ** is everything to those who receive Him. **He is their Comforter**, their safety, their healthfulness. Apart from Christ there is no light at all." — (Ellen G. White, 21MR 372.1)

"There is no comforter like Christ, so tender and so true. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. **His Spirit speaks to the heart...** The influence of **the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul.**" — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, October 26, 1897)

"The nights are long and painful, but **Jesus is my Comforter and my Hope.**" — (Ellen G. White, 19MR 296.2)

"As by faith we look to Jesus, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving **Jesus the Comforter.**" — (Ellen G. White, 19MR 297.3)

"This refers to the omnipresence of the **Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.**" — (Ellen G. White, 14MR 179.2)

"Let them study the **seventeenth of John**, and learn how to pray and how to live the prayer of **Christ. He is the Comforter.** He will abide in their hearts, making their joy full." — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, January 27, 1903)

Jesus said that He is the "truth" and by His Spirit, He is the "Spirit of truth." Note the following two verses.

John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life:"

John 14:17 "Even **the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive,"

Note who Ellen White also says the Holy Spirit is. "**The Holy Spirit is called both the Comforter and the Spirit of truth**, because there is comfort and hope in the truth. A falsehood cannot give genuine peace; but through the truth we become partakers of the peace that passeth understanding." — (Ellen G. White, *Gospel Workers*, 310.2, 1892)

And since Ellen White states that the Holy Spirit is the Comforter and the Spirit of truth, then Christ must also be the Spirit of truth. Thus Christ would be the Holy Spirit, Comforter and the Spirit of truth. So does Ellen White confirm that Jesus is the Spirit of truth?

"**Jesus comes to you as the Spirit of truth**; study the mind of the Spirit, consult your Lord, follow His way." — (E.G. White, 2MR 337.1)

"To the guidance of this Comforter all who believe in **Christ** may implicitly trust. **He is the Spirit of truth**, but this truth the world can neither discern nor receive." — (Ellen G. White, 12MR 260.1)

So all her writings are consistent and the Holy Spirit, Comforter and the Spirit of Truth are all Christ by His Spirit.

"**The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ**; it is His representative. Here is the divine agency that carries conviction to hearts. When the power of His Spirit is revealed through the servants of God, we behold divinity flashing through humanity." — (Ellen G. White, 13MR 313.3, 1895)

And how many miss these crystal clear words where Christ says that He is going to be our Comforter? John 14:18 "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

And how many miss that Judas knew Jesus was saying He would manifest Himself to them as their Comforter but did not understand how? John 14:22 "Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, **Lord, how is it that you will manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?**"

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

So four times in John 14:16-23 Jesus said that He will be our Comforter but the moment Jesus says "another Comforter" most go blind and miss that He is referring to Himself as the Comforter who comes as a spiritual manifestation, or by His Spirit in other words, which can function like it is another. Note also that the Greek word for "another" is "allos" which means another of the "exact" same kind!

"When he should ascend to the Father, then the Comforter which the Saviour promised to send would come. **Jesus promised to manifest himself through the Holy Spirit** to every individual who shall seek him and believe on him." — (E.G. White, *Signs of the Times*, July 23)

"He [Jesus] gives them **His Holy Spirit**, the manifestation of **His presence** and favor." — (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies Volume 9*, p. 230)

John wrote, "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**" John 20:22. When Christ breathed on His disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit, whose Spirit did He give to them?

Now note who the Holy Spirit is that Jesus breathed on them as Ellen White quotes John 20:22 given above. "And when He had said this, He [Christ] breathed on them, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost:** ... 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." — (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 805)

It does not get much clearer than this. The Holy Spirit Christ breathed on His disciples and the Holy Spirit that was received at Pentecost was none other than the Spirit of Christ. It was **His** Spirit, not some other being!

Ellen White calls the *Spirit of Christ* a "person" but it is not another being but Christ! This explains her "third person" quotes. "**Remember the words of Christ, remember that He is an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit.**" — (Ellen G. White, DG 185.2, 1897)

Note carefully how Ellen White saw the Godhead: "They have **one God** and **one Saviour**; and **one Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--is to bring unity into their ranks.**" — (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies Volume 9*, p. 189, 1909)

So who is the "third person" according to Ellen White? It is Christ by His Spirit, not another being! This explains all the "third person" quotes Trinitarians use. So now you know the truth. All these quotes are only a small example of what could be given.

Ellen White also says, "**Christ has given his Spirit as a divine power.**" — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, November 19, 1908)

So Ellen White calls Christ by His Spirit a "power." This explains all the "three highest powers" or "three great powers" quotes Trinitarians use that keep many deceived. Again, she is not referring to another being but the Spirit of Christ!

And here is the heavenly trio according to Ellen White. ONE + ONE + ONE = THREE and hence a heavenly trio, which is different to a trinity which is the pagan three in one god! "They have **ONE God** and **ONE Saviour**; and **ONE Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--is to bring unity into their ranks.**" — (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies Volume 9*, p. 189, 1909)

Thus the Holy Spirit is excluded in the following quotes as while there are three in the Godhead, there are only two literal beings!

"**God and Christ alone** know what the souls of men have cost." — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, January 13, 1909)

"**The Father and the Son alone** are to be exalted." — (Ellen G. White, *The Youth's Instructor*, July 7, 1898). See also 1 John 1:3.

So there are three in the Godhead but the third is the Spirit of Christ every time. If you do not see what else she wrote, you could easily misunderstand what she is saying. And Trinitarians can easily abuse her writings and make it look like she is referring to another being which you can now see is not so. Note that these quotes are after 1895 when it is falsely claimed that Ellen White became a Trinitarian.

And is Jesus the literal Son of God? "The Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave his only begotten Son, **tore from his bosom** Him who was made in the express image of his person, and sent him down to earth to reveal how greatly he loved mankind." — (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, July 9, 1895)

"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.**" — (Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, May 30, 1895)

Here is a statement from a well-known Adventist Trinitarian called Jerry Moon. Sadly, the yellow highlighted part is correct.

"That most of the leading SDA pioneers were non-Trinitarian in their theology has become accepted Adventist history, surprising as it sounded to most Adventists 40 years ago when Erwin R. Gane wrote an M.A. thesis on the topic." "More recently, a further question has arisen with increasing urgency: was the pioneers' belief about the Godhead right or wrong? "As one line of reasoning goes, **either the pioneers were wrong and the present church is right, or the pioneers were right and the present Seventh-day Adventist Church has apostatized from biblical truth.**" — (Jerry Moon, *The Trinity*, Ch. Trinity and antitrinitarianism in Seventh-day Adventist history, p. 190)

This does not mean abandoning the Adventist Church. It means taking back the non-Trinitarian truth God gave His remnant Church that was one of our Pillars of Faith. The Trinity doctrine can cost us our soul as it denies Jesus is the literal Son of God, and our "only" access to the Father is through the Son! For example: Is it a one in three god that is just role playing, or is it a true literal Father and Son? Ellen White said the Father and Son were "two in individuality, **yet one in spirit.**" — (E.G. White, *Youth's Instructor*, December 16, 1897). And so is the Holy Spirit the *one* Spirit of the Father and Son or is it another being that was in fact a creation of Satan 348 years after the cross? You cannot afford to get this wrong or you could be worshipping a false god and have the wrong spirit. Satan has attacked and made war with God's remnant just as Revelation 12:17 warned us and most will not even consider that this has happened. And sadly, Ellen White's writings have been abused to keep Adventists deceived. It is claimed she became a Trinitarian before finishing the *Desire of Ages* in 1895, but in 1905 she wrote that the truth in the beginning was still truth now and that new truths "never" contradicted the old. How can this be when one is serious error and the other truth? We have to be sealed by the one true God but which god? Is it a real Father and Son or a three in one god that is just role playing? It is a huge difference and our salvation depends on getting this right.

The above information is taken from the web <http://www.trinitytruth.org>. See the following pages for more information.

See <http://www.trinitytruth.org> for what the Bible says on the topic of the trinity.

See <http://www.trinitytruth.org/paganoriginsofthetrinity.html> for the origin of the trinity doctrine and how it got into the Church.

See <http://www.trinitytruth.org/isthetrinityinthebible.html> for how the trinity got into the Seventh day Adventist Church.

See <http://www.trinitytruth.org/wasellenwhiteatrinitarian.html> for was Ellen White was a Trinitarian.

See <http://www.trinitytruth.org/adventistpioneersandthetrinity.html> for Adventist pioneers and the trinity doctrine.

See <http://www.trinitytruth.org/whoisthecomforter.html> for who is the Comforter that Jesus promised.

See <http://www.trinitytruth.org/whoistheholyspiritellenwhite.html> for who is the Holy Spirit according to Ellen White.

See <http://www.trinitytruth.org/whoisthethirdpersonellenwhite.html> for who is the third person according to Ellen White.

See http://www.trinitytruth.org/was1john5_7addedtext.html for if 1 John 5:7 has added text.

See http://www.trinitytruth.org/matthew28_19addedtext.html for does Matthew 28:19 have added text?

See <http://www.trinitytruth.org/istheholyspiritahorit.html> for is the Holy Spirit a He or an It.

See <http://www.trinitytruth.org/meaningofiamjohn858.html> for the meaning of I am in John 8:58.

See <http://www.trinitytruth.org/pre-existenceofjesuschrist.html> for the Pre-Existence of Jesus Christ.

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