

Holy Spirit Sabbath School Lessons
Lesson 10 – The Holy Spirit, the Word and Prayer

Sabbath Afternoon:

Quoted texts: John 15:7; Matt. 7:7; Ps. 66:18; James 1:6–8; 1 John 5:14, 15; Acts 2:38.

John 15:7 “If ye abide in me, and **my words abide in you**, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

As we saw in our last reply, the words of Christ, that abide in us, are His Spirit and His Life, His person, the divinity of His character.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life,” Christ declares: “no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). Christ is invested with power to give life to all creatures. “As the living Father hath sent me,” He says, “and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.” “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:57, 63). **Christ is not here referring to His doctrine, but to His person, the divinity of His character.** “Verily, verily, I say unto you,” He says again, “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. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man” (John 5:25-27). – {1 Selected Messages 249.3}

If we ask Jesus Christ, in prayer for anything, He will bless us himself, He doesn't need another being or third co-eternal god to do anything for Him, when He can do it all Himself by His Omnipresent Spirit, which is the third person of the Godhead working independently of His humanity.

Matthew 7:7 “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: ⁸For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ⁹Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”

Jesus taught His disciples to pray to God the Father, and the scriptures teach us to pray in the name of Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God. There is only one mediator between God and man...

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

John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**”

There is no other go-between or mediator or comforter than Jesus Christ. Jesus made it plain that “no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”. That rules out any other third co-eternal god.

Jesus is the only way to the Father and it is through the name Jesus Christ and Him only that we can come to the Father in prayer.

The word “comforter” used in John 14:16 and onwards, if we have a look at the word in greek means the following:

G3875 - παράκλητος - paráklētos

Description:

1) summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid a) one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, **an advocate** b) one who pleads another's cause with one, **an intercessor**

KJV usage:

comforter (4x), **advocate** (1x).

1 John 2:1 “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:”

The above word “advocate” is the same word used in John 14:16 that is translated as “comforter”.

Some say “but it says “another comforter”!”, yes, that's true, but in the English language, that word “another” has two different meanings “another one – the same as I had before”, like I had one apple and I want another apple, the same kind as the apple I had before. The second meaning is “another one, but a different kind”. So, which one was Jesus talking about? It was clearly the first kind “another one the same as you already had” because Jesus says plainly that...

John 14:17-18,20-23 “but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you comfortless: **I will come to you.**” “At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and **I in you.** ²¹He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and **will manifest myself to him.** ²²Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it **that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us,** and not unto the world? ²³Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and **we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**”

They knew Jesus, and they understood that He would be coming back to them, but they didn't understand how, they couldn't understand that He would come back to them in a spiritual form.

*But the important point from the above scriptures **1 Timothy 2:5; John 14:6 and 1 John 2:1** is that they all say the same thing, there is only one Mediator, only one Advocate, only one way to The Father, and all of these refer to Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God. If the Comforter were another being between God and man then that would make the word of God into a lie for it clearly says there is only one, “**the man Christ Jesus**”*

Psalm 66:18 “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:”

*To regard iniquity is to break the commandments of God, all 10 of them, even if you only break one, it is the same as breaking them all. Now, as we have seen before, the trinity doctrine breaks the first commandment “**Thou shalt have no other gods before me**”. By regarding or believing the trinity doctrine, the trinitarian is breaking this first commandment and God says if you do that, He will not even hear you. That is how serious this issue is.*

James 1:5-8 “If any of you lack wisdom, **let him ask of God**, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ⁷For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing **of the Lord.** ⁸A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”

1 John 5:10-15 “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. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

God could not have made it any clearer than the above text. Jesus is truly the Son of God. If you don't believe that, then it says you make God a liar, because God the Father says...

Matthew 3:17 “And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 17:5 “While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”

*According to 1Jn 5:12 those who believe in the trinitarian heresy do not have eternal life, because as it says “**he that hath not the Son of God hath not life**” and the trinity doctrine denies that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. But the good news is that if you “**believe on the name of the Son of God**” and believe “**the record that God gave of his Son**” then you have the promise “**He that hath the Son hath life**” “**And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son**”.*

Acts 2:38-39 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ³⁹For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.”

*The “gift of the Holy Ghost” which is “**the Spirit of Christ**”, is conditional on repentance and baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ”. How can Christ Jesus give the gift of His holy spirit, His very life and breath, to someone that doesn't even believe that He is the Son of God.*

The Spirit of Prophecy comments on the subject of prayer to God for the spirit as follows...

"I saw a throne, and **on it sat the Father and his Son Jesus Christ**. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired his lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold for a cloud of glorious light covered him. I asked Jesus if his Father had a form like himself; He said he had, but I could not behold it; for, said he, if you should for once see the glory of his person, you would cease to exist. Before the throne was the Advent people, the Church, and the world. I saw a company bowed down before the throne, deeply interested while most of them stood up disinterested and careless. Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus, then he would look to his Father and appeared to be pleading with him. **Then a light came from the Father to his Son and from him to the praying company. Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne.** But few would receive this great light. Many came out from under it and immediately resisted it. Others were careless and did not cherish the light and it moved off from them. Some cherished it and went and bowed down before the throne with the little praying company. This company all received the light, and rejoiced in it as their countenances shone with its glory. Then I saw the Father rise from the throne and in a flaming chariot go into the Holy of Holies within the veil, and did sit. There I saw thrones which I had not seen before. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and most of those who were bowed down rose up with him. And I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after he rose up, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who rose up when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on him as he left the throne, and led them out a little way, then he raised his right arm and we heard his lovely voice saying, wait ye, I am going to my Father to receive the Kingdom. Keep your garments spotless and in a little while I will return from the wedding, and receive you to myself. And I saw a cloudy chariot with wheels like flaming fire. Angels were all about the chariot as it came where Jesus was; he stepped into it and was borne to the Holiest where the Father sat. Then I beheld Jesus as he was before the Father a great High Priest. On the hem of his garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Then Jesus shewed me the difference between faith and feeling. **And I saw those who rose up with Jesus send up their faith to Jesus in the Holiest, and praying, Father give us thy spirit. Then Jesus would breathe on them the Holy Ghost. In the breath was light, power and much love, joy and peace.** Then I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne. They did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne and pray, My Father give us thy spirit. **Then Satan would breathe on them an unholy influence. In it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy and peace.** Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children. I saw one after another leave the company who were praying to Jesus in the Holiest, go and join those before the throne and they at once received the unholy influence of Satan. – {DS March 14, 1846 Par. 1}

If you are not following Jesus where ever He goes, and don't even believe that He is the only begotten Son of God, then you are in grave danger of following and receiving Satan's unholy influence.

Memory Text:

Romans 8:9-14,26-27 "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.... ²⁶Likewise **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.**"

Shown in its context it is clear that "the Spirit" that is talked about in v:26-27 is both "the Spirit of God" and "the Spirit of Christ" and not some third co-eternal being called the Spirit. It is "the Spirit of Christ" that "quicken" or "gives life" to His church as He dwells in us.

Yes, the Spirit helps us in our prayer, because there is only one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, and through the Spirit of Christ, He intercedes for us to God the Father.

Sunday:

Prayer that is pleasing to God

John 15:4-7 “**Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶**If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.** ⁷If ye abide in me, and **my words** abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

Please notice something very important about this text. There is a condition to “ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” and that condition is “Abide in me” “and my words abide in you”. The only way we can abide in Christ, and have Him abide in us, is by the following text which is from the context of John chapter 15...

John 14:15,21-23 “If ye love me, **keep my commandments**... He that hath my commandments, **and keepeth them**, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and **will manifest myself to him.** ²²Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? ²³Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, **he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.”

The only way to abide in Christ and for Him to abide in us is to love Him and be obedient to all His commandments, then He will abide in you and then you can ask what ye will and it shall be done to you. Many say they love Jesus, but the test of that love is found in one way only, by demonstrating that love in perfect obedience to the Commandments of God.

Sadly, as we have noted previously, the current SDA Conference church does not obey all of the commandments of God, but breaks the 1st commandment by worshipping the trinity. There is no hope of Abiding in Christ Jesus as long as they persist in breaking the first great commandment.

“Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”,

Mark 12:29-30 “And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: ³⁰And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.”

Loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength means being willing to do what ever God asks of you, when ever He asks, and God says here, if you love me prove it. Do what I ask and then I will know that you love me.

Friends He is asking you today to know and worship Him and His Son...

John 17:3 “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee **the only true God, and Jesus Christ,** whom thou hast sent.”

The only prayer that is pleasing to God, is the one that is mixed with faith from a believer that is willing to forsake all and follow what ever God asks of you. “The just shall live by faith” “without faith it is impossible to please God” “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God” and the word of God does not teach a trinity doctrine.

Monday:

The foundation of Biblical prayer: ask God

Matthew 7:7-8 “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: ⁸For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”

Mark 11:24 “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

1 John 5:10-15 “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.** ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵And if we know that he hear us,

whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

Psalm 66:18 “If I regard iniquity in my heart, **the Lord will not hear me:**”

*By putting the above 4 scriptures together we can see again that when God promises He will hear our prayers and answer them by giving us what we need, it is conditional. By continuing to worship a trinity god of three co-eternal beings contrary to the plain statements of Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy, when the believer has been shown the truth, is to “**regard iniquity in your heart**” and break all of the commandments of God by breaking the first one. It is also calling God a liar by stating that Jesus Christ is not God’s only begotten Son, when we are clearly shown above that He is.*

Tuesday:

The foundation of Biblical prayer: believe

Mark 11:24 “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

James 1:5-8 “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ⁷For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. ⁸. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”

We have already commented on the need for faith in yesterday’s lesson.

In the comments, it says the following.... “To believe means to take God at His word” and “faith clings to God’s promises because we trust what He has said” This is so true, but does the SDA church follow what they say?

*No, they do not “take God at His word” or “trust what He has said”, when He says that Jesus Christ is His only begotten Son, they do not take a simple “thus saith the Lord” but come up with all sorts of excuses, like this whole Sabbath School quarterly lesson pamphlet, trying to prove that the Holy Spirit is a separate co-eternal god being when the plain “thus saith the Lord” says that there is one Spirit, which is **the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ**. They then say “Faith knows that “it is impossible for God to lie” but the church goes on to make God a liar by denying God’s own testimony that He sent His only begotten Son into the world to save it.*

*If God says “**this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased**” then true faith will believe what God says 100% and when the word of God says that there is only one Spirit, “**the Spirit of Christ**” and there is “**only one God the Father**” then true faith will believe that too 100%.*

Anyone that preaches otherwise is preaching another Jesus and another gospel, another spirit and another God than the one that is clearly taught in Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy.

Wednesday:

The foundation of Biblical prayer: claim God’s promises

1 John 5:10-15 “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.** ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

*Yes, we must claim God’s promises, but the question must be asked, which God are you praying to? Is it the “**one true God**” of the Bible or is it “**One god, father, son and holy spirit a unity of three co-eternal beings**”. It can’t be both, it is either one or the other.*

The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, the Testimony of Jesus, make it plain that...

“They have **one God and one Saviour; and one Spirit—the Spirit of Christ—is to bring unity into their ranks.** – {Special Testimonies Series B04 23.3}

The only way anyone can claim the promises of God, is to worship the only true God according to the Bible which totally denies the existence of a trinity god.

“Neither wicked men nor devils can hinder **the work of God**, or shut out **His presence** from His

people, if they will, with subdued, contrite hearts, confess and put away their sins, and in faith claim His promises. Every temptation, every opposing influence, whether open or secret, may be successfully resisted, "not by might, nor by power, **but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.**" Zechariah 4:6. – {Great Controversy 529.1}

How clear is the above quote, in its context it shows us that it is God's presence that is with us "by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" Gods' presence is His Spirit which performs "the work of God"

Notice again that it says "if they will, with subdued, contrite hearts, confess and put away their sins" then, and only then can they "in faith claim His promises"

Oh, how history repeats itself. All through the old testament the people of God had a big problem with idolatry, and God tried over and over to rid them of this hated sin, by sending His prophets to warn and rebuke the people, but sadly God's messengers were rejected, persecuted and killed.

History has indeed repeated itself in exactly the same way with the current SDA church, who have chosen another god, over the one true God of the Bible and rejected the message and call to repentance by God's faithful messengers and persecuted them or disfellowshipped them for daring to stand up and rebuke open sin in the Church.

Thursday:

Praying for the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 3:14-19 "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;** ¹⁷That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;** that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; ¹⁹And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be **filled with all the fulness of God.**"

*First of all, notice that they have quoted just verse 16, totally out of context. The context shows who v:16 is talking about. It says "**his Spirit**" and then identifies that spirit as "**Christ**" "dwelling in your heart by faith" Because in Christ "dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" **Colossians 2:9** then when Christ is dwelling "**in your hearts by faith**" then naturally you will be "**filled with all the fullness of God**" because Jesus Christ is the Son of God and inherits all the attributes of God, His Father.*

Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

To "receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" is to receive the gift of "the spirit of Christ" the life of Christ.

"We want **the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ.**" {Lt66-1894 (April 10, 1894) par. 18}

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

"Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, **Christ breathed His Spirit upon them.**" Desire of Ages p. 805

"**Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all his disciples, and give them the inspiration of his sanctifying spirit,** and transfuse the vital influence **from himself to his people.** He would have them understand that henceforth they cannot serve two masters. Their lives cannot be divided. **Christ is to live in his human agents, and work through their faculties, and act through their capabilities.** Their will must be submitted to his will, **they must act with his spirit,** that it may be no more they that live, **but Christ that liveth in them.** Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in **giving his Holy Spirit** he is giving to them the glory which the Father has given him, **that he and his people**

may be one in God. Our way and will must be in submission to God's will, knowing that it is holy, just, and good. – {ST October 3, 1892 Par. 4} Signs of the Times Oct 3, 1892

*What more can be said? The quotes above show us who “**the gift of the Holy Ghost**” is and where it comes from. It is “**the Spirit of Christ**” that “**proceeds from the only begotten Son of God**”. You cannot get it any plainer than that, so the comments on today's lesson are false when implying that the Holy Spirit is a third co-eternal god of the trinity.*

Friday

Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

*Just this text alone shows who gives us the Holy Spirit in answer to our prayers, it is “**your heavenly Father**”*

This is a vitally important point, the Holy Spirit has to be given, sent, poured out, imparted, because it is the life, breath, presence of God the Father and Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God.

Amen