

“He That Is In You”

Can we overcome sin and, if we can, how? Revelation chapters two, three, and twenty-one all say “To him that overcometh”... and go on to describe the rewards of the overcomer. Why would it say that if overcoming is impossible? How can we overcome? The answer is in 1 John 4:4 which says, “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” In this paper I will discuss the importance of “He that is in you.”

In the Bible the Spirit is compared to many things. Psalms 51:11 says, “Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.” This verse uses parallelism to parallel presence and the Holy Spirit. Psalms 139:7 says something very similar. This is confirmed in DA 166.2 “Wherefore 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.” Hebrews 7:25. Though the ministration was to be removed from the earthly to the heavenly temple; though the sanctuary and our great high priest would be invisible to human sight, yet the disciples were to suffer no loss thereby. They would realize no break in their communion, and no diminution of power because of the Saviour's absence. While Jesus ministers in the sanctuary above, He is still by His Spirit the minister of the church on earth. He is withdrawn from the eye of sense, but His parting promise is fulfilled, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20. While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, **His energizing presence is still with His church.**” Another interesting quotation is in ST November 23, 1891 par. 1 “I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.” **The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send, is the presence and power of God.** He will not leave his people in the world destitute of his grace, to be buffeted by the enemy of God, and harassed by the oppression of the world; but he will come to them. The world cannot see the truth; they know not the Father or the Son, but it is only because they do not desire to know God, they do not wish to look upon Jesus, to see his goodness, his love, his heavenly attractions. Jesus is inviting all men to accept him; and wherever the heart is open to receive him, he will come in, gladdening the soul with the light and joy of his presence.”

John 6:63 says “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” So, we see here that the Spirit is linked to life. Another interesting verse about life is 2 Cor 4:10, 11 which says, “Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.” Christ will give us His overcoming life so we can overcome like He did. Here are some interesting quotes about life. “Jesus said, Be perfect as your Father is perfect. If you are the children of God you are partakers of His nature, and you cannot but be like Him. Every child lives by the life of his father. If you are God's children, begotten by His Spirit, you live by the life of God. In Christ dwells "all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9); and **the life of Jesus is made manifest "in our mortal flesh"** (2 Corinthians 4:11). **That life in you will produce the same character and manifest the same works as it did in Him.** Thus you will be in harmony with every precept of His law; for "the law of the

Lord is perfect, restoring the soul." Psalm 19:7, margin. Through love "the righteousness of the law" will be "fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:4." {MB 77.3} "Christ came to our world to restore the moral image of God in man. He takes human agents into co-partnership with himself, **giving them the breath of his own Spirit, the life of his own life.** To all who would obtain a correct view of their duty in regard to their fellow men, Christ gives power to obtain righteousness and to do their work successfully. These breathe the atmosphere that surrounds Christ. They live the true life that he lived in our world." {RH, July 19, 1898 par. 19} 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} "**The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul.** We do not see Christ and speak to Him, but His Holy Spirit is just as near us in one place as in another. It works in and through every one who receives Christ. Those who know the indwelling of the spirit reveal the fruits of the spirit-love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." {Ms-41 1897 par. 37} Upon this living stone, Jews and Gentiles alike may build. This is the only foundation upon which we may securely build. It is broad enough for all, and strong enough to sustain the weight and burden of the whole world. And by connection with Christ, the living stone, all who build upon this foundation become living stones. Many persons are by their own endeavors hewn, polished, and beautified; but they cannot become "living stones," because they are not connected with Christ. Without this connection, no man can be saved. **Without the life of Christ in us, we cannot withstand the storms of temptation.** Our eternal safety depends upon our building upon the sure foundation. Multitudes are today building upon foundations that have not been tested. When the rain falls, and the tempest rages, and the floods come, their house will fall, because it is not founded upon the eternal Rock, the chief cornerstone Christ Jesus. {DA 599.4}

Here is another interesting comparison. Job 27:3 says, "All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;" So here is a clear parallel between the spirit and breath, and just to make it more clear, Isa 42:5 says, "Thus saith God the LORD,... he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:" Some people may say, "Yes, the spirit and breath are interchangeable when you're talking about man's spirit but not when you're talking about God's Spirit." Let's see what Jesus said in John 20:22 "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:" Here are a couple Ellen White quotes about this. "The Lord will take these poor souls if they will come and stand under His banner in loyalty. **A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.**" [Ezekiel 36:26.] **This is the divine breath of God to the soul of the true seeker.** God will give you His healing power. We will rely upon Him, for He is our great Physician of the body as well as of the soul." {Lt 74b-1897 par. 6} "All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. **Christ gives them the breath of His own spirit, the life of His own life.** The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind. The grace of God enlarges and multiplies their faculties, and every perfection of the divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving

souls. Through co-operation with Christ they are complete in Him, and in their human weakness they are enabled to do the deeds of Omnipotence.” {DA 827.3}

Isa 40:13 says “Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?” and Rom 11:34 says, “For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?” Here is another clear parallel, this time between the mind and the Spirit! 1 Cor 2:16 says, “For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.” If we have the Christ’s mind we will do as He did, like Phil 2:5 says, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:” “We should work as did our divine Teacher, sowing the seeds of truth with care, anxiety, and self-denial. **We must have the mind of Christ if we would not become weary in well-doing.** His was a life of continued sacrifice for others' good. We must follow his example. The seed of truth we must sow, and trust in God to quicken it to life. The precious seed may lie dormant for some time, when the grace of God may convict the heart, and the seed sown be awakened to life, and spring up and bear fruit to the glory of God. Missionaries in this great work are wanted to labor unselfishly, earnestly, and perseveringly, **as co-workers with Christ and the heavenly angels** in the salvation of their fellow-men.” {PH123 111.1} “**If we would work as Christ worked, we must have the mind of Christ.** He can not co-operate with those whose lives reveal variance, strife, and bitterness. Those who cherish these attributes are not susceptible to the influence of the Holy Spirit. The divine Comforter strives with them, but they close the door of the heart to His gracious pleading, desiring to be left alone in their foolish, selfish perversity. They find a satisfaction, a kind of rest, without pardon, without wearing Christ's yoke and learning His meekness and lowliness. But let adversity come, and they find that they have leaned on a broken reed. There is no peace for the wicked. Difference and dissension will be seen among those who are not chosen by the Lord; but let it not spring up and bear fruit among those who claim to be representing Christ. There is no work more sacred for Christians than to maintain peace among themselves. Then they present to the world the unity that Christ prayed might exist, and bear witness that God sent Christ into the world to redeem the human race.” {ST, May 23, 1900 par. 3} “In our mingling in society, in families or in whatever relations of life we are placed, either limited or extended, there are many ways wherein we may acknowledge our Lord and many ways wherein we may deny Him. We may deny Him in our words, by speaking evil of others, by foolish talking, jesting and joking, by idle or unkind words, or by prevaricating, speaking contrary to truth. **In our words we may confess that Christ is not in us.** In our character we may deny Him by loving our ease, by shunning the duties and burdens of life which someone must bear if we do not, and by loving sinful pleasure. We may also deny Christ by pride of dress and conformity to the world, or by uncourteous behavior. We may deny Him by loving our own opinions and by seeking to maintain and justify self. We may also deny Him in allowing the mind to run in the channel of lovesick sentimentalism and to brood over our supposed hard lot and trials. {CCh 81.2} **No one can truly confess Christ before the world unless the mind and spirit of Christ live in him.** It is impossible to communicate that which we have not. The conversation and the deportment should be a real and visible expression of grace and truth within. If the heart is sanctified, submissive, and humble, the fruits will be seen outwardly and will be a most effectual confession of Christ.” {CCh 82.1}

Rev 5:6 says, And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. What do horns represent in prophecy? Let's go to Hab 3:4 and find out "And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power." So, horns represent power. Is there anything else that connects the Spirit to power? One of the clearest quotations we already read in ST November 23, 1891, par. 1. Here are some more statements. "I speak to every church member: Place yourself in the light that you may reflect light and that souls may be led to see the great and soul-saving truths of the Word of God. Every believer in Christ should be a laborer together with Him in drawing souls from sin to righteousness. We are to keep in view the life that measures with the life of God. We are to watch for opportunities to bring the truths of the Word before those who do not see and understand. **Christ is not now with us in person, but through the agency of the Holy Spirit, He is present to impart His power and grace and great salvation.** {Lt282-1908, par.3} "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12. This power is not in the human agent. It is the power of God. **When a soul receives Christ, he receives power to live the life of Christ.**" {COL 314.5}

Now I will go back to the verse I started with in our last section. The verse was Rev 5:6 which says, And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. What I emphasized last was the seven horns, but what about the seven eyes? Do they represent anything? First, what do eyes represent in the Bible? Eph 1:18 says, "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;" ... So here, and other places in the Bible eyes are linked to understanding or wisdom. Here are some quotations about wisdom. "The minister is to show the people how the Holy Spirit makes them one with Christ, their divine Leader. The truth is to be enthroned in the heart, that it may sanctify the soul. **The power and grace of God in the heart will manifest itself as the power and wisdom of God in the outward life.** Jesus said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; 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." With the divine endowment of the Holy Spirit, the human agent is qualified to work in Christ's lines. "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." The minister, living the life of Christ, knows from experience that the believer becomes a living agent through whom God can work. Those who believe in Christ possess the character of Christ, have the love of Christ, are one with him. They lean on Christ as their only staff and sufficiency. They are Christ's living witnesses. By their spirit, by their words, by their deportment, by their courtesy, by all their actions, they testify to the power of Christ. A power goes out from those who believe in Christ, and their testimony carries with it the conviction that they are laboring together with God; that they have communion with the Saviour." {RH, March 24, 1896 par. 2} "There is perfect harmony between the instruction of the Old Testament and that of the New. The Lord Jesus himself gave to Moses the principles that were to be given to Israel. Lessons of mercy, goodness,

generosity, and strict honesty, were given by Christ in the Old Testament, and were repeated by him when he came in human flesh to our world. Shall we not earnestly and prayerfully study these lessons and practice the principles which our Lord has given. **Shall we not deal with our fellow-men as becomes those who have been instructed by the Holy Spirit, taught by the wisdom of God,** moved by the same influence that inspired the Scriptures?" {1888 1533.3}

1 John 5:6 says, "This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth." It would make sense that, because everything from God is holy, just, and true that His Spirit would also be holy, just, and true! "The Lord lives and reigns. He will work, and none can hinder. The "I will's" of Christ must be plain and decidedly brought out. The clear beauty of the truth, kept before the people, will make its impression, **for the Holy Spirit, who is the Truth,** will shine into the heart and into the chambers of the mind. The Word of the God of truth is a sharp, twoedged sword, which cuts both ways. The power of the truth will do its work." {Lt108-1897.4} "These are the riches that Christ earnestly longs that His followers shall possess. As the true seeker after the truth reads the Word and opens his mind to receive the Word, he longs after the truth with his whole heart. The love, the pity, the tenderness, the courtesy, the Christian politeness, which will be the elements in the heavenly mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those that love Him, take possession of his soul. His purpose is steadfast. He is determined to stand on the side of righteousness. Truth has found its way into the heart, and is planted there by **the Holy Spirit, who is the Truth.** When truth takes hold of the heart, the man gives sure evidence of this by becoming a steward of the grace of Christ. {Ms7-1898.6}

Now for my last parallel, Heb 9:14 says, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" and Heb 2:9 says, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." So, one says that Christ offered Himself through the eternal Spirit and the other one says that He was made to taste death by the grace of God. Does this show a connection between grace and the Spirit? Here is another similar comparison, Luke 2:40 says, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." and Luke 4:18 says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,"... So, the grace of God was upon Christ and the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him! Here are some Ellen White quotations that make it even clearer! "All who have the Saviour dwelling in their hearts will feel a yearning for fellowship and communion with one another. There will be no drawing apart. The Spirit of Christ abiding in our hearts will be attracted to the same Spirit in the hearts of our brethren; and there cannot but be oneness. The heart where Christ is a cherished guest will flow out in love to all the objects of his love and compassion. **But this love does not grow of itself; we must cultivate it by daily receiving of the grace of Christ.** The Lord Jesus accepted his disciples, not because they were defective in character, but notwithstanding their defects. We must draw near to our erring brethren and help them." {RH, February 9, 1892 par. 18} "Let not one word of fretfulness, harshness, or passion escape your lips. **The grace of Christ awaits your demand. His Spirit will take control of your heart and conscience,** presiding over

your words and deeds. Never forfeit your self-respect by hasty, thoughtless words. See that your words are pure, your conversation holy. Give your children an example of that which you wish them to be. . . . Let there be peace, pleasant words, and cheerful countenances.” {CG 219.1} “Some seem to feel that they must be on probation, and must prove to the Lord that they are reformed, before they can claim His blessing. But they may claim the blessing of God even now. **They must have His grace, the Spirit of Christ, to help their infirmities, or they cannot resist evil.** Jesus loves to have us come to Him just as we are, sinful, helpless, dependent. We may come with all our weakness, our folly, our sinfulness, and fall at His feet in penitence. It is His glory to encircle us in the arms of His love and to bind up our wounds, to cleanse us from all impurity.” {SC 52.2} Here is where thousands fail; they do not believe that Jesus pardons them personally, individually. They do not take God at His word. It is the privilege of all who comply with the conditions to know for themselves that pardon is freely extended for every sin. Put away the suspicion that God's promises are not meant for you. They are for every repentant transgressor. **Strength and grace have been provided through Christ to be brought by ministering angels to every believing soul.** None are so sinful that they cannot find strength, purity, and righteousness in Jesus, who died for them. He is waiting to strip them of their garments stained and polluted with sin, and to put upon them the white robes of righteousness; He bids them live and not die. {SC 52.3}

The last two paragraphs from Steps to Christ said something very interesting! According to the first paragraph what is grace? The Spirit of Christ! So how is grace (the Spirit of Christ) brought to us? By angels! Is there anything about that in the Bible? Let's go to Zechariah 4:1-6 “And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” In this vision Zechariah sees how the oil is poured from the olive trees into the lamps, and when he asks the angel to explain what is meant the angel said “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” Just as the oil is poured through various tubes before going into the lamps, the Spirit goes through various agencies before it comes to us. What are the two olive trees? Verses twelve through fourteen give an explanation. “And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.” What are the two anointed ones? Well we know that there are two and that they stand by the Lord. 1 Kings 6:23 says, “And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high.” This is interesting; it says that in Solomon's temple, in the Most Holy Place, there were two cherubim that were made of olive trees. When God was instructing Moses how to make the sanctuary in the wilderness He said, “And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee

from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.” Exodus 25:22 Ezekiel 28:14 says, “Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.” Lucifer, before he fell and became Satan, was one of the “anointed cherubs.” Let’s bring all these clues together and find out who the two anointed ones are. In 1 Kings 6 we found out that there were two cherubim over the mercy seat and that they were made of olive tree, which is, interestingly, the symbol used in Zechariah 4 to represent the two anointed ones. In Exodus 25 we found that the Lord communed with Moses from between the two cherubim, which would confirm that they stand by the Lord. Finally, in Ezekiel 28 we found that Lucifer was one of the anointed cherubs, which shows that they weren’t just a part of the Old Testament sanctuary, but are really up in Heaven today. So, the two anointed ones in Zechariah 4 are cherubim. **“The anointed ones standing by the Lord of the whole earth, have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub. By the holy beings surrounding his throne, the Lord keeps up a constant communication with the inhabitants of the earth.** The golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied, that they shall not flicker and go out. Were it not that this holy oil is poured from heaven in the messages of God's Spirit, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men.” {RH, July 20, 1897 par. 6} The candlesticks, or lamp stands, according to Revelation 1:20 are the churches. What is Zechariah 4 teaching us? It is teaching that the angels impart the Spirit to us! Here are some quotations about this topic: “From the two olive trees the golden oil was emptied through the golden pipes into the bowl of the candlestick, and thence into the golden lamps that gave light to the sanctuary. **So from the holy ones that stand in God's presence His Spirit is imparted to the human instrumentalities who are consecrated to His service.** The mission of the two anointed ones is to communicate to God's people that heavenly grace which alone can make His word a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6.” {COL 408.1} “As the light of Christ is received into the soul, the spirit is softened. The gentleness of Christ is expressed in the life. The personal influence of the humble, consecrated soul, like the fragrance of a flower, extends far beyond himself. There is something about him that does not consist in display. **It is a spiritual power which he receives from the two anointed ones that stand before the Lord of the whole earth.** The Holy Spirit, coming from God to the instrumentality He employs, flows forth into other lives, making others labourers together with God. Did this spiritual power pervade the lives of all who profess to be Christians, what a work might be accomplished! Thousands who now reject the message of salvation would accept Christ if they could see reflected in His followers the beauty of His character.” {AUCR, June 1, 1900 par. 49, 50} “It is the golden oil that the heavenly messengers empty into the golden tubes, to be conducted into the golden bowl, that creates a continuous, bright, and shining light. It is the love of God continually transferred to the human agent that keeps him a bright and shining light for God. Then he can communicate light and truth to all who are in darkness and error and sin. **The golden oil is not manufactured by any human skill. It is the unseen power of the holy messengers who wait before the throne of God to communicate to every one who is in darkness, that they may diffuse heaven's light.** Into the hearts of those united to God

by faith, his golden oil of love flows freely, to flow forth again in good works, in real, heartfelt service for God, in being a blessing to their fellow men. Thus they are enabled to shine.” {HM, July 1, 1897 par. 11} ““If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.’ Those who do this work must seek strength and wisdom from above. They must be refreshed by drinking from the stream of life, that their labors may not become exhausting; for those who are doing God's service will strive to communicate what they receive. Therefore provision is made for every soul. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." **The golden oil, representing the Holy Spirit, is communicated to God's servants by the two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.** This will supply the necessities of all who hunger and thirst after righteousness. But if we make no preparation by self-examination and prayer, we cannot receive this precious oil.” {RH, January 25, 1898 par. 9} “**I have been shown angels of God all ready to impart grace and power to those who feel their need of divine strength.** But these heavenly messengers will not bestow blessings unless solicited. They have waited for the cry from souls hungering and thirsting for the blessing of God; often have they waited in vain. There were, indeed, casual prayers, but not the earnest supplication from humble, contrite hearts. Meeting after meeting has closed with but little manifestation of the Spirit and power of God. The people seemed to be satisfied to reach no higher; they seemed to expect no revival of the work of God; but with grief and disappointment angels turned from the scene of confusion where tents were being removed, and the people preparing to return to their homes without the blessing which Heaven was more than willing to give them.” {RH, July 24, 1883 par. 21} “Heavenly intelligences preside in every business meeting. Members from the royal assemblies of the heavenly courts are present to listen to every plan under consideration, and to imbue the minds of those who see the necessities for the time, and lay out the lines of work to be done. **Holy angels impart wisdom, they inspire minds, and aid in working up plans, that the message of warning may go to the regions beyond.** They bring before the workers the evangelical and eternal principles that must characterize the work,—principles that will impart greater moral power, and give the work greater importance and efficiency, that in all its features it may bear the divine similitude.” {GCB, February 4, 1895 par. 6} “A measure of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. **Through the ministry of the angels, the Holy Spirit is enabled to work upon the mind and heart of the human agent, and draw him to Christ, who has paid the ransom money for his soul, that the sinner may be rescued from the slavery of sin and Satan.** But the Spirit of God does not interfere with the freedom of the human agent. The Holy Spirit is given to be a helper, so that the human agent may cooperate with the divine intelligences; and it is its province to draw the soul, but never to force obedience. Christ is ready to impart all heavenly influences. He knows every temptation that comes to man, and the capabilities of every human agent. He weighs his strength. He sees the present and the future, and presents before the mind the obligations that should be met, and urges that common, earthly things shall not be permitted to be so absorbing that eternal things shall be lost out of reckoning. The Lord has fulness of grace to bestow on every one that will receive the heavenly gift. The Holy Spirit will bring the God-entrusted capabilities into Christ's service, and will

mold and fashion the human agent according to the divine Pattern, in proportion as the human agent shall earnestly desire the transformation.” {YI, July 5, 1894 par. 5}

The Holy Spirit is the breath, life, mind, and very presence of God and Christ. He also brings the power, wisdom, truth, and grace of God to us. Here are some more interesting verses. In John 14:6 Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” 1 Cor 1:24 says, “But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.” In my comparisons I showed that the Holy Spirit is compared to wisdom, power, and truth. Now in these verses Jesus is called those things as well!

Now I will give a few more verses that link the Holy Spirit and Christ. Gal 4:4, 6 says, “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ... And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.” God sent His Son and the Spirit of His Son, no one else! Rev 3:20 says, “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.” Jesus wants to come into our Hearts! “Keep cheerful. Do not forget that you have a Comforter, the Holy Spirit, which Christ has appointed. You are never alone. If you will listen to the voice that now speaks to you, if you will respond without delay to the knocking at the door of your heart, **“Come in, Lord Jesus, that I may sup with Thee, and Thee with me,” the heavenly Guest will enter.** When this element, which is all divine, abides with you, there is peace and rest. It is the kingdom of heaven come nigh unto you.” ... “What saith our Saviour? “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” “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.” **When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of Christ, remember that He is an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit,** and He will be the peace and comfort given you, manifesting to you that He is with you, the Sun of Righteousness, chasing away your darkness. “If a man love me,” Christ said, “he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” Be of good cheer; light will come, and your soul will rejoice greatly in the Lord.” {Letter 124, 1897 par. 4, 10} Rom 8:9, 10 says, “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. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” These verses clearly link the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, and Christ in you! There is one Spirit according to Eph 2:18, 4:4. Eph 3:16, 17 says, “That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;” ... This again links the Spirit to Christ in us. Here is another clear verse 2 Cor 3:17 says, “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” This next verse is one of my favorites. Col 1:27 says, “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Notice that this verse says it is a mystery among the Gentiles, it is not something believers can’t understand. Gal 2:20 says, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for

me.” We need to be crucified with Christ and fully surrendered to Him so we can overcome.

I hope you can already see how important this is, but now I will try to make the importance more apparent. Can we do anything without Christ? Jesus said in John 15:5 “I 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.” YI June 29, 1893, par. 8 says “There is no power in you apart from Christ,”... Rom 7:18-20 says, “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more * * I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.” Without Christ we have no way to overcome sin even if we want to. That is why “Christ gives them the breath of His own spirit, the life of His own life. ... Through co-operation with Christ they are complete in Him, and in their human weakness they are enabled to do the deeds of Omnipotence.” {DA 827.3} Christ gives us His own overcoming life/mind/Spirit! Now here is the whole quotation I quoted part of earlier. “I make an appeal to the youthful disciples of Christ to arouse, no longer to indulge in pleasure-seeking, in self-love and ease; no longer be controlled by inclination, and by the lusts of the carnal heart. Do not settle down in Satan's easy-chair, and say that there is no use, you cannot cease to sin, that there is no power in you to overcome. **There is no power in you apart from Christ, but it is your privilege to have Christ abiding in your heart by faith, and he can overcome sin in you, when you cooperate with his efforts, putting your will on the side of God's will.** He says, "I have overcome the world." In him you lift up the banner as one who conquers. "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us." You may have a constant testimony in your life to the power of the grace of Christ, and may understand what are the operations of the Spirit of God. You may be living epistles, known and read of all men. You are not to be a dead letter, but a living one, testifying to the world that Jesus is able to save.” {YI, June 29, 1893 par. 8} 2 Cor 12:9 says, “And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” Christ’s grace, spirit, overcoming life is sufficient for us so we can overcome sin and live a victorious life. “While the Lord has not promised His people exemption from trials, He has promised that which is far better. He has said, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Deuteronomy 33:25; 2 Corinthians 12:9. If you are called to go through the fiery furnace for His sake, **Jesus will be by your side even as He was with the faithful three in Babylon.** Those who love their Redeemer will rejoice at every opportunity of sharing with Him humiliation and reproach. The love they bear their Lord makes suffering for His sake sweet.” {MB 30.1}

I will end with some verses about the second coming. 1 Cor 15:54-57 says, “So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” “True sanctification is a Bible doctrine. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonian church, declares: "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." And he prays: "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly." 1

Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23. The Bible clearly teaches what sanctification is and how it is to be attained. The Saviour prayed for His disciples: "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth." John 17:17. And Paul teaches that believers are to be "sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:16. What is the work of the Holy Spirit? Jesus told His disciples: "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth." John 16:13. And the psalmist says: "Thy law is the truth." By the word and the Spirit of God are opened to men the great principles of righteousness embodied in His law. And since the law of God is "holy, and just, and good," a transcript of the divine perfection, it follows that a character formed by obedience to that law will be holy. Christ is a perfect example of such a character. He says: "I have kept My Father's commandments." "I do always those things that please Him." John 15:10; 8:29. The followers of Christ are to become like Him--by the grace of God to form characters in harmony with the principles of His holy law. This is Bible sanctification. This work can be accomplished only through faith in Christ, by the power of the indwelling Spirit of God. Paul admonishes believers: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Philippians 2:12, 13. The Christian will feel the promptings of sin, but he will maintain a constant warfare against it. Here is where Christ's help is needed. **Human weakness becomes united to divine strength, and faith exclaims: "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."** 1 Corinthians 15:57." {GC 469.2, 3} Rev 15:2 says, "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God." Long afterward, when the disciple had been brought into sympathy with Christ through the fellowship of His sufferings, the Lord revealed to John what is the condition of nearness in His kingdom. "To him that overcometh," Christ said, "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." "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, . . . and I will write upon him My new name." Revelation 3:21, 12. So Paul the apostle wrote, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day." 2 Timothy 4:6-8. **The one who stands nearest to Christ will be he who on earth has drunk most deeply of the spirit of His self-sacrificing love,**--love that "vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, . . . seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil" (1 Corinthians 13:4, 5),--love that moves the disciple, as it moved our Lord, to give all, to live and labor and sacrifice, even unto death, for the saving of humanity. This spirit was made manifest in the life of Paul. He said, "For to me to live is Christ;" for his life revealed Christ to men; "and to die is gain,"--gain to Christ; death itself would make manifest the power of His grace, and gather souls to Him. "Christ shall be magnified in my body," he said, "whether it be by life or by death." Philippians 1:21, 20. {DA 549.2, 3} The ones standing on the sea of glass are the ones who have gotten the victory. How? Like Jude 1:24 says, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," Let us all rely on His strength and He will give us His Spirit that enables us to overcome. "Christ declared that after his ascension, he would send to his

church, as his crowning gift, the Comforter, who was to take his place. This Comforter is the Holy Spirit,--the soul of his life, the efficacy of his church, the light and life of the world. **With his Spirit Christ sends a reconciling influence and a power that takes away sin.** {RH, May 19, 1904 par. 1} “The Spirit was given as a regenerating agency, 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 man 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 fulness 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 the church.” {RH, May 19, 1904 par. 3} “At the cost of infinite sacrifice and suffering, Christ has provided for us every essential to success in the Christian warfare. **The Holy Spirit brings power that enables man to overcome.** It is through the agency of the Spirit that the government of Satan is to be subdued. It is the Spirit that convinces of sin, and, with the consent of the human being, expels sin from the heart. The mind is then brought under a new law,--the royal law of liberty.” {RH, May 19, 1904 par. 5} “When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural work, bringing a supernatural element into human nature. The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan. But unless we do yield ourselves to the control of Christ, we shall be dominated by the wicked one. We must inevitably be under the control of the one or the other of the two great powers that are contending for the supremacy of the world. It is not necessary for us deliberately to choose the service of the kingdom of darkness in order to come under its dominion. We have only to neglect to ally ourselves with the kingdom of light. If we do not co-operate with the heavenly agencies, Satan will take possession of the heart, and will make it his abiding place. **The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness.** Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but without a vital connection with God, through the surrender of ourselves to Him moment by moment, we shall be overcome. Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual communion, we are at the mercy of the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end.” {DA 324.1} Men need to learn that the blessings of obedience, in their fullness, can be theirs only as they receive the grace of Christ. **It is His grace that gives man power to obey the laws of God.** It is this that enables him to break the bondage of evil habit. This is the only power that can make him and keep him steadfast in the right path. {MH 115.1} “Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? Read Revelation in connection with Daniel. Teach these things. Let discourses be short, spiritual, elevated. Let the preacher be full of the word of the Lord. Let every man who enters the pulpit know that he has angels from heaven in his audience. And when these angels empty from themselves the golden oil of truth into the

heart of him who is teaching the word, then the application of the truth will be a solemn, serious matter. **The angel messengers will expel sin from the heart, unless the door of the heart is padlocked and Christ is refused admission.** Christ will withdraw Himself from those who persist in refusing the heavenly blessings that are so freely offered them.”
{TM 337.2}