

Presentation-7S Worship him, part 1

*The final theme of the first angel's message is **"... and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters"** as recorded in Revelation 14:7. Worship the Creator and redeemer, the one true God of the Bible.

This theme "worship him" is a very solemn, sensitive, and controversial one, and it is not to be approached in a light or irreverent manner. A most solemn work is to be accomplished in our world today.

Almost the whole of Christendom is deceived into worshipping a false god the trinity. **God allows this unscriptural trinity dogma to be officially incorporated into His last-days church beliefs that it shall stand as a living testament against the spiritual leaders' departure from the firm foundation of God's word.**

*In this presentation **the emphasis is on what inspiration has revealed, with regards to the personality, presence, and character of God-the-Father and His only begotten son, and also on the intimate divine relationship between them both.** The Father and His only begotten Son are two separate entities, yet little short of being identical. They are two in individuality, yet one in spirit, in purpose, in mind and heart, and in character.

*Deuteronomy 8:19 clearly warns of the sad consequence for them that walk and worship after other gods **"And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish."**

The most solemn call today to worship God-the-Father, the Creator and Redeemer, the one true God of the Bible, is urgently needed because in the insidious trinity deception Lucifer deploys precisely the same principle he is doing right now with the spurious Sunday Sabbath, leading unwary souls away from worshipping the one true God of the Bible.* **The spurious sabbath leads unsuspecting souls away from allegiance to the one true God of the Bible, similarly the false trinity dogma seduces unwary souls to eternal damnation.**

The Sabbath of the fourth commandment is directly related to the worship of the one true God of the Bible. It is a sign between God and man pointing to the one true God of the Bible, a firm reminder that the Father is our creator and redeemer, confirming its specific function that all may know that it is the Father that sanctifies through His only begotten son.

***Ezekiel 20:12 clearly confirms this point "Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them"**

Ezekiel 20:20 also clearly confirms this point "And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God"

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The third angel's message makes it unmistakably clear that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the point especially controverted in the days preceding the second coming of Christ as expounded in GC p605. To be clear* **Sabbath observance is vitally important, yet it is not the destination per se; it is not the ultimate goal. The primary function of Sabbath observance is to direct man to the worship of the one true God of the Bible who sanctifies.** More importantly, one can be easily lured into a false sense of security, a mistaken mindset, thinking that all will be well if the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is dutifully observed. The Sabbath, coming with regularity every seventh day, was designed to keep the one true God of the Bible ever in remembrance. **It directs man's attention to the worship and allegiance to the one true God of the Bible, the Father, the Lord God Almighty, the Creator.** A word of caution, our thoughts reflected here must not be misstated or misrepresented. We do not in any way infer that Sabbath observance has diminished in significance and can be regarded with irreverence, negligence or carelessness.*

Sister White in 1888 Materials, p. 886 1891 wrote: "Let the missionaries of the cross proclaim that there is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, who is Jesus Christ the Son of the Infinite God. This needs to be proclaimed throughout every church in our land. Christians need to know this, and not put man where God should be, that they may no longer be worshipers of idols, but of the living God. Idolatry exists in our churches."

*Conviction of the truth in regard to the one true God message happens not overnight. Every soul must study the Scriptures prayerfully with the heart open to receive the light that God shines into the soul. When the light comes, cherish it as you would a lighted candle on a dangerous roadway. It may be that it will require the forsaking of many former ways, and the giving up of many cherished idols, but do it no matter what the sacrifice, even at the cost of losing friendship, status, livelihood, or even our lives. Eve and Adam were driven from the Garden of Eden because she listened to the words of Satan. Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt because she "looked back" towards Sodom, contrary to the Lord's express command. Joseph, Daniel, and his three companions were strong to stand for righteousness in a great crisis, because they stood by God's divine principles every day, every moment in the ordinary duties of life. For it be will be so when the final test is upon us.

***Jer 12:5 states "If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?"**

***If we fail to meet the difficult situations of present day, how will we be able to stand the almost unendurable hardships and overmastering delusions that will come upon us during the "little time of trouble" or the "great time of trouble" without an intercessor? The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure persecution from within**

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and without the church, a faith that will not faint though severely tried, nothing less than the faith-of-Jesus.

When God's truth is given, it is an honor and privilege to accept. As stated in* **Proverbs 13:18** "Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured"

Sister White in Letter 326, December 4, 1905; Manuscript 111-1905; NY Indicator, February 7, 1906, par. 6 wrote "When the Lord sends a message to any man or woman, and they refuse to be corrected, refuse to receive it, that is not the end of the message by any means. All the transaction is recorded, and those who took part in it, by their refusal to be corrected, pronounce their own sentence against themselves."

*Sister White commented in Gospel Workers page 125.3 1892: "Those who allow prejudice to bar the mind against the reception of truth cannot receive the divine enlightenment. Yet, when a view of Scripture is presented, many do not ask, Is it True, - in harmony with God's word? but, By whom is it advocated? and unless it comes through the very channel that pleases them, they do not accept it. So thoroughly satisfied are they with their own ideas, that they will not examine the Scripture evidence, with a desire to learn, but refuse to be interested, merely because of their prejudices."

To every man is the right and power given to decide for himself, especially on the most momentous last-days situations.* **The teacher may hold up the light; the man must for himself know that it is light.** Open a man's eyes and you do not need to tell him what is light or what are darkness; what God's truth is and what falsehood is.

*Sister White cautioned in GC p310.2 "To them that cry, "My God, we know Thee," yet have transgressed His covenant, and hastened after another god, hiding iniquity in their hearts, and loving the paths of unrighteousness - to these the day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light, even very dark, and no brightness in it"

On the dangers of speculative theories in regard to Dr Kellogg's book the living temple,* **Sister White cautioned in Ministry of Healing page 429.1 and also in Testimonies for the church volume 8 p279.1**

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever." Deuteronomy 29:29. The revelation of Himself that God has given in His word is for our study. This we may seek to understand.

*But beyond this we are not to penetrate. The highest intellect may tax itself until it is wearied out in conjectures regarding the nature of God, but the effort will be fruitless. This

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problem has not been given us to solve. No human mind can comprehend God. None are to indulge in speculation regarding His nature. Here silence is eloquence. The Omniscient One is above discussion."

Yes, absolutely, speculation regarding God's nature, silence is eloquence. However, at the same time Sister White also clarified her statement that the "revelation of Himself that God has given in His word is for our study. This we may seek to understand." So, obviously all that are revealed of God's personality through the inspired word in the Bible and Sister White's inspired writings are for our study. The phrase "Silence is eloquence" or "golden" is applied only to speculations regarding God's nature, and not to be taken out of context and used as an excuse to silence the one true God message.

The question may be asked: who is the one true God of the Bible? is it a trinity of sorts?

***Sister White in Testimonies Volume 6, p. 166 1901 answered it: "Jehovah is the only true God, and He is to be revered and worshiped."**

God the Father, the LORD God Almighty, is the Creator and Sovereign of the entire universe.

God-the-Father created all things through His only begotten Son. By virtue of this Christ has power and authority over every created thing **1Corinthians 8:6 "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him"**

Let us now look at what inspiration has revealed about the personality and identity of God-the-Father.

***In Sketches from the Life of Paul, p. 296 1883 Sister White wrote: "God is the great I AM, the source of being, the center of authority and power."**

God-the-Father is the sole great source of all moral and physical benefits, of promises, of blessings, and of life, given to all.

James 1:17 confirms this point: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning"

***In Desire of Ages page 21.2 Sister White confirms that the Father is the only great source of all promises, of blessings and of life:**

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"I do nothing of Myself," said Christ; "the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father."
"I seek not Mine own glory," but the glory of Him that sent Me...

***In these words is set forth the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life."**

The Father's life flows through the Son. The Father is "the great Source of all". He is the source of all life. He is God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is His life that we can receive through Christ. Christ has this very same life by right of inheritance. This life was GIVEN to Him by His Father!*

This point is confirmed in* **John 5:26 "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself"**

Sister White in Review and Herald, April 5, 1906 par 12 wrote "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," Christ declares;"no one cometh unto the Father, but by me."Christ is invested with power to give life to all creatures"

***Sister White in Patriarchs and Prophets, p305 1890 confirmed this understanding: "Jehovah, the eternal, self-existent, uncreated One, Himself the Source and Sustainer of all, is alone entitled to supreme reverence and worship."**

In Ministry of Healing p417.2 Sister White wrote "... By His Spirit He is everywhere present. Through the agency of His Spirit and His angels He ministers to the children of men"

To conclude,* **stated below is our SDA pioneers' 1872 statement of beliefs item (1) encapsulating all the key features of His personality, identity, and character: "That there is one God, a personal, spiritual being, the creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal, infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and everywhere present by his representative, the Holy Spirit. Psalm 139:7"**

There is not the slightest suggestion of a triune God, neither are there expressions that are completely not in harmony with the teachings of the Holy Scripture like god-the-eternal-son and god-the-eternal-spirit.

Ephesians 4:6 clearly states "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all"

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Let us now look at what inspiration has revealed regarding the personality and identity of the Father's only begotten son Jesus Christ, and His intimate relationship with the Father.

*The question may be asked, who is Christ?

Sister White answered this in the Youth's Instructor, June 28, 1894 par. 9: "He is the only begotten Son of the living God. He is to the Father as a word that expresses the thought, as a thought made audible. Christ is the word of God."

According to Signs of the Times, May 3, 1899, par. 2 Sister White confirmed this point that "Jehovah is the name given to Christ."

*What is the relation between God-the-Father and Christ? What has Christ been given?

Sister White in Testimonies Volume 8, p. 268 1904 wrote: "The Scriptures clearly indicate the relation between God and Christ, and they bring to view as clearly the personality and individuality of each. God is the Father of Christ; Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son."

Who was Christ begotten of?

Sister White in Review and Herald, July 9, 1895 par. 13 wrote: "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."

*God the Father had a **co-worker** in the work of creation.

Sister White in PP p34.1, 1890 confirmed that the Father had only one co-worker and not two co-workers* **"The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had an associate, a co-worker who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings"**

* God-the-Father has a literal son who came forth from him and was sent to reveal His Father's character to the world, representing two distinctly separate events, and not as an added emphasis on a single event.

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John 7:29 “But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me”

John 8:42 “for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me”

John 5:37 tells us the Spirit that descended on Jesus during His baptism was the Father. The Father himself was the witness to Christ’s sonship. **“And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me”**

1John 5:9 “If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.” God’s witness is superior, not only because it comes from One who never lies, but because it comes from the only One who is fully qualified to testify concerning the Sonship of Jesus, that is, the Father.

***Sister White confirmed this point in RH, January 21, 1873 par. 5 “Never before had angels listened to such a prayer as Christ offered at his baptism, and they were solicitous to be the bearers of the message from the Father to his Son. But, no; direct from the Father issues the light of his glory. The heavens were opened, and beams of glory rested upon the Son of God, and assumed the form of a dove, in appearance like burnished gold. The dove-like form was emblematical of the meekness and gentleness of Christ. While the people stood spell-bound with amazement, their eyes fastened upon Christ, from the opening heavens came these words: “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”** The words of confirmation that Christ is the Son of God was given to inspire faith in those who witnessed the scene, and to sustain the Son of God in his arduous work.

Nevertheless, today SDA trinitarians overtly teach unbegottenism. The SDA 28 fundamental beliefs item 2 states “There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal persons.” This statement teaches that the pre-incarnate Son of God is not begotten since they claim He is coeternal with the Father. Whereas Scripture clearly teaches that the son is begotten of the Father.

***In A Question of Sonship, Angel Manuel Rodriguez (Retired president of the Adventist Biblical Research Institute, BRI) wrote “We are dealing with a metaphorical use of the word ‘son.’... There is no biblical support for the eternal generation of the Son from the Father. The Son came from God but was not generated by Him. [T]he [human] father-son image cannot be literally applied to the divine Father-Son relationship within the Godhead.**

***The Son is NOT the natural, literal Son of the Father. A natural child has a beginning, while within the Godhead the Son is eternal. THE TERM "SON" IS USED METAPHORICALLY when**

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applied to the Godhead. It conveys the ideas of distinction of persons within the Godhead and the equality of nature in the context of an eternal, loving relationship.”

The driving idea of this theology generally comes from the believe that a divine being must exist without beginning and therefore according to this view, any compromise on the Son’s eternal existence downgrades the integrity of Christ’s divinity. This however is a great irony, for biblical affirmation of Christ’s divinity is clearly established by the very fact that Christ was begotten of His Father. Christ is divine like His Father because He is the only begotten Son of God! The Bible confirms that Christ was begotten of the Father, the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person, and in Him dwelleth all the fullness of divinity.

To be clear, we are not in any way being disrespectful to the SDA Biblical Research Institute (BRI). It comprises highly respected SDA theologians.

In light of the institute’s high respectability, a statement like “The Son is NOT the natural, literal Son of the Father” makes it all the more perplexing and troubling, to say the least.

Lucifer knows that Christ is the literal only begotten Son of God, but he attempted to put doubt in Christ’s mind.

***Matthew 4:6 states “And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down ...”**

Matthew 8:29 “And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? ...”

***John 1:34 states “And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God”** John the Baptist by inspiration confirmed that Jesus is the son of God.

1 John 4:15 states **“Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God”** The confession that Jesus is the son of God by the believer testifies that God dwelleth in him. Conversely, the denial that Jesus is the son of God is an outward manifestation that God dwelleth not in him.

John 20:31 states **“But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name”** The Apostle John testifies that the primary purpose in his writing is to confirm that Christ is the son of God and that in believing all might have life.

From the above Bible texts, it is conclusive that Christ is the literal son of God. Even Lucifer and his demons confessed this truth. If the only begotten son of god is metaphorical and not literal, then His sacrificial death at the cross is also metaphorical, and man’s salvation is vain.

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Our earnest prayers are for these unbelieving souls to come to this truth and have life in the son of God, the very truth which they tried to rationalize away.

The Father and Christ alone are to be exalted.

The King of the universe summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence He might set forth the true position of His Son and show the relation He sustained to all created beings.

***Sister White in Patriarchs and Prophets, p36.2 1890 wrote "The Son of God shared the Father's throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both... Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven the King declared that none but Christ, the Only Begotten of God, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed**

to execute the mighty counsels of His will" *

"The Son of God had wrought the Father's will in the creation of all the hosts of heaven; and to Him, as well as to God, their homage and allegiance were due. Christ was still to exercise divine power, in the creation of the earth and its inhabitants. But in all this He would not seek power or exaltation for Himself contrary to God's plan, but would exalt the Father's glory and execute His purposes of beneficence and love."

***The Son is all the fullness of the Godhead manifested. The Word of God in Hebrews 1:3 declares "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person".** In Christ is the sum total of all the Father's attributes. He is the exact and true expression of the very inmost nature of God the Father. As is the Father, so is the Son: one in mind and heart, one in purpose, one in character, and one in Spirit. So alike are they that Christ could say, *** "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" in John 14:9, and "I and my Father are one" in John 10:30.** Indeed, one of the great purposes of Christ's coming to this earth was to give men a true picture of the Father's character.

***The expression "only begotten son" does not in any way infer that Jesus Christ the Son of God is a lesser God than is the Father.**

The Bible clearly states that in Christ dwelleth all the fullness of the godhead. The term godhead simply means "divinity", not 3 co-eternal persons. He is the brightness of his Father's glory, and the express image of his person, **Isaiah calls Him the "mighty God" and also the "everlasting**

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Father”, because in a special sense as our Creator He is Father to all mankind, being the one who undertook the creation of men and of the world.

Notably, apart from the expression “only begotten son of God”, **Jesus is also referred to in the Bible in many different expressions such as Michael meaning “who is like God”, or Michael the Archangel, or “Michael one of the chief princes”, or “captain of the Lord’s host”, or in numerous places in the Bible where Jesus is at times referred to as the “angel of the Lord”.** These expressions do not infer Jesus is a lesser God. Therefore, clearly the expression “the only begotten son does not in any way infer that Christ is a lesser God, or a created being, or inferior to the Father.

*However, having said this, it must be clear that God-the-Father is not included in the things that are put under Christ’s feet. God-the-Father is the Father of Christ; he is the Lord God Almighty, the sovereign of the whole universe. In no way must God-the-Father be relegated to the background or be made secondary to Christ. He is the source of all blessings and promises given to all through His only begotten son Jesus Christ.

This point is well documented in 1 Corinthians 15:27,28 “For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he (*the Father*) is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him (*the Father*), that God may be all in all.”

If it can be proven from the Holy Scripture that Christ the only begotten son is not God, that he is not the only co-worker who undertook the act of creation, that he was a created being, that he was not the Lawgiver, in which case our salvation is vain.

*A passage from The Desire of Ages page 530 is much misunderstood today: “In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived.”

What light is shed on this passage when we read it in context?

Sister White in 1SM p296.2 wrote "I lay it down of myself" (John 10: 18), He said. In Him was life, original, unborrowed, underived. This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). This is the open fountain of life for the world"

Therefore life original, unborrowed underived life can be GIVEN to all who will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour.

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This is confirmed in **John 5:26** “For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself”

As we do not believe that the Holy Spirit is another divine person to be worshipped, the question is often raised: How can the Holy Spirit be grieved?*

Sister White clearly stated that God’s Spirit can be grieved in Testimonies to Ministers p431.1 “How can you, oh, how can you grieve your Redeemer? How can you dishonor Him before His angels and before men? How can you grieve the Holy Spirit of God? How can you crucify the Lord of glory afresh, and put Him to open shame? How can you give occasion for Satan and his angels to exult and triumph over those who claim to be loyal subjects of Jesus Christ?”

Let us now look at the Holy Spirit which we firmly believe is the Spirit of God the Father & the Spirit of the only begotten son as taught in Scripture.

When God gives us His Spirit, does He give us someone else different to Him?.*

Sister white declared in Testimonies Volume 7, p. 273, 1902 “In giving us His Spirit, God gives us Himself, making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world.”

Is the soul of Christ’s life a different being to Christ?

Sister White again declared in Review and Herald, May 19, par 1, 1904 “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.”

***Sister White, in Manuscript Releases Volume 8, p. 49. 1892 wrote** “The Saviour is our Comforter. This I have proved Him to be.”

Sister White in Manuscript Releases Volume 14, p. 23, 1895 again wrote “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.”

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Is the Holy Spirit a third individual being different to the Father and the Son? * **Sister White in Desire of Ages, p. 805 wrote “The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ.”**

Is the life of Christ a different individual being to Christ?

Sister White in Desire of Ages, p. 827 wrote “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.” Christ gave to His disciples the life of His very own life experiences during his thirty three and a half years as a man here on this earth. Jesus puts into them His “mind” as confirmed in **Philippians 2:5 “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus”**

Did the Father’s council include a third member?*

This is answered in* Zechariah 6:13 “... and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” No so-called god-the-eternal-spirit was in the council.

In Ellen White’s original handwritten manuscript, a copy is reproduced here, which she herself corrected to read: **“Here are the living three personalities of the heavenly trio...”**. Sister White saw a difference and corrected the word “persons” to “personalities”. She obviously considered that it warranted a correction lest she be misunderstood to be teaching a trinity.

Sister White in Review and Herald, August 26, 1890 par. 10 wrote “The reason 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, as one who reproves, who warns, who admonishes them, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it" This is precisely what Lucifer and his evil agencies have so successfully accomplished, by substituting the comforter, the omnipresence of Christ, with the false god-the-eternal-spirit.

Sister White in Signs of the Times, November 23, 1891 par. 1 wrote “The divine Spirit that the world's Redeemer promised to send, is the presence and power of God.”

It is absolutely clear that the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, or the third person of the Godhead is the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, and the third god-being as in god-the-eternal-spirit is a falsehood.

Take home message

The Trinity dogma is a false assumption.

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Fernando L. Canale, The Handbook of Seventh-day Adventist Theology, Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopaedia, Volume 12, page 138, 'Doctrine of God' "The concept of the Trinity, namely the IDEA THAT THE THREE ARE ONE, IS NOT EXPLICITLY STATED BUT ONLY ASSUMED."

Adventist Review 7-30-1981 Special Issue on Bible Doctrines p4 states "While no single scriptural passage states formally the doctrine of the Trinity, it is assumed as a fact by Bible writers... Only by faith can we accept the existence of the Trinity."

***Paul Petersen, Andrews University, May 2015, page 3, 'God in 3 Persons in the New Testament' "The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one, yet three. To express this conviction, words and expressions came into use that are not explicitly used in the Bible..."**

Where in Scripture can be found such an idea as the trinity? The answer is it cannot be found. This is because it is not there. It is purely supposition, philosophical speculation. This is why the trinity dogma is only an assumed pagan doctrine, a falsehood.

***Sister White in Testimonies for the Church vol. 5 p173.4 counseled with these sobering words "No outward shrines may be visible, there may be no image for the eye to rest upon, yet we may be practicing idolatry. It is as easy to make an idol of cherished ideas or objects as to fashion gods of wood or stone. Thousands have a false conception of God and His attributes. They are as verily serving a false god as were the servants of Baal. Are we worshipping the true God as He is revealed in His word, in Christ, in nature, or are we adoring some philosophical idol enshrined in His place?"**

Prayer

It is our earnest prayer that all our spiritual leaders, all who hold sacred positions in the church, and the entire SDA congregation, turn from loving the world and the friendship of the world; study the Holy Scriptures prayerfully, with a humble and contrite heart, and with a teachable spirit; that all may clearly discern truth from falsehood, that victory over the beast, his mark, his image, and the number of his name is only through the Father and Christ's righteousness and not the righteousness of another trinity god or a false so-called god-the-eternal-spirit.