

Third Person

Who is this ‘third person’ we’ve heard so much about, and can we find that phrase in the Bible?

- No, that phrase is not found in the Bible, but Ellen White uses it—so what does it mean?

The Bible does reveal that concept, but in other words. Jesus spoke in the ‘third person’ quite often. When He used the phrase, “son of man,” it was then that we can see an application to the concept. Notice, that in most of the 88 times the phrase “son of man” was employed by the prophets of the New Testament, it was mostly Christ speaking of Himself in the *grammatical third person*:

Matthew 8:20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but the **Son of man** hath not where to lay *his* head.

Matthew 9:6 But that ye may know that the **Son of man** hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

Matthew 10:23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the **Son of man** be come.

Matthew 11:19 The **Son of man** came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Matthew 12:8 For the **Son of man** is Lord even of the sabbath day.

Matthew 12:32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the **Son of man**, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come.

Matthew 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the **Son of man** be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 13:37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the **Son of man**;

Matthew 13:41 The **Son of man** shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

Matthew 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the **Son of man** am?

Matthew 16:27 For the **Son of man** shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Matthew 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the **Son of man** coming in his kingdom.

Matthew 17:9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the **Son of man** be risen again from the dead.

Matthew 17:12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the **Son of man** suffer of them.

Matthew 17:22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, **The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:**

Matthew 18:11 For the **Son of man** is come to save that which was lost.

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the **Son of man** shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 20:18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the **Son of man** shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,

Matthew 20:28 Even as the **Son of man** came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Matthew 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the **Son of man** be.

Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the **Son of man** in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the **Son of man** coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the **Son of man** be.

Matthew 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the **Son of man** be.

Matthew 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the **Son of man** cometh.

Matthew 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the **Son of man** cometh.

Matthew 25:31 When the **Son of man** shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Matthew 26:2 Ye know that after two days is *the feast of the passover*, and the **Son of man** is betrayed to be crucified.

Matthew 26:24 The **Son of man** goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the **Son of man** is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

Matthew 26:45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take *your* rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the **Son of man** is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Matthew 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the **Son of man** sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Mark 2:10 But that ye may know that the **Son of man** hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

Mark 2:28 Therefore the **Son of man** is Lord also of the sabbath.

Mark 8:31 And he began to teach them, that the **Son of man** must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and *of* the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Mark 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the **Son of man** be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Mark 9:9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the **Son of man** were risen from the dead.

Mark 9:12 And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the **Son of man**, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

Mark 9:31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The **Son of man** is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

Mark 10:33 *Saying*, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the **Son of man** shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:

Mark 10:45 For even the **Son of man** came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the **Son of man** coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13:34 *For the Son of man is* as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

Mark 14:21 The **Son of man** indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the **Son of man** is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

Mark 14:41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take *your* rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the **Son of man** is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Mark 14:62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the **Son of man** sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Luke 5:24 But that ye may know that the **Son of man** hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

Luke 6:5 And he said unto them, That the **Son of man** is Lord also of the sabbath.

Luke 7:34 The **Son of man** is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

Luke 9:22 *Saying*, The **Son of man** must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

Luke 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the **Son of man** be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and *in his* Father's, and of the holy angels.

Luke 9:44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the **Son of man** shall be delivered into the hands of men.

Luke 9:56 For the **Son of man** is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*. And they went to another village.

Luke 9:58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air *have* nests; but the **Son of man** hath not where to lay *his* head.

Luke 11:30 For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the **Son of man** be to this generation.

Luke 12:8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the **Son of man** also confess before the angels of God:

Luke 12:10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the **Son of man**, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

Luke 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the **Son of man** cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Luke 17:22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the **Son of man**, and ye shall not see *it*.

Luke 17:24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under heaven, shineth unto the other *part* under heaven; so shall also the **Son of man** be in his day.

Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the **Son of man**.

Luke 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the **Son of man** is revealed.

Luke 18:8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the **Son of man** cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Luke 18:31 Then he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the **Son of man** shall be accomplished.

Luke 19:10 For the **Son of man** is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luke 21:27 And then shall they see the **Son of man** coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the **Son of man**.

Luke 22:22 And truly the **Son of man** goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

Luke 22:48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the **Son of man** with a kiss?

Luke 22:69 Hereafter shall the **Son of man** sit on the right hand of the power of God.

Luke 24:7 Saying, The **Son of man** must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

John 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the **Son of man**.

John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the **Son of man** which is in heaven.

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the **Son of man** be lifted up:

John 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the **Son of man**.

John 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the **Son of man** shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the **Son of man**, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

John 6:62 *What* and if ye shall see the **Son of man** ascend up where he was before?

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the **Son of man**, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the **Son of man** should be glorified.

John 12:34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The **Son of man** must be lifted up? who is this **Son of man**?

John 13:31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, **Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.**

Acts 7:56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the **Son of man** standing on the right hand of God.

Hebrews 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the **son of man**, that thou visitest him?

Revelation 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the **Son of man**, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Revelation 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the **Son of man**, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Colossians 1:26 *Even* the **mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but **now is made manifest** to his saints:

Colossians 1:27 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.

Ephesians 3:17 That **Christ may dwell** in your **hearts** by **faith**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Ephesians 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Ephesians 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh** by hearing, and **hearing** by the **word of God**.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, **God sent forth his Son**, made of a woman, made under the law,

Galatians 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the **adoption of sons**.

Galatians 4:6 And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son** into your **hearts**, crying, Abba, Father.

“Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith **means** the **contemplation** of Christ, **beholding** Christ, ever **cherishing** the dear Saviour as our very best and honored Friend, so that we would **not** in any action **grieve** and **offend** Him.” 11LtMs, Lt 40, 1896, par. 1

“Those who do the words of Christ will perfect a Christian character, because **Christ’s will** is **their will**. **Thus** is Christ formed within, the hope of glory.” PH028 8.2, 6LtMs, Ms 1a, 1890, par. 18

“If we repent of our transgression, and receive Christ as the Life-giver, our personal Saviour, we become **one** with him, and our **will** is brought into **harmony** with the **divine will**.” ST June 17, 1897, par. 14