

THE COUNSEL OF PEACE

A Bible Study

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1. Who made the counsel of peace?

Zechariah 6:12-13 “And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is **The BRANCH**; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of **the LORD**: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and **the counsel of peace shall be between them both.**”

ST, December 23, 1897, par. 2 “In the plan to save a lost world, **the counsel was between them both; the covenant of peace was between the Father and the Son.**”

2. What is the counsel of peace?

Ephesians 1:3-5 “Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who hath **blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ**: According as **he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself**, according to the good pleasure of his will,”

DA, 834 “**Before the foundations of the earth** were laid, **the Father and the Son had united in a covenant to redeem man** if he should be overcome by Satan. **They had clasped Their hands in a solemn pledge that Christ should become the surety for the human race.**”

3. Did God save the world through Christ?

John 3:16-17 “**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth

in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but **that the world through him might be saved.**”

ST, January 13, 1909 “**God and Christ alone know** what the souls of men have cost. **For our sakes the Son of God became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich** with eternal riches.”

4. Did God reconcile the world unto Himself by Christ?

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 “And all things are of **God**, who hath **reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ**, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”

DA, 116.2 “**Ever since Adam's sin**, the human race had been **cut off from direct communion with God**; the **intercourse between heaven and earth had been through Christ**; but **now** that Jesus had come “in the likeness of sinful flesh” (Romans 8:3), **the Father Himself spoke**. He had before communicated with humanity through Christ; **now He communicated with humanity in Christ.**”

5. Does God shed forth the Holy Spirit through Christ?

Acts 2:1-4, 32-33 “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came **a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind**, and **it filled all the house** where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and **it sat upon each of them**. And they were all **filled**

with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ... This **Jesus** hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore **being by the right hand of God exalted**, and **having received of the Father** the promise of **the Holy Ghost**, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.”

DA, 827 “**The outpouring of the Spirit in apostolic days was the "former rain,"** and glorious was the result. But the "latter rain" will be more abundant. Joel 2:23. **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.”

6. Does God sanctify us through Christ?

1 Corinthians 1:30 “But of him **are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us** wisdom, and righteousness, and **sanctification**, and redemption:”

DA, 161 “**Only Christ can cleanse the soul temple.** But He will not force an entrance. He comes not into the heart as to the temple of old; but He 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.**' **Revelation 3:20. He will come,** not for one day merely; for He says, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them; ... and they shall be My people.' 'He will subdue our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.' 2 Corinthians 6:16; Micah 7:19. **His presence will cleanse and sanctify the soul, so that it may be a holy temple unto the Lord, and 'an habitation of God through the Spirit.'** Ephesians 2:21, 22.”

7. Will God raise the dead through Christ?

John 5:20-21 “For **the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth:** and he

will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. **For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.”**

YI, Aug. 4, 1898, par. 5 “**Christ was invested with the right to give immortality.** The life which he had laid down in humanity, he again took up and gave to humanity. “I am come,” he says, “that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” “Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and **I will raise him up at the last day**”

8. Will God judge the world by Christ?

John 5:22-23 “For **the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father.** He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.”

RH, July 31, 1900, par. 14 “**Christ can and will judge every case; for all judgment has been committed to him by the Father.**”

9. Will God give eternal life through Christ?

John 17:1-3 “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that **he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal,** that they might **know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**”

YI, July 7, 1898, par. 2 “Let the brightest example the world has yet seen be your example, rather than the greatest and most learned men of the age, who **know not God, nor Jesus Christ whom He has sent. The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted.**”
