

# THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

## WORSHIP GOD

A Bible Study with Ellen G. White quotes

### 1. What is the first angel's message?

Revelation 14:7 "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of **his judgment** is come: and **worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.**"

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### 2. Who is the Judge?

Hebrews 12:22-23 "To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to **God the Judge of all**, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, **And to Jesus** the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel."

GC 479.2 "Thus was presented to the prophet's vision the great and solemn day when the characters and the lives of men should pass in review before **the Judge of all the earth**, and to every man should be rendered "according to his works." **The Ancient of Days is God the Father.** Says the psalmist: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God." Psalm 90:2. **It is He, the source of all being, and the fountain of all law, that is to preside in the judgment.**"

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### 3. Will God the Father judge all by Jesus Christ?

Romans 2:16 "In the day when **God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ** according to my gospel."

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

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### 4. Who is the Creator?

Acts 4:24,27 "**Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: ...** For of a truth against **thy holy child Jesus**, whom **thou hast anointed**, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together;"

ST, Feb 22, 1899, par. 6 "But in this was there no sacrifice made by **the Father? The Creator Himself, the Omnipotent God**, suffered with His Son."

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### 5. Did the Father create all things by Jesus Christ?

Ephesians 3:9 "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in **God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:**"

DA 769 "In the beginning **the Father and the Son** had **rested upon the Sabbath after Their work of creation.**"

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### 6. How did the Father create all things by Jesus Christ?

John 1:1-4, 5:26 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ... For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;**"

DA, 21 "**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.**"

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### 7. Is Christ truly God in infinity, but not in personality?

John 1:1, 14, 18, 6:46 "In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God, and the Word was God....** And **the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and **we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,**) full of grace and truth.... **No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he **hath declared him. ... Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God**, he hath seen the Father."

Philippians 2:5-7 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God**, thought it not robbery to be **equal with God:** But made himself of no reputation, and **took upon him the form of a servant**, and was made in **the likeness of men:**"

Ms 116, 1905, par. 19 "The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, **is truly God in infinity, but not in personality.**"

8T, 268, The Essential Knowledge “The Scriptures clearly indicate **the relation between God and Christ**, and they bring to view as clearly **the personality and individuality of each**. [Quotes **Hebrews 1:1-5**]. **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**.”

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#### 8. Did Christ inherit His name from His Father?

Hebrews 1:1-5 “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by **his Son, whom he hath appointed heir** of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds**; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: **Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they**. For unto which of the angels **said he** at any time, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?** And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?”

Genesis 5:2 “**Male and female created he them**; and blessed them, and **called their name Adam**, in the day when they were created.”

John 5:43, 8:58 “I am come **in my Father's name**, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. ... Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am**.”

Exodus 23:21 “Beware of him, and **obey his voice**, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: **for my name is in him**.”

EW 145 “But when **God said to His Son**, “**Let us make man in our image**,” Satan was jealous of Jesus.”

ST, May 3, 1899, par. 13, 18 “[Quotes **John 8:58**]. They saw that **He made Himself equal with God**, and because **they had no knowledge of God or of Jesus Christ**, they thought this to be blasphemy. **Had they had a knowledge of God, they would not have rejected His Son**, and charged Him with blasphemy.... **Jehovah is the name given to Christ**.”

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#### 9. Is the Holy Spirit the breath of the Almighty?

Job 33:4 “The Spirit of God **hath made** me, and **the breath of the Almighty hath given** me life.”

Psalms 33:6 “**By the word of the Lord were the heavens made**; and all the host of them **by the breath of his mouth**.”

John 3:34, 20:22 “For he whom God hath sent **speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him**. ... And when he had said this, **he breathed on them**, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost**.”

RH, Nov 5, 1908, par. 4 “**The Father gave his Spirit** without measure **to his Son**, and we also may partake of **its fulness**.”

DA 805 “Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, **Christ breathed His Spirit upon them**.”

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#### 10. Whom do we worship?

John 4:23, 20:17 “But the hour cometh, and now is, when **the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. ... Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended **to my Father**: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend **unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God**.”

Ms36-1897.5 “**The Lord God omnipotent is the God of His people**. He is **also a tender, loving Father**, ready to hear their prayers, **for God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them.”

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#### 11. How do we give glory to God the Father?

John 5:23 “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.”

Philippians 2:11 “And that every tongue should **confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father**.”

GC 493 “**Christ the Word, the Only Begotten of God**, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, and in purpose,—**the only being in all the universe that could enter** into all the counsels and purposes of God. By Christ the Father wrought in the creation of all heavenly beings. “By Him were all things created, that are in heaven, . . . whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers” (Colossians 1:16); and **to Christ, equally with the Father, all heaven gave allegiance**.”

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#### 12. Must we exalt the Father and the Son alone?

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

1 Corinthians 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.”

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**.”

Ms49-1906.26 “**Our heavenly Father is the God of the universe, and Christ is the divine Son, the One equal with the Father**.”

RH, Nov. 8, 1898, par. 9 "There is a **personal God, the Father**; there is a **personal Christ, the Son**."

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### 13. Do we need to know John 17:3, because it is about the personality of God and of His Son?

1 John 2:22-25 "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son**. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall **continue in the Son, and in the Father**. And **this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life**."

John 17:21-23 "**That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us**: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me**, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

RH, March 8, 1906, par. 17-19 "[Quotes 1 John 2:22-29]. He who **denies the personality of God and of His Son Jesus Christ, is denying God and Christ**. [Quotes 1 John 2:24]. If you **continue to believe and obey the truths you first embraced regarding the personality of the Father and the Son**, you will be joined together with him in love. **There will be seen that union for which Christ prayed** just before his trial and crucifixion: [Quotes John 17:20-23]"

Lt232-1903.48 "[Quotes John 17:3]. In **these words the personality of God and of His Son is clearly spoken of**."

COL, 114 "In His prayer to the Father, **Christ gave to the world a lesson which should be graven on mind and soul**. [Quotes John 17:3]. This is true education. It imparts power. **The experimental knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ whom He has sent, transforms man into the image of God**."

Ms32, 1896, par. 34, 44 "**This is our message, the very message that the three angels** flying in the midst of heaven are proclaiming. The work to be done now is that of sounding this last message of mercy to a fallen world. **A new life is coming from heaven** and taking possession of all God's people. **But divisions will come in the church**. ... Jesus well knew that **Satan** is constantly working to excite curiosity, and busy men with conjecture. Thus he **seeks to eclipse the grand and momentous truth which Christ wished to be ever prominent before their minds**. [Quotes John 17:3]"

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### 14. Does the Omega of deadly heresies do away with the personality of God, and with the personality of Christ?

1 SM, 197 "Be not deceived; **many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils**. We have now before us **the alpha of this danger**. **The Omega will be** of a most startling nature. **We need to study**

the words that Christ uttered in the prayer that He offered just before His trial and crucifixion: [Quotes John 17:1-6]."

Ms70-1905.2 "**The book Living Temple contains specious, deceptive sentiments regarding the personality of God and of Christ**. The Lord opened before me the true meaning of these sentiments, showing me that **unless they were steadfastly repudiated, they would deceive the very elect**."

Ms138-1906.23 "The light is given to me in regard to the poor understanding of those that have been in the truth, that these sophistries, and this mysticism, and **doing away with the personality of God, and with the personality of Christ, will get the hall-room of the heart all ready for** these miracles that **Satan** will come to work right in our midst. **Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils**."

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### 15. Who is worshipped in Revelation?

Revelation 7:10 "And **cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb**."

DA, 770 "Heaven and earth will unite in praise, as "**from one Sabbath to another**" (Isa. 66:23) the nations of the saved shall **bow in joyful worship to God and the Lamb**."

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### 16. Why is the Third Person of the Godhead never worshipped?

Revelation 3:20, 5:6 "**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**. ... 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."

Galatians 2:20, 4:6 "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. ... And because ye are sons, God hath **sent forth** the Spirit of **his Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

DA 161, 341, 671 "**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, [Quotes Revelation 3:20].... **The only safeguard against his power is found in the presence of Jesus**. Before men and angels Satan has been revealed as man's enemy and destroyer; **Christ**, as man's friend and deliverer. **His Spirit will develop in man** all that will ennoble the character and dignify the nature. **It will build man up** for the glory of God in body and soul and spirit... **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 fullness 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 His church.”

Lt59-1899.11 “We must have the mighty energy of **the Holy Spirit**, with all its **quickenings**, transforming, life-giving **power**, in order to penetrate the palsied soul. Work we must in spiritual lines. **Lift up Christ in His power in the person of the Holy Spirit**. He is waiting for them to **open the door and admit Him**. His presence will thrill every nerve and muscle.”

1T 186 “It is designed to arouse the people of God, to discover to them their backslidings, and to lead to zealous repentance, **that they may be favored with the presence of Jesus**, and be **fitted for the loud cry of the third angel**.”

### **17. In the heavenly trio, why is it that only the Holy Spirit is in all the fulness of the Godhead?**

John 14:6, 16-22 “**I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.... And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another Comforter**, that he **may abide with you for ever**; 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**. I will not leave you **comfortless: I will come to you**. Yet a little while, and **the world seeth me no more; but ye see me**: because I live, ye shall live also. **At that day** ye shall know that I am in my Father, and **ye in me, and I in 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**. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, **Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself** unto us, and not unto the world?”

Acts 2:32-33 “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.”

SpTB07 62.3-63.2 “**The Father is all the fulness of the Godhead bodily**, and is invisible to mortal sight. **The Son is all the fulness of the Godhead manifested**. The Word of God declares Him to be “**the express image of His person**.” “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Here is shown the personality of the Father. **The Comforter that Christ promised to send** after He ascended to heaven, **is the Spirit in all the fulness of the Godhead**, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who **receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour**. There are **three living persons of the heavenly trio**; in the name of these **three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**—those who **receive Christ by living faith** are baptized, and **these powers** will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to **live the new life in Christ**.”

SW, Sept. 13, 1898, par. 1-2 “**In all their emergencies and perplexities, they will have a helper in Jesus Christ**. That

**Christ should manifest Himself to them, and yet be invisible to the world, was a mystery** to the disciples. They could not understand the words of Christ in their **spiritual sense**. They were thinking of the **outward, visible manifestation**. They could not take in the fact that they could have **the presence of Christ with them, and yet He be unseen** by the world. They did not understand the meaning of a **spiritual manifestation**.”

MH 107 “**Christ walks unseen** through our streets. With messages of mercy **He comes** to our homes.”

Ms 44, 1898, par. 11-12, 21 “**Christ gave His representative, the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit**. This gift could not be excelled. ... **He claimed the gift of the spirit**, that **He might pour it out** upon His people. He ascended on high, leading captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Having reached His throne, **the Spirit was given** as He had promised, and **like a rushing, mighty wind, it fell** upon those assembled, filling the whole house. **It came** with a fullness and power, as if for ages **it had been restrained**, but was now poured forth up on the church, to be communicated to the world. ... **In Christ is gathered all the glory of the Father. In Him is all the fullness of the Godhead bodily**.”

DA 827 “**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.”

### **18. What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?**

Mark 3:22, 29-30 “**And the scribes** which came down from Jerusalem **said, He hath** Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.... **But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost** hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: **Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit**.”

Luke 11:20 “**But if I with the finger of God cast out devils**, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.”

John 14:10 “Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but **the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works**.”

Acts 5:3-4, 9 “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to **lie to the Holy Ghost**, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? **thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God**. ...Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to **tempt the Spirit of the Lord**? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.”

RH, June 29, 1897, par. 9 “**The sin against the Holy Ghost is the sin of persistent refusal to respond to the invitation to repent**. If you refuse to believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, you love darkness rather than light, you love the atmosphere that surrounded the first great apostate.

**You choose this atmosphere rather than the atmosphere that surrounds the Father and the Son, and God allows you to have your choice.”**

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### **19. Do the Father and the Son make Their abode with us when we are baptized with the Holy Spirit?**

John 14:1, 23, 17:23 **“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ... Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. ... I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”**

Matthew 28:19-20 **“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”**

Acts 1:5, 2:2-4, 2:38 **“For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. ... 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. ... Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost”**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 **“Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.”**

Ms41-1897.34 **“Go, ye therefore,” He said, “and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father (a personal God) and of the Son (a personal Prince and Saviour), and of the Holy Ghost (sent from heaven to represent Christ); teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”**

BEcho, Jan 15, 1893 **“Wherever you go, carry on the good work of searching the Scriptures, and the Lord Jesus will always be at your right hand to help you. He is a merciful high priest pleading in your behalf. He will send his representative, the Holy Spirit; for He says, “I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.” By the Spirit the Father and the Son will come and make their abode with you.”**

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### **20. Who was worshipped before the Great Controversy?**

PP, 36-38 **“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.... As songs of praise ascended in melodious strains, swelled by thousands of glad voices, the spirit of evil seemed vanquished; unutterable love thrilled his entire being; his soul went out, in harmony with the sinless worshippers, in love to the Father and the Son.... There were some who looked with favor upon Lucifer's insinuations against the government of God. Although they had heretofore been in perfect harmony with the order which God had established, they were now discontented and unhappy because they could not penetrate His unsearchable counsels; they were dissatisfied with His purpose in exalting Christ. These stood ready to second Lucifer's demand for equal authority with the Son of God.”**

10 MR, 162-163 **“Please read the first chapter of Patriarchs and Prophets and see if the precious truths contained in this book are not given by the Lord to protect His people from deceptions that are urged upon them just now. I tell you in the name of the Lord God of Israel, that Satan is presenting his sophistries to ministers and medical workers, and if our people listen to these sophistries, they will become impregnated with the same false idea of a popular religion that will cause them to develop into gods, and there will be no place in their lives for God or for Christ.”**

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### **21. Can we add to Revelation by worshipping anyone else in addition to the Father and the Son?**

Revelation 22:18-19 **“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”**

MR 760 9.5 **“Those who try to bring in theories that would remove the pillars of our faith concerning the sanctuary or concerning the personality of God or of Christ, are working as blind men.”**

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#### **Quiz:**

1. Christ proclaimed, “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, whom thou hast sent.” (John 17:3)
2. The apostles confirmed, “But to us there is but one God, \_\_\_\_\_, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord \_\_\_\_\_, by whom are all things, and we by him.” 1 Corinthians 8:6)
3. Revelation confirms, “And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to \_\_\_\_\_ which sitteth upon the throne, and unto \_\_\_\_\_” (Revelation 7:10)