

THE COMFORTER

A Bible Study

With Quotes From Ellen G. White

1. Revelation 3:18 – What is the warning about the Comforter?

Revelation 3:18 “**I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed,** and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”

RH, Aug. 26, 1890, par. 10 “**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.’ **Christ has all power in heaven and in earth, and he can strengthen the wavering, and set right the erring.**”

2. John 14:16 - Who is the Comforter?

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter (Greek: parakletos)**, that he may abide with you for ever;

1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have **an advocate (Greek: parakletos)** with the Father, **Jesus Christ the righteous:**”

“**Let them link up with one another and with Christ.** Let them study the seventeenth of John, and learn how to pray and how to live the prayer of Christ. **He is the Comforter.**” {RH, Jan. 27, 1903, Art. A, par. 13}

3. John 14:16 - What did Christ mean by “another?”

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another** Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;”

Mark 16:12 “After that **he appeared in another form** unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.”

“**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.**” {14MR 23.3}

4. John 14:16 - Who will abide with you forever?

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may **abide with you for ever;**”

Matthew 28:20 “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.”

“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, [Quotes Matthew 28:20].** While **He delegates His power** to inferior ministers, **His energizing presence** is still with His church.” {DA 166.2}

5. John 14:16 – Did Christ refer to Himself by speaking in the third person?

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that **he may** abide with you for ever;”

John 10:2-4, 14-16 “**But he** that entereth in by the door **is the shepherd** of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and **the sheep hear his voice:** and **he calleth his own sheep** by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and **the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. ... I am the good shepherd,** and **know my sheep,** and am **known of mine.** As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: **them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice;** and there shall be one fold, and **one shepherd.**”

“**Jesus** now set before them the contrast between them and **the Good Shepherd,** and **He pointed to Himself** as the real keeper of the Lord’s flock. **Before doing this, however, He speaks of Himself under another figure.**” {DA 477.1}

6. John 14:17 – Whose Spirit is the Spirit of truth?

John 14:6, 17 “**Jesus saith** unto him, **I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. ... 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.”

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.”

“**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.” {DA 341.1}

7. John 14:18 - Does Christ come to you?

John 14:18 “I will not leave you **comfortless: I will come to you.**”

Revelation 3:20 “**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.**”

“**Christ comes as a Comforter to all who believe**. He invites your confidence. He says, “Abide in me.” [John 15:4.] Surely we may trust in our loving Saviour. You can say, “Yes, my Saviour; in thee I can and will trust. I will abide in thee.” Then how trustfully **you can work in His presence.**” {Lt103-1898.14}

“**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**]. **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.” {DA 161.2}

8. John 14:19-20 - Is Christ in you?

John 14:19-20 “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.**”

Ephesians 3:16-17 “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**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,”

“We are ready to **receive the Comforter**; we **open the door of the heart**, and **invite the Saviour in.**” {GCB April 2, 1903, Art. C. par. 7}

“The influence of the Holy Spirit **is the life of Christ** in the soul. We do not now see Christ and speak to Him, but **His Holy Spirit** is just as near us in one place as another. **It works** in and through every one who **receives Christ.**” {BEcho June 17, 1901, par. 6}

9. John 14:20 - How is Christ in His Father?

John 14:10, 20 “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.”... At that day ye shall know that **I am in my Father**, and ye in me, and I in you.”

John 3:34-35, 4:23-24 “For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for **God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son**, and hath **given all things** into his hand. ... 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. **God is a Spirit**: and they that **worship him** must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

“The Father **gave his Spirit** without measure to his Son, and we also may partake of **its fulness.**” {RH, Nov. 5, 1908.4}

Lt96-1902.31 “**In giving us His Spirit, God gives us Himself, making Himself** a fountain of divine influence to give life to the world.”

10. John 14:21-22 - Does Christ manifest Himself?

John 14:21-22 “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?**”

2 Corinthians 3:14-17 “But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which **vail is done away in Christ**. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall **turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away**. Now **the Lord is that Spirit**: and where the **Spirit of the Lord** is, there is liberty.”

“**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.**" {SW, Sept. 13, 1898, par. 1-2}

"When God's people take the position that they are the temple of the Holy Ghost, **Christ Himself abiding within,** they will so clearly reveal Him in spirit, words and actions, that there will be an unmistakable distinction between them and Satan's followers." {Ms100, July 14, 1902, par. 24}

11. John 14:23 - Who made Their abode with us?

John 14:23, 17:23 "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."

Romans 8:9-10, 16 "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. ... The Spirit **itself beareth witness** with our spirit, **that we are the children of God:**"

1 Corinthians 2:11, 16 "For what man **knoweth** the things of a man, **save the spirit of man** which is **in him?** **even so** the things of God knoweth no man, **but the Spirit of God.** ... For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but **we have the mind of Christ.**"

2 Corinthians 13:14 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and **the communion of the Holy Ghost,** be with you all. Amen."

"**By the Spirit the Father and the Son will come** and make **their abode** with you." {BEcho, Jan. 15, 1898.8}

"**The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits** that we are the children of God. **He must also be a divine person, else He could not search out** the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God. [quotes **1 Cor. 2:11**]." {Ms20 1906, 20MR 69.1}

"**What does the Holy Spirit do** for the receiver? **It gives him the mind of Christ.**" {Lt107-1898.9}

"Man cannot become an agent to work the works of Christ unless he is in **communion with God through** the Holy Spirit. {BEcho, Feb. 15, 1893, par. 5}

"As you seek unto those living springs you will, **through** the Holy Spirit, be brought into **communion with Christ.**" {MB 1896, 20.1}

12. John 14:26 - Who is our Teacher?

John 14:26, 15:5 "But **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. ... 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.**"

1 John 2:27 "**But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you,** and ye need not that any man teach you: but as **the same anointing teacheth you of all things,** and is truth, and is no lie, and even as **it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.**"

Matthew 23:8 "But be not ye called **Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ;** and all ye are brethren."

"**Christ is to be known by the blessed name of Comforter.** [Quotes **John 14:26-27**]." {Ms7-1902.10}

"**By imbuing them with His own Spirit, Christ the great Teacher is fitting them** to do a good and important work." {Lt 122, Aug. 14, 1899, par. 10}

13. John 14:27-28 - Does Christ come again unto you?

John 14:27-28 "**Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:** not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.** Ye have heard how I said unto you, **I go away, and come again unto you.** If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I."

2 Corinthians 13:5 "**Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;** prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?**"

"**Jesus comes to you as the Spirit of truth;** study the mind of the Spirit, consult your Lord, follow His way." {2MR 337.1}

14. John 15:26 - Who testifies of Christ?

John 15:26 "But when **the Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you **from the Father,** even **the Spirit of truth,** which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me:**"

1 Peter 1:11 "Searching what, or what manner of time **the Spirit of Christ which was in them** did signify, when **it testified beforehand** the sufferings of **Christ,** and the glory that should follow."

"As by faith we look to Jesus, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in **giving Jesus the Comforter.**" {19 MR 297.3}

“**The Saviour had spoken through all the prophets. [Quotes 1 Peter 1:11]**” {DA 234.1}

15. John 16:7 - Why could the Comforter not come unless Christ left?

John 16:7, 20:22 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: **for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.** ... And when he had said this, **he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**”

“Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, **Christ breathed His Spirit upon them.** He was committing to them a most sacred trust, and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished. **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.” {DA 805 par. 2-3}

“**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.” {SpTB07 62.3-63.2}

21MR 372.1 “**Christ is everything** to those who **receive Him. He is their Comforter,** their safety, their healthfulness.”

16. John 16:8-16 - How does the Spirit of truth not speak of Himself?

John 12:49, 16:8-16 “For **I have not spoken of myself;** but **the Father** which sent me, he **gave me a commandment,** what I should say, and **what I should speak.** ... And when **he is come, he will reprove** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth,** is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he **shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:** and he will shew you things to come. He shall

glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. **All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.** A little while, and ye shall not see me: and **again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.**”

Revelation 2:18, 29 “And **unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God,** who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; ... He that hath an ear, let him **hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**”

2 Corinthians 13:3 “Since ye seek a proof of **Christ speaking in me,** which to you-ward is not weak, but **is mighty in you.**”

RH, Oct. 26, 1897, par. 15 “**There is no comforter like Christ,** so tender and so true. **He is touched** with the feeling of our infirmities. **His Spirit speaks to the heart.**”

“**Jesus is ever ready to speak peace to souls** that are burdened with doubts and fears. **He waits for us to open the door of the heart to Him,** and say, Abide with us. He says, **[Quotes Revelation 3:20].**” {DA 803.3}

17. John 16:19 – What did Christ mean by “A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?”

John 14:13; 16:5-6, 19, 22-23 “And whatsoever ye shall **ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.** ... But **now I go my way to him that sent me;** and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But **because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.** ... Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, **Do ye enquire** among yourselves of **that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?** ... And ye now therefore have **sorrow:** but **I will see you again,** and your heart shall rejoice, and **your joy** no man taketh from you. **And in that day ye shall ask me nothing.** Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.**”

Philippians 1:19, 4:6-7 “For I know that this shall **turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,** ... Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made **known unto God. And the peace of God,** which passeth all understanding, **shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**”

MR 66 1899 “We have been brought together as a school, and **we need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking** through these grounds, that the Lord God is our keeper, and helper.”

MH 107.2 “**Christ walks unseen through our streets.** With messages of mercy He comes to our homes. With all who are seeking to **minister in His name, He waits to co-operate.**”

He is in the midst of us, to heal and to bless, if we will receive Him.”

18. John 16:25 - Did Christ speak of the Comforter in proverbs (Greek: paroimia = parables)?

John 16:25 “These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: (Greek: paroimia = parables) but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.”

Lt16j-1892.3 “The thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth chapters of John need careful study and earnest practice if we honor God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.”

8MR 49.3 “The Saviour is our Comforter. This I have proved Him to be.”

19. Acts 1:8 – Is the Holy Spirit the power of Christ?

Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

2 Corinthians 12:9 “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.”

Ms 45 1908, par. 6 “If as branches we draw our nourishment from the vine Jesus Christ, we have a right to expect that He will give us of His Holy Spirit. He will work with us, and His power will rest upon us.”

20. Acts 1:8 – Is the Spirit also the power of the Father?

Luke 1:35 “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

2 John 3 “Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.”

“The divine Spirit that the world’s Redeemer promised to send, is the presence and power of God.” {ST Nov. 23, 1891.1}

21. Acts 2:32-33 – Did Christ receive and shed forth the Holy Spirit?

Acts 2:2-4, 32-33 “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.”

“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. ... 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 671.2, 827.3}

“Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus; then He would look to His Father, and appear to be pleading with Him. ... Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.” {EW 54.2-55.1}

Lt59-1899.11 “We must have the mighty energy of the Holy Spirit, with all its quickening, 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.”

22. Acts 5:3-4, 9 – What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?

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.”

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.”

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.”

23. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 – Does the God of all comfort give us comfort through Christ?

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 “Blessed be **God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,** the Father of mercies, and **the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation,** that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. **For** as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so **our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.**”

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.**”

Hebrews 13:20-21 “**Now the God of peace,** that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you** that which is wellpleasing in his sight, **through Jesus Christ;** to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

“**Christ is our Guide and Comforter, who comforts us in all our tribulations.**” {2SM 270.3}

24. 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 – Did Paul warn us about receiving another spirit?

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 “**But I fear,** lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so **your minds should be corrupted** from the simplicity that is in Christ. **For** if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or **if ye receive another spirit,** which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.”

“The Lord is soon to come. We want that complete and perfect understanding which **the Lord alone** can give. **It is not safe to catch the spirit from another.** We want the **Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ.**” {Lt66-1894.18}

25. Hebrews 2:18 – Who is the One that is able to help us that are tempted?

Hebrews 2:18 “**For in that he himself** hath suffered being tempted, **he is able to succour** them that are tempted.”

“**There is only one power that can turn the sinner from sin to holiness,—the power of Christ.** Our Redeemer is **the only one** who can take away sin. He alone can forgive sin. **He alone can make men steadfast, and keep them so.** ... It is **the Holy Spirit** that makes powerful the presentation of the truth, and changes the temper and habits of man. He who

submits to **its working** is changed from a sinner into a child of God.” {RH June 2, 1903, Art. A, par. 3,5}

26. Revelation 3:16-17 - Has Laodicea strayed from the truth?

Revelation 3:16-17 “So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth.** **Because thou sayest, I am rich,** and increased with goods, and **have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art** wretched, and miserable, and **poor, and blind, and naked:**”

ISM 204.2 “Our religion would be **changed. The fundamental principles** that have sustained the work **for the last fifty years** would be **accounted as error.** A **new organization** would be established. **Books of a new order would be written.** A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be **lightly regarded, as also the God who created it.**”

“**I was compelled to search** out a score of valuable books written by men **outside of our faith** –those previously noted – for initial clues and suggestions, and to open up beckoning vistas to intensive personal study. I went on from there. But **they were decided early helps.** And scores, if not hundreds, could confirm the same sobering conviction that **some of these other men frequently had a deeper insight** into the spiritual things of God than many of our own men had **on the Holy Spirit** and the triumphant life. ... The next logical and inevitable step in the **implementing of our unified fundamental beliefs,** involved **revision** of certain **standard works,** so as to **eliminate** statements that taught, and thus perpetuated **erroneous views on the Godhead.** ... When we were asked to help in **compiling the book Evangelism** these and **many other counsels** became a **vital part** of that book.” (LeRoy Froom, Movement of Destiny, pp. 322, 422, 621, <http://documents.adventistarchives.org/Books/MOD1971.pdf>)

“In this time, when **false doctrines are being taught,** we are to **teach the same truth** that we have **taught for the past half century.** **I have not changed my faith one jot or one tittle,** and I am pleading with God that both of you shall be able to **discern clearly the difference** between loyalty and disloyalty.” {Lt 150, May 15, 1906, par. 9}

Quiz:

- 1. Who is the Comforter?** “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate (Greek: parakletos) with the Father, _____ the righteous:” (1 John 2:1)
- 2. Whose Spirit is the Spirit of truth?** “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of _____ into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.” (Galatians 4:6)
- 3. Does Christ come to you?** “I will not leave you comfortless: _____ will come to you.” (John 14:18)
- 4. Who is able to help us when we are tempted?** “For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, _____ is able to succor them that are being tempted.” (Hebrews 2:18)