

A Deeper Understanding of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit has **Personality** and is a **Person**, the Third Person of the Godhead, but the Spirit's *Personality or Personhood* is beyond our comprehension, it is not a stationary, static, singular personality. The Holy Spirit *flows* like oil or water and this *flow* is infinitely *dynamic*. The Holy Spirit *unites* God the Father and His only begotten Son thereby ensuring that the *Infinite Power of the Father functions only in and through His Infinite Wisdom, His only begotten 'monogenes' Son, for the accomplishment of every good and perfect work in the universe, both in creation and redemption!* By God's living **Eternal Love in the Holy Spirit, Eternal Wisdom in the Son** is eternally surrendered to **Eternal Power in Father**, and the Father gives all of His **infinite Power** to function **only** through the **Son by the Holy Spirit**. This mutual selfless giving of all of the Father and all of the Son to Each Other is the *infinite flow of Their Love* which cannot be explained by natural principles nor be comprehended in its *infinite mechanism* by finite minds. This *infinite flow of Eternal Love, the Eternal Spirit, is the very Life of the Godhead because it guarantees the Unity of Father and Son whereby Infinite Power functions only through Infinite Wisdom, and Infinite Wisdom is submitted to infinite Power for doing only good and never evil.* Any disconnect between eternal Wisdom and eternal Power would mean the cessation of the Godhead and the end of all existence.

GOD'S SPIRIT AND HIS LAW

The moral Law of Love is a *transcript* of God's character of Love, so God's character, His Holy Spirit and His Law can never be at variance. All of this means that God is the absolute Source of perfect Life and Order and Peace and beauty and every perfect *structural and functional* excellence in the Universe and *can never be the source or cause of death, imperfection, disorder, destruction, chaos, disunity or any other evil.* All of these negative things *must have resulted from sin and the separation from God which it causes.* Let us now read 1 John 1:5; James 1: 13 to 20; 1John 4: 8 to 19; John 8 : 36 to 44; John 6: 63. 1 John 5 : 1 to 4.

The Holy Spirit is the *eternal flow of the fullness and Personal presence of both the Father and Son in Their absolute infinite mutual Self- giving in Eternal Love and inseparable Unity, which Unity is the Eternal Principle and basis of the Divine Nature* John14:15 to 26; Gal. 4:6; 2 Cor.13: 10 to 14.

The Holy Spirit glorifies the Son of God, and the Son of God glorifies His Father and the Father glorifies the Son Who reveals and gives the Holy Spirit. John 14: 16 to 19; John 16 : 7 to 15.

THE LOWEST PLACE IS FILLED MOST COMPLETELY Luke 14 : 11; Luke 18: 14 ; 2 Thess. 2 : 4.

We know from our everyday experiences that water always fills the lowest position and always tries to flow; from this visible thing of creation we can see something of at least one invisible eternal reality of the Godhead (using the principle of Romans1:20) . Follow carefully : The (*phroneo*) *attitude* of the Son is, by eternal free choice, one of infinite *humility* before the Father (or to put it in a colloquial expression : *'never seeking to fly in the Father's face'*), *this is the attitude and position that guarantees complete filling with the Water or Oil of Eternal Love in the Holy Spirit* !! Hence there must be the *infinite fullness of the Holy Spirit flowing from the Father to the Son.* The eternal Son brought that mindset into our corporate fallen sinful flesh and through that mindset He empties us of self and fills us with the fullness of the *living Water of the Holy Spirit*, but remember it is all *in Him and it will all be in us only as we are completely in Him experientially.*

THE SPIRIT OF GOD, LIBERTY AND UNITY . 2 Cor. 3 : 17, 18 ; John 17: 21 to 23.

This mutual unselfish giving of all of Each to the Other (Father to Son and Son to Father) is by the eternally fixed free choice of Both and is the very Spirit of eternal self-sacrificing Agape Love which is the eternal foundation and infinite Essence of God's Nature, Character and Government and Law ! Therefore it should be clear that eternal liberty is an integral component of eternal Love . Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Liberty !

THE DIVINE NATURE

The Holy Spirit carries in His flow the *fullness* of the Father, Eternal Power, and the Son. The Son is God's Eternal Wisdom, Truth and Righteousness. The Holy Spirit therefore carries in His *flow* the fullness of the Divine Nature . God always intended that His Spirit should indwell the spirits of all intelligences. The 'spirit of the mind' of every created intelligence is the *spring or fountainhead of the thoughts* and is the dwelling place of

God's Spirit in those who are His. In unfallen beings and saved humans the Holy Spirit places the Divine Nature in the spirit of the mind to motivate and energize the *thinking* to be in harmony with the law of God and the character of God. This Divine Nature is in the *word and promises of God* . (2 Peter 1 :2 to 4) . Furthermore , because of the incarnation, death and resurrection of the Son of God, the redeemed , in addition, will have the Divine Nature as the Nature and Life of their new glorified *bodies* ! Philippians 3: 21.

“ *Christ became one flesh with us, in order that we might become one spirit with Him. It is by virtue of this union that we are to come forth from the grave,—not merely as a manifestation of the power of Christ, but because, through faith, His life has become ours. Those who see Christ in His true character, and receive Him into the heart, have everlasting life. It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us; and the Spirit of God, received into the heart by faith, is the beginning of the life eternal.*” DA 388.1

SATAN'S HATRED

Satan hates the Spirit of God , he hates the living principle of self-sacrificing Agape Love and has vowed to war against it wherever it is manifested. Satan hates all that the Holy Spirit carries its infinite flow : liberty, unity, Power functioning only through Wisdom and Righteousness and Truth, and the glorifying of the Son of God; Satan hates all these because he hates the Son of God and the principle of self-sacrificing Agape Love ! Satan seeks the glory of selfishness and self-exaltation. But Christ sought not His own glory but the glory of the Father that sent Him by revealing the Father's Spirit of Infinite unconditional Love !

And now in the plan of Redemption the Holy Spirit brings to us all that has been worked out by Christ in His incarnation, earthly life, and infinite sacrifice !

PRAISE

Moreover since the Holy Spirit glorifies Father and Son , when we praise God, in worship that is grounded in truth and righteousness, we receive a greater inflow of the Holy Spirit because praising God decentralizes us from self and centers our focus on God the Father through His Son ! And God inhabits the praises of His people !

TO KNOW GOD IS TO LOVE HIM

The more we learn of God intellectually and experientially the more of His Spirit indwells and flows through us . **To know God is to love Him and we love Him because He**

first loved and loves us. God's Spirit of infinite Agape Love has been most clearly revealed by the Son in His incarnation, earthly life in our fallen flesh, and especially in the final scenes of His infinite sacrifice in the Gethsemane- Calvary ordeal. That is why Jesus said that He would draw all men unto Him by His sacrificial atoning sacrifice.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS THROUGH ANGELS AND HUMAN INSTRUMENTALITIES

The Gift of The Holy Spirit

Christ has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions. There are many who believe and profess to claim the Lord's promise; they talk *about* Christ and *about* the Holy Spirit, yet receive no benefit. They do not surrender the soul to be guided and controlled by the divine agencies. We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us. Through the Spirit God works in His people “to will and to do of His good pleasure.” Philippians 2:13. But many will not submit to this. They want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly gift. Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train. It is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ, and He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive. DA672.1

The Office Work of The Holy Spirit

In describing to His disciples the office work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. He rejoiced because of the abundant help He had provided for His church. The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people. The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. 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. DA 671.2

NOW TO THE ANGELS

Many functions which we attribute directly to the Holy Spirit are actually done by the Spirit through the Angels. Study these examples:

“Others He(Jesus)met who were fighting a hand-to-hand battle with the adversary of souls. These He encouraged to persevere, assuring them that they would win; *for angels of God were on their side, and would give them the victory.*” DA 91

“*Strength and grace have been provided through Christ to be brought by ministering angels to every believing soul.* None are so sinful that they cannot find strength, purity, and righteousness in Jesus, who died for them. He is waiting to strip them of their garments stained and polluted with sin, and to put upon them the white robes of righteousness; He bids them live and not die.” SC 52.3

“We need never feel that we are alone. *Angels are our companions. The Comforter that Christ promised to send in His name abides with us.* In the way that leads to the City of God there are no difficulties which those who trust in Him may not overcome. There are no dangers which they may not escape. There is not a sorrow, not a grievance, not a human weakness, for which He has not provided a remedy.” MH 249.1

From the beginning, God has been working by His Holy Spirit through human instrumentalities for the accomplishment of His purpose in behalf of the fallen race. AA53

“Angels are working through human agents who will be worked to bring sinners to God.” 7 SDA BC 923

“The work of these heavenly beings is to prepare the inhabitants of this world to become children of God, pure, holy, undefiled. But men, though professing to be followers of Christ, do not place themselves in a position where they can understand this ministry, and thus the work of the heavenly messengers is made hard. The angels, who do always behold the face of the Father in heaven, would prefer to remain close by the side of God, in the pure and holy atmosphere of heaven; but a work must be done in bringing this heavenly atmosphere to the souls who are tempted and tried, that Satan may not disqualify them for the place the Lord would have them fill in the heavenly courts. 7BC 923.2

“Principalities and powers in heavenly places combine with these angels in their ministration for those who shall be

heirs of salvation. But how sad it is that this work is hindered by the coarseness, the roughness, the worldly-mindedness of men and women who are so desirous of securing their own ends, of gratifying their own wishes, that they lose sight of the Word of God, which should be their instructor and their guide. 7BC 923.3

“The Lord gives to every angel his work for this fallen world. Divine help is provided for men and women. They have the opportunity of cooperating with the heavenly intelligences, of being laborers together with God. There is placed before them the possibility of gaining a fitness for the presence of God, of being enabled to see His face. Heavenly angels are working to bring the human family into a close brotherhood, a oneness described by Christ as like that existing between the Father and the Son. How can men so highly favored by God fail to appreciate their opportunities and privileges? How can they refuse to accept the divine help proffered? How much it is possible for human beings to gain if they will keep eternity in view!” 7BC 923.4

The Holy Spirit , Angels and Prayer

“Seek most earnestly for a deeper experience and piety, and learn to walk circumspectly. [[Malachi 3:16, 17](#) quoted.] God does not leave His erring children who are weak in faith, and who make many mistakes. The Lord hearkens and hears their prayer and their testimony. Those who look unto Jesus day by day and hour by hour, who watch unto prayer, are drawing nigh to Jesus. *Angels with wings outspread wait to bear their contrite prayers to God, and to register them in the books of heaven*” (Letter 90, 1895). 4BC 1184.2

“We have before us in the Word of God instances of heavenly agencies working on the minds of kings and rulers, while at the same time satanic agencies were also at work on their minds. No human eloquence, in strongly set forth human opinions, can change the working of satanic agencies. Satan seeks continually to block the way, so that the truth shall be bound about by human devising; and those who have light and knowledge are in the greatest danger unless they constantly consecrate themselves to God, humiliating self, and realizing the peril of the times. 4BC 1173.4

“*Heavenly beings are appointed to answer the prayers of those who are working unselfishly for the interests of the cause of God. The very highest angels in the heavenly courts are appointed to work out the prayers which ascend to God for the advancement of the cause of God. Each angel has his particular post of duty, which he is not permitted to leave for any other place. If he should leave, the powers of darkness would gain an advantage...*” 4BC 1173.5

“Ministering angels are waiting about the throne to instantly obey the mandate of Jesus Christ to answer every prayer offered in earnest, living faith. I think of how many who profess the truth are keeping it apart from their lives. They do not bring its sanctifying, refining, spiritualizing power into their hearts...” 2SM 377.1

“The experience of Philip, directed by an angel from heaven to go to the place where he met one seeking for truth; of Cornelius, visited by an angel with a message from God; of Peter, in prison and condemned to death, led by an angel forth to safety—all show the closeness of the connection between heaven and earth. AA 152.3

“To the worker for God the record of these angel visits should bring strength and courage. Today, as verily as in the days of the apostles, heavenly messengers are passing through the length and breadth of the land, seeking to comfort the sorrowing, to protect the impenitent, to win the hearts of men to Christ. We cannot see them personally; nevertheless they are with us, guiding, directing, protecting. AA 152.4

“Heaven is brought near to earth by that mystic ladder, the base of which is firmly planted on the earth, while the topmost round reaches the throne of the Infinite. Angels are constantly ascending and descending this ladder of shining brightness, bearing the prayers of the needy and distressed to the Father above, and bringing blessing and hope, courage and help, to the children of men. These angels of light create a heavenly atmosphere about the soul, lifting us toward the unseen and the eternal. We cannot behold their forms with our natural sight; only by spiritual vision can we discern heavenly things. The spiritual ear alone can hear the harmony of heavenly voices. AA 153.1

CLOSING GEM

“The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.” [Psalm 34:7](#). God commissions His angels to save His chosen ones from calamity, to guard them from “the pestilence that walketh in darkness” and “the destruction that wasteth at noonday.” [Psalm 91:6](#). Again and again have angels talked with men as a man speaketh with a friend, and led them to places of security. Again and again have the encouraging words of angels renewed the drooping spirits of the faithful and, carrying their minds above the things of earth, caused them to behold by faith the white robes, the crowns, the palm branches of victory, which overcomers will receive when they surround the great white throne. AA 153.2

“It is the work of the angels to come close to the tried, the suffering, the tempted. They labor untiringly in behalf of those for whom Christ died. When sinners are led to give themselves to the Saviour, angels bear the tidings heavenward, and there is great rejoicing among the heavenly host. “Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which needeth no repentance “AA153.3

“Church members, young and old, should be educated to go forth to proclaim this last message to the world. If they go in humility, *angels of God will go with them, teaching them how to lift up the voice in prayer, how to raise the voice in song, and how to proclaim the gospel message for this time.*” ML 238.3

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“The principalities and powers of heaven are watching the warfare which, under apparently discouraging circumstances, God’s servants are carrying on. New conquests are being achieved, new honors won, as the Christians, rallying round the banner of their Redeemer, go forth to fight the good fight of faith. All the heavenly angels are at the service of the humble, believing people of God; and as the Lord’s army of workers here below sing their songs of praise, the choir above join with them in ascribing praise to God and to His Son. AA 154.1

“We need to understand better than we do the mission of the angels. It would be well to remember that every true child of God has the co-operation of heavenly beings. Invisible armies of light and power attend the meek and lowly ones who believe and claim the promises of God. Cherubim and seraphim, and angels that excel in strength, stand at God’s right hand, “all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.” [Hebrews 1:14](#). AA 154.2