

One GOD, the Father | One LORD, Jesus Christ | One SPIRIT, the Spirit of Christ (Omnipresent)

(GOD the Father — His only begotten Son, Christ Jesus — His Omnipresent Spirit)

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.”

“Let them be thankful to God for His manifold mercies and be kind to one another. They have **one God** and **one Saviour**; and **one Spirit—the Spirit of Christ**—is to bring unity into their ranks.” — *Testimonies Volume 9, p. 189*

“**The world’s Redeemer was equal with God. His authority was as the authority of God.** He declared that **he had no existence separate from the Father.** The authority by which he spoke, and wrought miracles, was expressly his own, yet he assures us that **he and the Father are one.**” — *The Review and Herald, Jan. 7, 1890, p. 1*

“**God is a spirit; yet He is a personal being**, for man was made in His image. **As a personal being, God has revealed Himself in His Son.** Jesus, the outshining of the Father’s glory, “and the express image of His person” (Hebrews 1:3), was on earth found in fashion as a man. As a *personal Savior* He came to the world. As a *personal Savior* He ascended on high. As a *personal Savior* He intercedes in the heavenly courts. Before the throne of God in our behalf ministers “One like the Son of man.” — Daniel 7:13” — *Education, p. 131.1 — 1903*

Romans 8:9, “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.”

John 10:29-30, “29 **My Father**, which gave them me, **is greater than all**; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand. 30 **I and my Father are one.**”

1 Corinthians 15:24, “Then cometh the end, when he [Christ] shall have delivered up the kingdom **to God, even the Father**; when he [Christ] shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.”

2 Corinthians 5:19, “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.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

1 John 1:3, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly **your fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ**."

2 John 9, "... He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, **he hath both the Father and the Son.**"

"From eternity there was a *complete unity* between **the Father and the Son**. *They were two, yet little short of being identical; two in individuality, yet one in spirit, and heart, and character.*" — *Youth's Instructor, December 16, 1897 par. 5*

"By coming to dwell with us, **Jesus was to reveal God** both to men and to angels. He was **the Word of God**,—*God's thought made audible.*" — *Desire of Ages, p. 19.2*

"*By the Spirit* **the Father and the Son** will come and make their abode with you." — *BEcho, January 15, 1893 par. 8*

"Every talent **God has given** to men is to be wisely employed, and through exercise it will become more and more efficient. **Look to Jesus for his counsel, and learn of him** the very best methods of interesting the people, and inculcating ideas that shall impress the mind. **Exalt the Spirit and power of God**, and pray much for **his guidance.**" — *SpTA07 7.2*

"The sinner then *stands before God* as a just person; he is taken into *favor with Heaven*, and *through the Spirit* has fellowship with **the Father and the Son.**" — *Selected Message Book 3, p. 191; also Signs of the Times, November 3, 1890 par. 1*

"**To know God** in His works is true science, but **to know God as He is in Christ** is life eternal." — *21MR 427.1*

"**The Father and the Son** *alone are to be exalted.*" — *The Youth's Instructor, July 7, 1898 par. 2*

"The **greatness of God** cannot be measured or comprehended. And that doctrine that denies **the absolute Godhead of Jesus Christ**, denies also **the Godhead of the Father**; for no man [oudeis — none, nobody] knoweth the Son but the Father." — *Signs of the Times, June 27, 1895 par. 3*

Important Counsel for Us

“Through all these centuries the truth of God has remained the same. That which was truth in the beginning is truth now. Although new and important truths appropriate for succeeding generations have been opened to the understanding, the present revealings do not contradict those of the past. Every new truth understood only makes more significant the old.” — Review and Herald, March 2, 1886 par. 6

“He who denies the personality of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, is denying God and Christ. “If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.” 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.” — Review and Herald, March 8, 1906 par. 19

“Those who seek to remove the old landmarks are not holding fast; they are not remembering how they have received and heard. 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. They are seeking to bring in uncertainties and to set the people of God adrift without an anchor.” — Manuscript Release No.760, p. 9 — 1905

“I entreat every one to be clear and firm regarding the certain truths that we have heard and received and advocated. The statements of God’s Word are plain. Plant your feet firmly on the platform of eternal truth. Reject every phase of error, even though it be covered with a semblance of reality, which denies the personality of God and of Christ.” — Review and Herald, August 31, 1905 par. 11

“There is absolutely no safeguard against evil but truth.... There are many in the church who take it for granted that they understand what they believe; but, until controversy arises, they do not know their own weakness.” — God’s Amazing Grace, p. 30

“Do you ask, What shall I do to be saved? You must lay your preconceived opinions, your hereditary and cultivated ideas, at the door of investigation. If you search the Scriptures to vindicate your own opinions, you will never reach the truth. Search in order to learn what the Lord says. If conviction comes as you search, if you see that your cherished opinions are not in harmony with the truth, do not misinterpret the truth in order to suit your own belief, but accept the light given. Open mind and heart

that you may behold wondrous things out of God's word." — E. G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 112

"The testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the messages given, as scripture is explained by scripture." — E. G. White, *Selected Messages Book 1*, p. 42

"Christ sought to make plain his lessons by means of illustrations and parables. He spoke of the truths of the Bible as a treasure hid in a field, which, when a man had found, he went and sold all that he had, and bought the field. He represents the gems of truth, not as lying directly upon the surface, but as buried deep in the ground; as hidden treasures that must be searched for. We must dig for the precious jewels of truth, as a man would dig in a mine." — RH, October 14, 1890 par. 4

"When God's Word is studied, comprehended, and obeyed, a bright light will be reflected to the world; new truths, received and acted upon, will bind us in strong bonds to Jesus. The Bible, and the Bible alone, is to be our creed, the sole bond of union; all who bow to this Holy Word will be in harmony. Our own views and ideas must not control our efforts. Man is fallible, but God's Word is infallible. Instead of wrangling with one another, let men exalt the Lord. Let us meet all opposition as did our Master, saying, "It is written." Let us lift up the banner on which is inscribed, The Bible our rule of faith and discipline." — *The Review and Herald*, Dec. 15, 1885

"Christ was acquainted with the Scriptures, for He met all the temptations of the devil with "It is written." Arguments and reasons would have been of no avail, but "It is written" showed that Christ, the tempted One, had His feet upon solid, immovable rock. We are to learn these lessons from the Word, hanging them in memory's hall, and thus preparing to meet Satan with the only weapon which will repulse him—"It is written." All things written in the law and in the prophets are true, and they carry the proof of it in themselves. Nothing is gained by endeavoring to prove by argument the divine origin of the Bible. It is its own expositor. It carries its own keys; scripture unlocks scripture. If we do not see the truth in the Bible, it is because our opinions and prejudices have not been laid at the door of investigation. "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" [2 Corinthians 4:3, 4]. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" [1 Corinthians 1:18]." — Ms 40, 1895, p. 2

Weight of Evidence

“Satan has ability to suggest doubts and to devise objections to the pointed testimony that God sends, and many think it a virtue, a mark of intelligence in them, to be unbelieving and to question and quibble. Those who desire to doubt will have plenty of room. God does not propose to remove all occasion for unbelief. He gives evidence, which must be carefully investigated with a humble mind and a teachable spirit, and all should decide from the weight of evidence. God gives sufficient evidence for the candid mind to believe; but he who turns from the weight of evidence because there are a few things which he cannot make plain to his finite understanding will be left in the cold, chilling atmosphere of unbelief and questioning doubts, and will make shipwreck of faith.” — CCh 93.4

“God does not compel men to give up their unbelief. Before them are light and darkness, truth and error. It is for them to decide which they will accept. The human mind is endowed with power to discriminate between right and wrong. God designs that men shall not decide from impulse, but from weight of evidence, carefully comparing scripture with scripture. Had the Jews laid by their prejudice and compared written prophecy with the facts characterizing the life of Jesus, they would have perceived a beautiful harmony between the prophecies and their fulfillment in the life and ministry of the lowly Galilean. ¶ Many are deceived today in the same way as were the Jews. Religious teachers read the Bible in the light of their own understanding and traditions; and the people do not search the Scriptures for themselves, and judge for themselves as to what is truth; but they yield up their judgment, and commit their souls to their leaders. The preaching and teaching of His word is one of the means that God has ordained for diffusing light; but we must bring every man’s teaching to the test of Scripture. Whoever will prayerfully study the Bible, desiring to know the truth, that he may obey it, will receive divine enlightenment. He will understand the Scriptures. “If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching.” John 7:17, R. V.” — Desire of Ages, p. 458.3-459.1

“God is presenting to the minds of men divinely appointed precious gems of truth, appropriate for our time. God has rescued these truths from the companionship of error, and has placed them in their proper frame-work. When these truths are given their rightful position in God’s great plan, when they are presented intelligently and earnestly, and with reverential awe, by the Lord’s servants, many will conscientiously believe because of the weight of evidence, without waiting for every supposed difficulty which may suggest itself to their minds, to be removed.” — Manuscript 8a, 1888

“There is no excuse for doubt or skepticism. God has made ample provision to establish the faith of all men if they will decide from the weight of evidence. But if they wait to have every seeming objection removed before they believe, they will never be settled, rooted, and grounded in the truth. God will

never remove all seeming difficulties from our path. Those who wish to doubt may find opportunity; those who wish to believe will find plenty of evidence upon which to base their faith.” — 1MCP 311.1

“The word of the Lord, spoken through His servants, is received by many with questionings and fears. And many will defer their obedience to the warning and reproofs given, waiting till every shadow of uncertainty is removed from their minds. The unbelief that demands perfect knowledge will never yield to the evidence that God is pleased to give. He requires of His people faith that rests upon the weight of evidence, not upon perfect knowledge. Those followers of Christ who accept the light that God sends them must obey the voice of God speaking to them when there are many other voices crying out against it. It requires discernment to distinguish the voice of God.” — 3T 258 (1873)

“We should know for ourselves what constitutes Christianity, what is truth, what is the faith that we have received, what are the Bible rules—the rules given us from the highest authority. There are many who believe, without a reason on which to base their faith, without sufficient evidence as to the truth of the matter. If an idea is presented that harmonizes with their own preconceived opinions, they are all ready to accept it. They do not reason from cause to effect. Their faith has no genuine foundation, and in the time of trial they will find that they have built upon the sand.” — Lt 4, 1889

“Many who have a weak and wavering faith, reason that if they had the evidence which Thomas had from his companions they would not doubt as he did. They do not realize that they have not only that evidence, but additional testimony piled up about them on every side. Many who, like Thomas, wait for all cause of doubt to be removed, may never realize their desire as he did, but gradually become entrenched in their unbelief, until they cannot perceive the weight of evidence in favor of Jesus, and, like the skeptical Jews, what little light they have will go out in the darkness which closes around their minds. To reject the plain and conclusive evidences of divine truth hardens the heart, and blinds the understanding. The precious light, being neglected, fades utterly from the mind that is unwilling to receive it. ¶ Jesus, in his treatment of Thomas, gave his followers a lesson regarding the manner in which they should treat those who have doubts upon religious truth, and who make those doubts prominent. He did not overwhelm Thomas with words of reproach, nor did he enter into a controversy with him; but, with marked condescension and tenderness, he revealed himself unto the doubting one. Thomas had taken a most unreasonable position, in dictating the only conditions of his faith; but Jesus, by his generous love and consideration, broke down all the barriers he had raised. Persistent controversy will seldom weaken unbelief, but rather put it upon self-defense, where it will find new

support and excuse. Jesus, revealed in his love and mercy as the crucified Saviour, will wring from many once unwilling lips the acknowledgment of Thomas, "My Lord, and my God." — 3SP 221.3-222.1

Old Landmarks — Pillars of Our Faith

"Those who seek to remove the old landmarks are not holding fast; they are not remembering how they have received and heard.. 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. They are seeking to bring in uncertainties and to set the people of God adrift without an anchor." — E. G. White, Manuscript Release No.760, p. 9 — 1905

"The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. 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. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure." — Selected Messages Book 1 - p. 204-205

Statements of Adventist Pioneers & Other Sources

"Jesus prayed that his disciples might be one as he was one with his Father. This prayer did not contemplate one disciple with twelve heads, but twelve disciples, made one in object and effort in the cause of their master. Neither are the Father and the Son parts of the "three—one God." They are two distinct beings, yet one in the design and accomplishment of redemption. The redeemed, from the first who shares in the great redemption, to the last, all ascribe the honor, and glory, and praise, of their salvation, to both God and the Lamb." — James S. White, Life incidents, p. 343 — 1868

“Paul affirms of the Son of God that he was in the form of God, and that he was equal with God. ‘Who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God.’ Phil. 2:6. The reason why it is not robbery for the Son to be equal with the Father is the fact that he is equal... The inexplicable Trinity that makes the Godhead three in one and one in three, is bad enough; but that ultra Unitarianism that makes Christ inferior to the Father is worse. Did God say to an inferior, “Let us make man in our image”?” — James S. White, Review & Herald, November 29, 1877

“The way spiritualizers have disposed of or denied the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ is first using the old unscriptural Trinitarian creed, viz., that Jesus Christ is the eternal God, though they have not one passage to support it, while we have plain scripture testimony in abundance that he is the Son of the eternal God.” — James S. White, The Day Star, January 24, 1846