

Unity

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The following quote was brought to my attention and although I had an opinion on what unity meant I did not have a Bible explanation for my belief. This led me to further study which resulted in this paper. What is Unity? The author in the following quote is talking about the early disciples and their need to come into unity with Christ to give the message to the world. Just a few sentences of this quote sums up what I found in my own Bible study, which follows this quote.

In these first disciples was presented marked diversity. They were to be the world's teachers, and they represented widely varied types of character. In order successfully to carry forward the work to which they had been called, these men, differing in natural characteristics and in habits of life, needed to come into unity of feeling, thought, and action. This unity it was Christ's object to secure. To this end He sought to bring them into unity with Himself. The burden of His labor for them is expressed in His prayer to His Father, "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 know that Thou has sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." John 17:21, 23. His constant prayer for them was that they might be sanctified through the truth; and He prayed with assurance, knowing that an Almighty decree had been given before the world was made. He knew that the gospel of the kingdom would be preached to all nations for a witness; He knew that truth armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit, would conquer in the battle with evil, and that the bloodstained banner would one day wave triumphantly over His followers. {AA 20.2}

What is the way to obtain unity?

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Feelings are the working of the Spirit, it is that rebirth experience Jesus was talking to Nicodemus about. Nicodemus knew the truth but it was not of the heart or feeling from within him. The **thought** is the mind, it is the head knowledge and wisdom God gives. The **action** is our works, it is the result of being in unity with Christ; Christ in you the hope of glory. The action is the righteousness by faith message, the fruits of the Spirit manifested.

We need to walk the straight and narrow path (Mat. 7:13) and not the ditch on the right or the ditch on your left (Mat. 15:14). For instance you can fall into a ditch if you only have truth without the Spirit because a head knowledge does not save you (1 Cor. 13:2,13; 2 Cor. 3:6) it just gives you a pretence of godliness (Mat. 23:14) or a form of godliness but denying the power thereof (2 Tim. 3:5,7). But you can also fall into the ditch on the

other side if you have only the “spirit” without knowledge, truth, light because we are supposed to try the spirits because you do not know what spirit is speaking to you (1 John 4:1). How do we try the spirits but through the word of God; **Isa 8:20** To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them. If we merely go off of our feelings and do not have knowledge, light, truth . . . then we will be like waves tossed back and forth by every whim of doctrine (Eph. 4:14). This is why we need to have a settling of truth both **spiritually and intellectually using both the heart and the mind** together then we will see eternity. Then the chains of sin that bind will be loosed and the fruits of the Spirit manifested. You can not have one without the other for the Holy Spirit is the soul of man (Gen. 2:7, John 20:22, Ecc. 12:7) and the soul is associated with feelings (1 Samuel 1:15, Job 7:11, Math. 12:18) and feelings are connected with the heart and the mind is associated with the word/knowledge/wisdom etc. (Prov. 2:6; Deut. 4:6,7; Hos. 4:6; Ps. 82:5).

Feeling=Spirit’s Working:

Deu 11:13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your **heart** and with all your **soul**,

Deu 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your **heart** and in your **soul**, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

Psa 84:2 My **soul** longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my **heart** and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

We use heart to express our feelings: my heart is broken = sad, my heart rejoices = happy, my heart is faint = discouraged. The Bible connects the heart and the soul as seen above with the feelings of love and crying. In the below texts we see that the soul is connected with the Spirit in addition to other emotional feelings.

Isa 26:9 With my **soul** have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my **spirit** within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Mat 12:18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my **soul** is well pleased: I will put my **spirit** upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living **soul**; the last Adam *was made* a quickening **spirit**.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole **spirit** and **soul** and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So far we have seen a connection with heart/feelings and the soul now the soul is connected with the Spirit therefore the heart/feeling must be connected with the Spirit. But you may say that the some of the above texts have to do with the spirit of man and not the Spirit of God. But I say to you that any goodness in man comes from the Spirit (1 Corin. 12:3) Neh 9:20 Thou gavest also thy **good spirit** to instruct them, and withheldst not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. The good Spirit within us is life as seen below and that life is our breath and the very breath we have is the Spirit as shown in the below texts.

Isa 38:16 O Lord, by these *things men* live, and in all these *things is the life* of my **spirit**: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath** of life; and man became a living **soul**.

Job 12:10 In whose hand *is* the **soul** of every living thing, and the **breath** of all mankind.

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

Joh 20:22 And when he had said this, he **breathed** on *them*, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost**:

Therefore our soul and Spirit are the life and breath of the Holy Spirit which causes our heart to feel: Psa 84:2 My **soul** longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my **heart** and my flesh crieth out for the living God

This is why Nicodemus needed to be born again. He knew truth but had no feelings towards them. The rituals were but dead rituals and he needed to be born again not entering a second time into his mothers womb but be born of the Spirit the water of life to create FEELING in the dead dry bones.

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the **Holy Ghost** which is given unto us.

2Co 3:3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

2Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

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From κοῖλος koilos (“hollow”); a *cavity*, that is, (specifically) the *abdomen*; by implication the *matrix*; figuratively the **heart**: - belly, womb.

Thought or mind=Knowledge or Word:

Act 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the **word** with all readiness of **mind**, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Mar 14:72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to **mind** the **word** that Jesus said unto him, **Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice**. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

In the above texts we see that the word is associated with the mind or knowledge and wisdom as seen below.

1Co 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the **word of wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge** by the same Spirit;

Pro 2:6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.

Exo 31:3 And I have filled him with the **spirit of God**, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

So here we see the Lord having wisdom and understanding coming from His mouth what else comes from the mouth of God? Jesus has a sword coming from His mouth (Rev. 1:16; Rev. 2:16; Rev. 19:12-15) and the sword the word of God (Eph. 6:7; Heb. 4:12). Another illustration to show that the word and the Spirit are together is that the Lord also has the Spirit coming from His mouth: **2Th 2:8** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. **You see it is by the spirit and the word together touching our heart and our mind that we can come into UNITY with Christ and thus when we are one in Christ the fruits of the Spirit will be made manifest in us and thus we will be working in unity as one body in Christ.**

NOTE YOU CAN NOT HAVE THE SPIRIT WITHOUT THE WORD AND YOU CAN NOT HAVE THE WORD WITHOUT THE SPIRIT. YOU SEE BOTH TOGETEHER. SEE LAST PART OF THIS STUDY FOR EXAMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WORD TOGETHER.

Action=Fruit of the Spirit:

Mat 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

God would have us treat others as we would like to be treated as shown in the above text. Keep in mind that it is the Lord that has called us (Jn. 6:44; Mat. 10:20) and He wants us to be connected with Him both of the mind and the heart that we can be made over comers. Therefore the good works are of Him and not for our purpose but for His as shown in the below text.

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Gal 2:20 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.

How does Christ live within us? Christ lives in us through His word (Ps. 119:11; Jn. 17:17) and His Spirit (1 Cor. 6:11; Ez. 36:27; Col. 1:27). Therefore the good works we do we do not do but it is Christ who lives in us who is to will and to do that we would not boast.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

God wants to see the action or the result of our faith but again this is not us but God working within us and it is not for ourselves but the good works we do is for others (Ez. 36:22,23,32) that Christ may be glorified (2 Thess. 1:12). **Therefore it is for others that the fruit of the Spirit is manifested in us.**

1Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man **to profit withal.**

1Co 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

1Co 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

1Co 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

1Co 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.

1Co 12:13 **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.**

YOU SEE YOU UNITY IN 1COR. 12:13. **This unity is the result it is the fruit and you can not produce fruit unless you are connected to the vine (Christ) to do it in you through the word (Jn. 15:1-8) and the Spirit which sanctify us (Jn. 17:17; 1 Cor. 6:11).**

Submit one to another:

So if the fruits of the Spirit are a result of unity with Christ which will bring us into unity with one another and we are only to submit to Christ and Christ alone then what does it mean when the Bible says we are to submit one to another? When we are to submit to one another it is not in mind; we are only to submit to Christ with our mind and soul. When we submit to others as the Bible says this is in regards to our works or actions.

Mat 5:38 *Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:*

Mat 5:39 *But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.*

Mat 5:40 *And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.*

Mat 5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.
 Mat 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.
 Mat 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.
 Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
 Mat 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
 Mat 5:46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?
 Mat 5:47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others?* do not even the publicans so?
 Mat 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

You see in the below text we are to have the life of Jesus manifest in our body. The church triumphant the group that is going to give the loud cry is going to be persecuted and rejected but their fruits will be the fruits of submission: meekness, humbleness, love, etc. It is by exhibiting these fruits towards those that are persecuting them that others will see the love of Christ within them.

2Co 4:8 *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair;
 2Co 4:9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;
 2Co 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.
 2Co 4:11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

I will briefly break down the below scripture to show again that the submission to the brethren has to do with our fruits; the actions of love towards one another.

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
 Col 3:7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.
 Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
 Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
 Col 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Here we see a submission of the old man, the old works. A calling to bring on the good works that is wrought by the Spirit and word which has already been established in this paper.

Col 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

HERE WE SEE UNITY AND AGAIN WE SEE THAT IT IS ONLY THROUGH CHRIST THAT UNITY EXISTS. IT IS ONLY THE UNITY WITH CHRIST THAT WILL LEAD TO UNITY IN MAN.

Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
Col 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.
Col 3:14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

So here in Vs. 11 we saw unity with Christ and now in Vs. 12-14 we see the fruits being manifest or called to be manifest.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

At the sake of being redundant: Vs. 11 we saw unity with Christ and now in Vs. 12-14 we see the fruits being manifest or called to be manifest then Vs. 15-16 we see “one body” or unity with one another by way of unity with God first, “heart” = Holy Spirit and “word” = mind. Look at the admonishing that is to be done, it is to be done through complete love: songs, hymns, psalms, with grace in our hearts to the LORD.

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Do all for the glory of God. Now that we have seen submission to Christ in word and Spirit manifesting the fruits of the Spirit **Col 3:12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; **Col 3:13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye. **Col 3:14** And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness. We see wives submit to your husbands. Submit in the above “action” way. Not in mind for we are to submit to Christ only in our mind/word.

Col 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.
Col 3:19 Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.
Col 3:20 Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
Col 3:21 Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.
Col 3:22 Servants, obey in all things *your* masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

Vs. 22 even says the flesh we are to obey others in our flesh meaning with meekness, humbleness, love, etc.

Col 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
Col 3:24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
Col 3:25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

Eph 5

Talks about wives submitting to their husband as well but if you read the beginning of the chapter it starts as a sermon on the fruits of the Spirit. It follows a similar format as Colossians. Vs. 1 Gives Christ glory. Vs. 3-5 turning from evil. Vs. 6 let no man deceive you by word (this would be mind). Vs. 6-16 show fruits of the Spirit and turn from evil. Vs. 17, 18 know the word of the Lord and don't be drunk with false doctrine. Vs. 19, 20 Praising God. Vs. 21 **Eph 5:21** Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. THIS IS SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER IN THE WORKS THAT CHRIST

MANIFESTS IN US: **Col 3:12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

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Col 3:14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

We often think that “submission” is submitting to the leaders views. We are only to submit to the doctrine of God and how are we to know it unless we are studying it. If submit in the texts shown above in Colossians and Ephesians were the “submit” as to their doctrine then lets see what would transpire if we read Eph. 5:24.

Eph 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in **every thing**.

If we are to “submit” in “everything” using the theory that submit means also of the mind/doctrine/word then what will happen when the Sunday law hits and our husband wants to keep the false institution set-up by Satan? The Bible says to submit in everything therefore I must follow my husband and keep Sunday, the false institution? EITHER THE BIBLE CONTRADICTS ITSELF OR WE HAVE A FALSE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT MEANS TO SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER. The fifth commandment says to honor your father and your mother that your days may be long. So what if our parents tell us to go against Gods word, are we supposed to submit to them? We see in Micah below that it is prophesied that we are not to trust a friend and put our confidence in a guide (some one to lead us spiritually) for the family dishonors one another. Who is to be our guide. . . it is Christ and Christ alone.

Mic 7:5 Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

Mic 7:6 For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies *are* the men of his own house.

Mic 7:7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

Now if we are to honor our father and mother why is Jesus saying that He is going to put variance against the family unit? DOES THE BIBLE CONTRADICT ITSELF OR DO WE HAVE A FALSE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE WORD SUBMIT AND HONOR MEAN? **We have a false understanding of submit and honor and obey.**

We are to show the fruits of the Spirit to mother, father, brethren, husband and submit in the will of the flesh the workings of the flesh and exhibit the workings of the spirit: **Col 3:12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
Col 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.
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Mat 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

Mat 10:35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

Mat 10:36 And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household.

Mat 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me

It is like Gideon who was called to tear down his fathers idols before he was ready to work for the Lord (Judges 6). Gideon was not called to submit to his father's false idols and false beliefs/mind/doctrine/word but to submit to his father in love showing kindness and mercy to his father by his actions/fruits. The same holds true to the leaders in our church. We are not to submit the will of our mind but the will of the flesh the fruits of the Spirit. For example when we are tormented, persecuted, or humiliated how will we react to those individuals?

Hebrews 13 starts by talking about brotherly love and how we should remember those that are hurting. Then it talks about the actions that we should put away that the Lord would be glorified as our helper. In verse 8 it talks about doctrine and goes on to talk about Christ's sacrifice and how we should do the same. Verse 16 we are told to do good and not to forget and to communicate or share these things. Then we get to verse 17:

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

NOW DO WE HAVE A FALSE UNDERSTANDING OF OBEY OR A CORRECT UNDERSTANDING YET? If the above text meant to obey the priests/pastors in word/doctrine/mind then just about every prophet of old would be going against Bible truth for God is the same yesterday today and tomorrow (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8) and therefore if God requires us to obey in word/mind/doctrine the sheppards of the flock then he would also require those of old to do the same. That is simply not the case for all the 12 disciples went against the Priests in Jesus' day; not to mention the ones like Jeremiah and what about Isaiah, who lost his life, for speaking truth contrary to the priests and false prophets. If they speak not according to the law and the testament then there is no light in them. We need to be in the word of God in order to know whether someone is speaking falsehood; for we are to work out our own salvation with fear and

trembling, Phil. 2:12. Therefore this obey we see must only be in regards to our ACTIONS THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT.

For example Saul was anointed by God to be leader of His people but Saul disobeyed God and while Saul was still ruler over God's people His Spirit left Saul. David was subject to Saul and obeyed Saul as a servant but was not subject to Saul in regards to his mind. Even in the face of death David still loved Saul and respected him. Did David seek revenge when he had the chance to kill Saul (1 Sam. 24)? No, David did not seek revenge but on the contrary felt bad that he even cut Saul's garment (1 Sam. 24:5). This is the result of being in unity in Christ and therefore AS WE ARE ONE WITH CHRIST WE WILL BE ONE WITH EACH OTHER.

Unity has not always been seen in the "organization" of the church; it was seen among believers, it has in the past been a movement. If the disciples would have submitted in the form that we look at the word "submit" today in regards to our fellow brethren then the work Christ ordained would have never been completed because the disciples did not share the doctrinal view of the "leaders" of the "church" of that time.

What makes us Adventists is not the "organization" or the "name" it is the doctrine/message: **1Ti 4:16** Take heed unto thyself, and unto the **doctrine**; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

The burden of our work now is not to labor for those who, although they have had abundant light and evidence, still continue on the unbelieving side. God bids us give our time and strength to the work of preaching to the people the messages that stirred men and women in 1843 and 1844. {1SAT 385.3}

*We are now to labor unceasingly to get the truth before Jew and Gentile. Instead of going over and over the same ground to establish the faith of those who should never have accepted a doubt regarding the third angel's message, let our efforts be given to making known the truth to those who have never heard it. **God calls upon us to make known to all men the truths that have made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists.** {1SAT 385.4} Manuscript 125, 1907. (Written from Sanitarium, Calif., July 4, 1907; designated "to be read in Battle Creek, Oakland, Chicago, and other large churches.") (MR 900.21) {1SAT 390.1}*

We better make sure we know what these messages are because there will be many leaders in the Adventist church whose characters will be made manifest when the Sunday law hits and then we will say: "Who can we trust".

From this record we may learn how little dependence can be placed in men who trust in men, and do not make God their reliance. Those who are living in these last days are in the greatest danger of placing their confidence in men rather than in the true and living God. The Lord has given instruction that the history of the apostasy of Israel is now to be presented, because men who in the past have had great light have become self-sufficient, and are looking to men, trusting in human leaders, who are themselves practicing evil. Men who ought to stand as firm as a rock to principle are treading in the same path that the Israelites followed. "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits,

and doctrines of devils.” This is the snare that has come into our ranks. There are wrong sentiments that have to be met. There are men who are acting the part of Aaron at the very time when every soul should be working to seal the law among God’s disciples. They are building up the very things that God has specified should not be built up. {RH February 4, 1909, par. 8}

Let us have more confidence in our Redeemer. Turn not from the waters of Lebanon to seek refreshment at broken cisterns, which can hold no water. Have faith in God. Trustful dependence on Jesus makes victory not only possible, but certain. Tho multitudes be pressing on in the wrong way, tho the outlook be ever so discouraging, yet we may have full assurance in our Leader; for “I am God,” He declares, “and there is none else.” He is infinite in power, and able to save all who come to Him. There is no other in whom we can safely trust. {ST January 3, 1906, par. 11}

Eph 5:9 (For the fruit of the **Spirit** is in all **goodness** and righteousness and truth;)

1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in **obeying the truth** through the **Spirit** unto **unfeigned love of the brethren**, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Conclusion= Victory:

Eze 11:19 And I will give **them one heart**, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Eze 11:20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Eze 11:21 But *as for them* whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.

Here we see unity by the Spirit. We see “them” (plural) having one heart, unity. This is done when God’s spirit is put within us.

His constant prayer for them was that they might be sanctified through the truth; and He prayed with assurance, knowing that an Almighty decree had been given before the world was made. He knew that the gospel of the kingdom would be preached to all nations for a witness; **He knew that truth armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit, would conquer in the battle with evil,** and that the bloodstained banner would one day wave triumphantly over His followers. {AA 20.2}

WE SHOULD SHOUT FOR JOY BECAUSE OF THE ABOVE STATEMENT! **He knew that truth armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit, would conquer in the battle with evil.** Is this not what we all want is victory over evil and she says that this is done by truth which is the word (Jn. 17:17) and the Holy Spirit. We have just seen that the two must go hand in hand. This is victory; Christ wants to pour this out to us in the form of the latter rain. It was then that you saw the disciples in unity so the next

question should be is **How do you receive the latter rain?** But that is a question for another study.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;**

Joh 8:32 **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

Joh 8:33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.**

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

Pro 2:10 When wisdom entereth into **thine heart, and knowledge** is pleasant unto thy soul;

Pro 2:11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

Pro 2:12 **To deliver thee from the way of the evil** *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things;

Final Covenant:

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their **mind**, and write them in their **hearts**: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Heb 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and **their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

Christ and Christ alone

1Co 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.

Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

1Ti 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

Heb 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Why is it important to understand that we are to submit to Christ and Christ alone? The answer is because there is going to rise up a man that wants the homage of all men, to be in the place of Christ; thus really being led by Satan to revere the created over the creator. This spirit already exists today as told in 2Thes. 2 shown below, when we want the praise of men rather than God, when we want to rise above our brethren in power; then we have the spirit of Satan the disease of pride.

2Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

The following Page gives a list of texts that show how the Holy Spirit and the word of God are connected.

Examples of where the spirit and the word are together:

Obey truth through the Spirit: 1 Peter 1:22

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Water (Spirit) to wine (Word of God/doctrine) = John 2:1-11

Bread from Heaven:

Exo 16:4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

Ten Virgins; lamp = word, oil = Holy Spirit Mat. 25:1-12

Spirit fell on those that heard the “word”: Acts 10:44

Deu 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

Blood that was sprinkled on people and vessels was mixed with water: Heb. 9:19-21

The thing that consumes the wicked: the spirit and the word; 2 Thess. 2:8, Rev. 19:15, Eph. 6:17.

Sanctified by the word and by the Spirit: Eph. 5:26; Jn. 17:17; 1 Cor. 6:11

Sanctification means habitual communion with God. There is nothing so great and powerful as God's love for those who are His children. {HP 129.5}

Heavens made by the word and breath. Breath = Holy Spirit (Gen. 2:7, Job 12:10; Job 33:4; John 20:22).

Truth = word and spirit: Jn. 17:17 word = truth and Jn. 16:13 = spirit of truth

1Th 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in **word** only, but also in power, and in the **Holy Ghost**, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

Word = gospel and power = Holy Spirit

Act 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the **word** of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an **inheritance** among all them which are sanctified. (The Holy Spirit is the earnest or down payment of our inheritance Eph. 1:12-18; 2 Cor. 5:5)

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

2Th 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: