**The Restorer of Paths to Dwell In – Chapter 13 - Conclusions**

The pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church were consistent in their beliefs and teachings. They believed that Jesus was truly the Son of the eternal God and that He was begotten far back in the days of eternity before creation and was appointed by the Father to be the Creator. They believed also that He who was fully divine, one with his Father, equal in power and authority, possessing all the attributes of the Father and that they were one in character, mind, and Spirit.

In the previous 12 chapters we examined the words of twenty-four pioneers: JAMES WHITE; J.H. WAGGONER; .J. DENNIS; R.F. COTTRELL; J.N. LOUGHBOROUGH; J.B. FRISBIE; J.H. WAGGONER; A.T. JONES; D.W. HULL; J.N.ANDREWS; D.M. CANRIGHT; E.J. WAGGONER; C.W. STONE; W.W. PRESCOTT; JAMES EDSON WHITE – (Second son of James and Ellen White); J.M. STEPHENSON; JOHN MATTESON; URIAH SMITH; JOSEPH BATES; D.W. HULL; M.C. WILCOX; A.J. MORTON; Letter, A. G. DANIELLS to W. C. WHITE; and of course the Testimony of Jesus through His prophet ELLEN G. WHITE.

The evidence is clear and the conclusions are irrefutable: There is one God who is the Father God and the Father is the Ancient of Days, the eternal God and is without beginning for He always was. He is the great Source of all that exists, including His begotten Son. There is one Lord Jesus Christ, who came forth from the Father in the days of eternity past, when His personality had a beginning. He was the only begotten of the Father, and was begotten of the Father’s substance. The very substance and nature of God. The Son was begotten and not created. A Son begotten of God in the image of the Father’s person. The Father was greater than the Son because He was first in point of time. He had priority of existence and is therefore pre-eminent. The Son is equal with the Father for he received all things from Him. The Father has life in himself and is therefore self-existent and He gave the Son to have life in himself, making the Son self-existent. The Father is the source of all immortality and He gave His Son immortality as his own right. He has all the attributes of Deity. He is by nature, God. There are only two Divine Beings in heaven, the Father and the Son, and they are two distinct, literal, tangible persons. The Son of God is a divine person. He is the wisdom and power of God. He is in the bosom of the Father. Through him all things were created and by him all things consist. The Father and Son always worked together. After Jesus was begotten, there never was a time in eternity where they were not in full agreement. They created man in their own image, after their own likeness. The Son of God was sent by the Father to the world. He was God manifested in the flesh. In Him dwelt all the fullness of the God-head bodily. Christ’s divinity and humanity were mysteriously blended. Christ is the “everlasting Father” of His children which the Father has given Him. The Father is Lord God Almighty, The Son is the mighty God. The Father and Son are not part of a “three-one” God Trinity. They have a real and true Father-Son relationship. Not a metaphorical relationship of two unrelated beings. The Son is equal in rank with the Father, equal in dignity, glory, authority, and divine perfection with the infinite God. They are not the same Being or Person. Jesus is thus properly called Jehovah.

Christ is also Michael, the archangel. He is not an angel, but above them. He is the commander of all the angels.

The Holy Spirit is both the Omnipresent Spirit of God and the Omnipresent Spirit of Christ, the third Person of the Godhead. The Holy Spirit is the presence and power of God and Christ, the representative of them both. Both have the same Spirit. This is the source of their Divine unity. Through the medium of their Holy Spirit they are able to make their abode in us. Every reference in the Bible, whether it is “the Spirit of God,” “the Spirit of Christ,” “the Holy Spirit,” “the Holy Ghost,” or any other grouping of words referring to God’s Spirit, it is the Omnipresence of the Father, the Omnipresence of the Son. The Father is physically on His throne and the Son is physically carrying on the work of judgment in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, while their Omnipresent Spirit is everywhere present in the universe, something our finite minds have difficult comprehending, however we believe it in faith, for what we know is what has been revealed.

Sister White trembled for our people because she knew that in the Omega of apostasy, the church was going to embrace the commandment-breaking Trintarian doctrine of three Gods. She called it deadly heresy because she knew that it encouraged disobedience and only those who keep the commandments would be called blessed and have right to the city New Jerusalem and the tree of life. Rev. 22:14 **“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”**

In light of the material studied, let us consider this last quote from God’s prophet. GPS, *“I was shown the people of God, and saw them mightily shaken. Some, with strong faith and agonizing cries, were pleading with God.*

*Some, I saw, did not participate in this work of agonizing and pleading. They seemed indifferent and careless. They were not resisting the darkness around them, and it shut them in like a thick cloud. The angels of God left these, and I saw them hastening to the assistance of those who were struggling with all their energies to resist the evil angels, and trying to help themselves by calling upon God with perseverance. But the angels left those who made no effort to help themselves, and I lost sight of them. As the praying ones continued their earnest cries, a ray of light from Jesus would at times come to them, to encourage their hearts, and light up their countenances.*

*I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God's people. The testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance, and all that truly receive it will obey it and be purified.” {*CCh 338.3-5}

We know which side of the apostasy Sister White and the pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church were on, where will you take your stand?

In His service, Richard Vaughn.