“**The Restorer of Paths to Dwell In**” – Chapter 7 – Christ’s Spirit

Note- Anytime you see GPS it means “God’s Prophet Says”

**“… and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.”**  Isaiah 58:12

Every Sabbath that followed Tuesday October 22, 1844, has been a high Sabbath. It is always a high Sabbath when a feast day fell on the regular Sabbath day. We have been in the anti-typical Day of Atonement for over 170 years, hence this and every Sabbath will be a high Sabbath until Jesus comes.

Each chapter in our series “The Restorer of Paths to Dwell In,” we begin with this quote: ***“The greatest want of the world is the want of men,--men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.”***--Education, p. 57. (1903) {CM 54.4} I pray that you will answer the call.

I would like to point out that it was God who led our pioneers into the truth about the Godhead and they had the absolute truth in those regards. However, it was Satan over many decades of time that led God’s remnant people into the false doctrine of the Trinity and its associated traditional errors, which of course pleases Rome and apostate Protestantism.

God’s prophet wrote this in 5T 62 ***“The truth of God is not in harmony with the traditions of men, nor does it conform to their opinions. Like its divine Author, it is unchangeable, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Those who separate from God will call darkness light, and error truth. But darkness will never prove itself to be light, nor will error become truth.”*** {5T 62.1}” Today it is said that the pioneers were in error. If that position was held; then it is saying that God misled Ellen White and the pioneers. As I see it, intellectual philosophy is a curse to the individual and all people affected by their writings.

This book has been about restoring the faith of our pioneers by studying what they believed and discovering why the Seventh-day Adventist faith has changed so dramatically from what it was when God’s prophet was still alive. In chapter 8 we’re going to look at the “Fundamental Principles” of 1872, and the “Fundamental Beliefs” of 1931 and 1981, so that we can clearly identify just what has been discarded and what the Omega is.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Ellen White’s death, the White Estate has released all of the remaining formerly unpublished EGW writings which include, letters and manuscripts. Anyone interested can find them and all of her writings at the following address: <https://www.egwwritings.org>.

Today we are going to do a short review of what we have studied these last 6 chapters and even bring in some of those formerly unpublished writings that confirm the conclusions.

Let us have a short prayer before we begin, “Heavenly Father we thank you for your precious gift of our Savior Jesus. We thank you for the Sabbath and for raising up your remnant church and our prophet Ellen White. Continue to give us what we need to know, in Jesus name, AMEN.

There are some who may say that this is a side issue or an irrelevant matter, but I can assure you it is neither. Our religion has been changed and it is time we bring it back and restore the paths to dwell in, in obedience to a direct command in Isaiah 58.

Just what did Ellen White and our pioneers believe? The short of it is that they believed that God the Father has existed for all of eternity and that way back in eternity His Son came forth of the same substance, the only begotten of the Father, and the personality of Jesus had a beginning. They also believed that they were a Godhead of only two distinct Divine Beings with the same Spirit, the Comforter which is the Omnipresent Spirit of Christ, the third person of the Godhead. They did not believe in a third Divine Being called “God the Holy Spirit,” which is the result of intellectual philosophy.

When Dr. John Harvey Kellogg tried to promote his revised book, “The Living Temple,” which he said he now believed in the trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Sister White said it is the Alpha of deadly heresy.

At a 1980 General Conference session, our Fundamental Beliefs were changed to a trinity consisting of three co-eternal Divine Beings, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Exactly what Dr. Kellogg tried to promote and was rebuked by God’s prophet.

We are going to look at some quotations, but first I want to explain why people are so confused on this subject. Because of our finite intelligence, we tend to think of divine things on a human level. We know that Sister White said this, ***“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.”*** {DA 671.2}

So when an individual reads third person, automatically they figure a third being with a physical presence. What did Ellen White mean by the Third Person of the Godhead? I want to break it down for you as God broke it down for my understanding. First of all we have been made in God’s image, after His likeness. God and Jesus both have a physical presence and an internal spirit with emotions. He has said He is a jealous God. We have a physical presence and we have an internal spirit evidenced with emotions.

Now listen closely so you do not miss what I’m going to say. When a white man, calls a black man by the derogatory “N” word, did he hurt the man on his leg, or on his back? No, he didn’t hurt him on any part of his physical body, however he wounded the man deep down in his spirit. So you see a man’s spirit is as much his person as is his physical body.

But in addition to God’s internal spirit which has emotion, He also has what we do not have and that is an external Spirit which is called His Omnipresence. This external Spirit has no physical limitations to prevent His power and presence to be everywhere He so chooses in the universe. The only way it can be everywhere present is the fact that it does not have the limitations of a physical presence.

In that same paragraph we just read in DA 671.2 it says this, ***“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.”***

Here is what Jesus said as recorded in John 14:23  **“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.”** This would only be possible by that external omnipresent Holy Spirit of the Father and the Son, the only two Divine Beings in the Godhead.

Listen to how God’s prophet backs up the scripture, ***“By the Spirit the Father and the Son will come and make their abode with you.”*** BEcho, Jan 15, 1893, par. 8. (The Bible Echo)

Here are two reasons why this is no small matter. It says in SD 58 “***The Father and Son alone are to be exalted***.” SD 58. If we are exalting a third God, we are violating God’s first commandment, **“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”** God lets us know exactly how having another god before Him affects Him **“… for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God.”** Exodus 20:3 Secondly, Satan stands ready to receive the worship of gods exalted other than the Father and the Son. These are serious considerations.

Here is one of the recently released formerly unpublished EGW writings: GPS, ***"Jehovah, our Father, and His Son Jesus Christ are alone to be exalted. The knowledge of God is eternal life to those who receive it. His holy banner is to stand elevated above all the greatness of the greatest men, above all the honor and glory of the world."*** {Ms11-1898 (June 29, 1898) par. 11} Two things I would like to point out about this quotation. If there were a third God called, “God the Holy Spirit,” why then would He not be exalted as well. Next it says, “The knowledge of God is eternal life to those who receive it.” God is giving us here in these messages, the correct understanding of the knowledge of God as believed by our pioneers, in order to dispel the false teaching that has come into our ranks.

What we have here in our day is Jeremiah 6:16, 17 fulfilled, **“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.”** Jeremiah is telling SDA’s in 2015 to ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, but certain in leadership has said, **“We will not walk therein.”** Brothers and sisters, God is no respecter of persons. Are we to be respecters of persons who have changed our religion? Every SDA that is rejecting these God-given messages is saying to God, **“…We will not hearken.”** Isaiah 58:12 calls for this generation of SDA’s to be restorers of paths to dwell in. This is no small matter.

Remember when we read in 1SM 204, 205, ***“A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. … The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed…”*** [Well, it bears repeating again today that God is removed by saying a third Being called “God the Holy Spirit” is the omnipresent power that the Father and Jesus alone are] ***“…they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless.”*** Selected Messages, book 1, pp. 204, 205

Here are two more of the recently released formerly unpublished EGW writings: ***“We shall learn the value of the human soul when we learn to value the love of God for us. A divine Saviour died for all, that all might find in Him their divine Source. In Christ Jesus we are one, lifted to the same rank, members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King, by the utterance of one name, ‘Our Father,’ through Jesus Christ who loved us and gave His life a ransom for us. This places an equal value upon all. To the poor and oppressed and downtrodden of earth, Christ says, “If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth, (which is Christ formed within the hope of glory,) whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not: but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless.”*** {Ms24-1898 (February 22, 1898) par. 21}

Next quote: {Lt66-1894 (April 10, 1894) par. 18 ***"WE WANT THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.”*** Could that be plainer? (Here is the full quote) ***"“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.” “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.” “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children keep yourselves from idols.” 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. If we commune with God, we shall have strength and grace and efficiency.”*** {Lt66-1894 (April 10, 1894) par. 18} \*previously unpublished statement. Did you hear what she wrote? ***It is not safe to catch the spirit from another. WE WANT THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.*** You cannot make that statement say anything else.

Now listen to this quote: ***"Christ is to be known by the blessed name of Comforter. “The Comforter,” said Christ to His disciples, “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, 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.”"*** {Ms7-1902 (January 26, 1902) par. 10} So who did God’s prophet say **“*Christ is to be known by the blessed name of Comforter?”*** Simply because the Comforter is the omnipresent Spirit of Christ.

Here are 4 other quotes which identify Christ as the Comforter:

***“…Christ is everything to those who receive Him. He is their Comforter, their safety, their healthfulness….”*** LHU 221.

***“…We adore God for His wondrous love in giving Jesus the Comforter.”*** 19MR 297.3

***“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.”*** AG 187.2 (God’s Amazing Grace)

***"We shall learn the value of the human soul when we learn to value the love of God for us. A divine Saviour died for all, that all might find in Him their divine Source. In Christ Jesus we are one, lifted to the same rank, members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King, by the utterance of one name, ‘Our Father,’ through Jesus Christ who loved us and gave His life a ransom for us. This places an equal value upon all. To the poor and oppressed and downtrodden of earth, Christ says, ‘If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth (which is Christ formed within, the hope of glory), whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not: but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless.’”*** Ms 24, Feb. 22, 1898, par. 21, parentheses in the original statement. There is no question as we read statement after statement verifying the fact that the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter is no other than the presence and power of Jesus Christ, the third person of the Godhead in His Omnipresence.

***“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.”*** Southern Watchman, Sept. 9, 1898.

**“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.”** Col 2:6.

***“…On the day of Pentecost the promised Comforter descended, and the power from on high was given, and the souls of the believers thrilled with the conscious presence of their ascended Lord….”*** GC88 351.

Brothers and sisters, it is time for a Spiritual awakening, a revival and a true reformation. Listen to this, GPS, ***“God calls upon His people, many of whom are but half awake, to arouse, and engage in earnest labor, praying for strength for service. Workers are needed. Receive the Holy Spirit, and your efforts will be successful. Christ's presence is what gives power.”*** The Central Advance, Feb 25, 1903, She is telling us that it is Christ's presence, by His Omnipresent Spirit, is what gives us power. Power for what? Power for service.

In my lifetime, Isaiah 60:1, 2 has never had more meaning then it does at this time, **“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.”**

We have been betrayed and lied to. I once bought into all the lies. You know, three co-eternal, co-existent Gods who had no beginning and no relation. None preceding the other in point of time, none coming after the other. All three selecting which role they would play. Also the lie that Jesus gave up His attribute of omnipresence when He became a man. I taught and defended these lies because I trusted the leadership. We are to trust no man, rather we must be noble Bereans and check all the sources, earnestly praying for the Divine guidance that our Savior is more than happy to give through His comforting Omnipresence.

God led me through a dear friend to search for the truth as for hidden treasure and He did not fail to show me the real truths when I went back in time to our pioneers and did the research, as well as studying as much information, that like believers around the world had already prepared. He wants our people today to get up to speed and restore the paths to dwell in which are the safe paths on the narrow way. A good place to study additional information is found on the web at [www.truthorheresy.org](http://www.truthorheresy.org)

Here is something very sobering to consider, if a person chooses to reject the beliefs and understanding of Ellen White and the pioneers of our faith, regarding the Father and His only begotten Son as the only two Divine Beings and their omnipresent Holy Spirit as the third person of the Godhead, and chooses instead to go with what has become the traditional trinity doctrine of three separate and distinct, unrelated, co-eternal Gods, which are Fundamental Beliefs as of 1981, and further understands that the Father and Son are role playing and there is no real Father/Son relationship as it is described to be only a metaphor, then what is God to do with those who choose such a position which is so far from the truth?

It is clearly breaking the first commandment, **“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”** Would that person be worthy of receiving the latter rain? Would they be safe to save? I have often wondered what the special sealing is that Seventh-day Adventists need to be sealed with, when they already have the seal of God, as it pertains to the Sabbath, in their foreheads. Could it be that since Adventism had strayed so far from the truth, as it relates to the Godhead, that there may be a connection with a correct understanding of the Godhead?

In chapter 8, we will be looking at the Fundamental Principles of our pioneers while Ellen White was alive, then we will look at the fundamental beliefs of 1931 where subtle changes began. We will then look at the 1981 Fundamental beliefs which propelled us into the Omega of Apostasy.

Let us pray, *“Eternal Father in heaven, we want Jesus and we want You to abide within us, to free us of the chains of error, that binds a sleeping church. Here in the closing moments of this, the final generation we are left with but a short time for preparation, as the little time of trouble will soon be a reality. Fill us with your Spirit Father and your Spirit Jesus and make your abode within us that we may be the restorers of paths to dwell in that you are calling us to be. In Jesus name, Amen.”*