



# A SOP STUDY GUIDE

## **SPECIAL NOTE:**

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, NEEDS TO BE TREATED LIKE THE BIBLE IN TERMS OF INTERPRETING WHAT IS SAID.....BY THIS WE MEAN THAT **THE SAME POWER WHICH WORKED THROUGH MEN IN BIBLE TIMES, IS THE EXACTLY SAME POWER THAT HAS WORKED THROUGH ELLEN G WHITE. THEREFORE THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY INTERPRETS ITSELF AND IS OF NO PRIVATE INTERPRETATION.**

## MISUNDERSTOOD SOP QUOTE 1

“We need to realize that **THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO IS AS MUCH A PERSON AS GOD IS A PERSON, IS WALKING THROUGH THESE GROUNDS, UNSEEN BY HUMAN EYES**; that the Lord God is our Keeper and Helper. He hears every word we utter and knows every thought of the mind.”

Sermons and Talks Volume 2, pp. 136-137, 1899

## SO WHO EXACTLY IS THIS 'UNSEEN PERSON WALKING' WITH US?

**“HOW FEW REALIZE THAT JESUS, UNSEEN, IS WALKING BY THEIR SIDE! How ashamed many would be to hear His voice speaking to them, and to know that He heard all their foolish, common talk!”**

Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p.88.1

**“Remember that JESUS IS BESIDE YOU WHEREVER YOU GO, NOTING YOUR ACTIONS AND LISTENING TO YOUR WORDS.”**

The Youth Instructor, Feb. 4, 1897

**“The LORD JESUS standing BY THE SIDE OF THE CANVASSER, WALKING WITH THEM, is the chief worker. If we recognize CHRIST as the ONE who is with us to prepare the way, THE HOLY SPIRIT BY OUR SIDE WILL MAKE IMPRESSIONS IN JUST THE LINES NEEDED.”**

Colporteur Ministry, p. 107

So it is **“CHRIST”** who is the **“UNSEEN”** person, who is, by His Divine Nature walking **“THROUGH THESE GROUNDS”** in the above misunderstood SOP quote!

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## **MISUNDERSTOOD SOP QUOTE 2**

“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.”

Desire Of Ages p.671.2

## WHO IS THIS '**THIRD PERSON**' WHO CAN HELP US TO OVERCOME SIN?

**“THE ONLY DEFENSE AGAINST EVIL IS THE INDWELLING OF CHRIST** in the heart through faith in His righteousness. Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and **TEMPTATION TO SIN.”**

Desire Of Ages p.324.1

**“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.”

Desire of Ages p.671.2

“There is **NO POWER** in you apart from **CHRIST**, but it is your privilege to have **CHRIST ABIDING IN YOUR HEART BY FAITH, AND HE CAN OVERCOME SIN IN YOU,** when you cooperate with His efforts.”

Youth Instructor, June 29, 1893

**“THERE IS NOTHING ELSE THAT CAN SAVE US. CHRIST COMES IN HIS DIVINE NATURE,** and here is every soul will be enlightened according to what you study, according to what you give the mind to feed upon.”

Letters and Manuscripts, Vol.21 (1906)

So, it is **“CHRIST”** that helps us to overcome sin & not another Being!

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## **MISUNDERSTOOD SOP QUOTE 3**

**“THERE ARE THREE LIVING PERSONS OF THE HEAVENLY TRIO; IN THE NAME OF THESE THREE GREAT POWERS –THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT**—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ.”

Evangelism, pp. 614, 615

## WHO ARE THE “**THREE LIVING PERSONS**” IN HEAVEN?

“Our sanctification is the work of the **FATHER, THE SON**, and the **HOLY SPIRIT**. It is the fulfilment of the covenant that God has made with those who bind themselves up with Him, to stand with **[1] HIM**, with **[2] HIS SON**, and with **[3] HIS SPIRIT** in holy fellowship. Have you been born again? Have you become a new being in Christ Jesus? **THEN CO-OPERATE WITH THE THREE GREAT POWERS OF HEAVEN** who are working in your behalf.”

Signs of the Times, June 19, 1901

“Christ gave his followers a positive promise that after his ascension he would send them his Spirit. “Go ye therefore,” he said, “and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **FATHER [A PERSONAL GOD]**, and of the **SON [A PERSONAL PRINCE AND SAVIOUR]**, and of the **HOLY GHOST [\*SENT FROM HEAVEN TO REPRESENT CHRIST]**: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.”

Review & Herald, October 26, 1897, par. 9

**\*Notice how Ellen White did not use the word “PERSONAL” for the Holy Ghost!**



“Those who believe the truth should remember that they are God's little children, that they are under His training. 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 for the church, vol.9

“When trials overshadow the soul, remember the words of **CHRIST**, remember that **HE IS AN UNSEEN PRESENCE IN THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**”

Letter 124, 1897

**“CUMBERED WITH HUMANITY, CHRIST COULD NOT BE IN EVERY PLACE PERSONALLY; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, GO TO HIS FATHER, AND SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT to be His successor on earth. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS HIMSELF DIVESTED OF THE PERSONALITY OF HUMANITY AND INDEPENDENT THEREOF. HE WOULD REPRESENT HIMSELF AS PRESENT IN ALL PLACES BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT, AS THE OMNIPRESENT.”**

Manuscript Releases 14, p. 23.3

So the **“THREE LIVING PERSONS”** of the **“HEAVENLY TRIO”** according to the SOP, are: **THE FATHER, SON & THEIR HOLY SPIRIT!** (especially Christ’s Divine Nature)

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## **MISUNDERSTOOD SOP QUOTE 4**

**“THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A PERSONALITY**, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. **HE MUST ALSO BE A DIVINE PERSON**, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God. “For what man knoweth the things of a man save the spirit of man, which is in him; even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” [1 Corinthians 2:11.]

Evangelism, p.617.1

# IF THE “**HOLY SPIRIT**” IS ALSO A “**DIVINE PERSON**” – THEN WHO IS HE?

**“LIFT UP CHRIST IN HIS POWER IN THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. HE IS WAITING FOR THEM TO OPEN THE DOOR AND ADMIT HIM. HIS PRESENCE WILL THRILL EVERY NERVE AND MUSCLE.** Every organ will begin to perform its functions, and the whole man will be restored to spiritual soundness as he sees Christ by faith.”

Letters and Manuscripts, Vol.14, Lt 59, 1899, par. 11

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Letter 124, 1897

“The work of the Holy Spirit is immeasurably great. It is from this source that power and efficiency come to the worker for God; and **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE COMFORTER, AS THE PERSONAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST TO THE SOUL.**”

Review and Herald, November 29, 1892

So Ellen G White makes it absolutely clear that the “Divine Person” of the Holy Spirit, is none other than “CHRIST” & not another Person/Being.

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## **MISUNDERSTOOD SOP QUOTE 5**

“Jesus declared, “I am the resurrection, and the life.” **IN CHRIST IS LIFE, ORIGINAL, UNBORROWED, UNDERIVED.** “He that hath the Son hath life.”  
The divinity of Christ is the believer's assurance of eternal life.”

Evangelism, p.616.2

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT CHRIST'S LIFE IS "ORIGINAL", "UNBORROWED" & "UNDERIVED" ?

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). It is not physical life that is here specified, but **IMMORTALITY, THE LIFE WHICH IS EXCLUSIVELY THE PROPERTY OF GOD. THE WORD, WHO WAS WITH GOD, AND WHO WAS GOD, HAD THIS LIFE.** Physical life is something which each individual receives. It is not eternal or immortal; for God, the Life-giver, takes it again. Man has no control over his life. But the life of Christ was unborrowed. No one can take this life from Him. "I lay it down of myself" (John 10:18), He said. **IN HIM WAS LIFE, ORIGINAL, UNBORROWED, UNDERIVED. THIS LIFE IS NOT INHERENT IN MAN. HE CAN POSSESS IT ONLY THROUGH CHRIST. HE CANNOT EARN IT; IT IS GIVEN HIM AS A FREE GIFT** if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour."

Selected Messages, Book 1, p.296.2

**“CHRIST WAS INVESTED WITH THE RIGHT TO GIVE IMMORTALITY. The life WHICH HE HAD laid down in humanity, HE AGAIN TOOK UP and gave to humanity.”**

Selected Messages, Book 1, p.302.2

**“GOD has sent his Son to communicate HIS OWN LIFE to humanity. Christ declares, “I LIVE BY THE FATHER,” MY LIFE AND HIS BEING ONE.”**

Letters & Manuscripts, Vol.12, 1897

**“ALL THINGS COME OF GOD. From the smallest benefits up to the largest blessing, ALL FLOW THROUGH THE ONE CHANNEL — a superhuman mediation sprinkled with the blood that is of value beyond estimate because IT WAS THE LIFE OF GOD IN HIS SON”**

Letters and Manuscripts, Vol.6, 1890





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