

Statements from the spirit of prophecy that refer to the Holy Spirit as 'it'

Those who wish to promote a trinitarian view of the Godhead often quote Ellen White where she says that the Holy Spirit is a person. They say therefore (usually to the non-trinitarians) that if we are to have a balanced view of what Seventh-day Adventists have been told through the spirit of prophecy concerning the Holy Spirit, then these 'person' statements must be taken into consideration. With this I firmly agree.

This having been said, I also believe it correct to say that if we are to obtain a balanced view of this subject then not only Ellen White's 'person' statements must be taken into consideration but also where she refers to the Holy Spirit as an 'it'. If this is not done then any presentations or conclusions on this topic using her writings will be a biased and distorted view. In other words, in order to formulate a correct view of what God has revealed through the spirit of prophecy concerning the Holy Spirit, then EVERYTHING He has revealed must be taken into consideration. Only then will we have an honest unbiased view.

One thing to remember is that Ellen White never referred to the Father as an 'it'; neither did she ever refer to Christ as an 'it' yet hundreds of times she refers to the Holy Spirit as 'it'. This must be very significant.

The following list of 'it' statements is not complete. More will be added. At the moment it comprises of statements that were made by Ellen White at the latter part of her ministry. Please feel free, if you wish to do so, to supply its compiler with any similar statements that come to your attention. Thank you.

See also here for spirit of prophecy statements concerning the personal identity of the Holy Spirit

http://theprophetstillspeaks.co.uk/Godhead/EGW_HolySpirit.pdf

God bless you as you give prayerful consideration to those things God has revealed

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“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:” Romans 8:16

“Today there is danger that, as of old, the Holy Spirit will be rejected because **it** comes in a way not in accordance with the minds of men. Because **it** comes, not to praise men, or to build up their erroneous theories, but to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come, many turn away from **it**. They are not willing to exchange their own righteousness (which is unrighteousness) for the righteousness of Christ, which is pure, unadulterated truth. The Holy Spirit flatters no man, neither does **it** work according to human devising; and if **it** comes as a reprover, it is man’s place to hear and to obey **its** voice.” (*Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, September 27th 1899, ‘The outpouring of the Holy Spirit. No. 2)*

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“We need to feel the converting power of God’s grace, and I urge all who have closed their heart against God’s Spirit to unlock the door, and plead earnestly, Abide with me. Why should we not prostrate ourselves at the throne of divine grace, praying that God’s Spirit may be poured out upon us as **it** was upon the disciples? **Its** presence will soften our hard hearts, and fill us with joy and rejoicing, transforming us into channels of blessing.” (*Ibid*)

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“The Holy Spirit is greatly needed in our schools. This divine agency comes to the world as Christ’s representative. **It** is not only the faithful and true witness of the Word of God, but **it** is the searcher of the thoughts and purposes of the heart. **It** is the source to which we must look for efficiency in the restoration of the moral image of God in man. The Holy Spirit was eagerly sought for in the schools of the prophets; **its** transforming influence was to bring even the thoughts into harmony with the will of God, and establish a living connection between earth and heaven.” (*Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, September 3rd 1908, ‘Teacher, Know thyself’)*

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“The Holy Spirit is an effective helper in restoring the image of God in the human soul, but **its** power and efficiency has not been appreciated in our schools as it should be. The Holy Spirit comes to the world as Christ’s representative. **It** not only speaks the truth, but **it** is the truth—the faithful

and true witness. It is the great searcher of hearts, and is acquainted with the characters of all.

The Holy Spirit came into the schools of the prophets, bringing even the thoughts of the students into harmony with the will of God. There was a living connection between heaven and these schools, and the joy and thanksgiving of loving hearts found expression in songs of praise in which the angels joined. If teachers would open their hearts to receive the Spirit, they would be prepared to co-operate with it in working for their students; and when it is given free course, it will effect wonderful transformations. It will work in each heart, correcting selfishness, molding and refining the character, and bringing even the thoughts into captivity to Christ.” (Ellen G. White, *North Pacific Union Gleaner*, May 26th 1909, ‘The Teacher’s Need of the Holy Spirit’s Aid’)

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“When the Spirit of God, with its marvelous awakening power, touches the soul, it abases human pride. Worldly pleasure and position and power are seen to be worthless.” (Ellen White, *Desire of Ages*, page 135, ‘We have found the Messiah’, 1898)

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“All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind.” (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, page 827, ‘Go teach all nations’, 1898)

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“While the wind is itself invisible, it produces effects that are seen and felt. So the work of the Spirit upon the soul will reveal itself in every act of him who has felt its saving power. When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife.” (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, page 173, ‘Nicodemus’, 1898)

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“The Spirit of God is not acknowledged and respected; men have passed judgment upon **it**; **its** operations have been condemned as fanaticism, enthusiasm, undue excitement.” (*Ellen G. White, Special Testimonies on Education, page 210, ‘The Holy Spirit in the schools’, 1897*)

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“The Holy Spirit puts forth **its** highest energies to work in mind and heart. Through the grace given us we may achieve victories that because of our own erroneous and preconceived opinions, our defects of character, our smallness of faith, have seemed impossible.” (*Ellen G. White, Ministry of Healing, page 159, ‘Teaching and Healing’, 1906*)

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“The Spirit of holiness if received from God into the inner sanctuary of the soul, will, if **it** pervades the soul-temple, work outward, moulding and fashioning the character after the divine similitude. **The Spirit, the life from Jesus Christ**, flows from the soul. **It** is represented as a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life.” (*Ellen G. White, Gospel Herald, 1st August 1906, ‘What is the chaff to the wheat’*)

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"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now you see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory." This is the standard that God wants us to reach. "Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you; searching what or what manner of time the Spirit of God which was in them did signify," when **it** testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow; unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into." (*Ellen G. White, General Conference Bulletin, 3rd April 1901, Address given by Ellen White*)

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“The saving knowledge of God will accomplish its purifying work on the mind and heart of every believer. The Word declares: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and

from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes." This is the descent of the Holy Spirit, sent from God to do **its** office work. The house of Israel is to be imbued with the Holy Spirit, and baptized with the grace of salvation." (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, 13th October 1904, 'The Closing Work')

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"Christ's visible presence was about to be withdrawn from the disciples, but a new endowment of power was to be theirs. The Holy Spirit was to be given them in **its** fullness, sealing them for their work." (Ellen G. White, *Acts of the Apostles*, page 30, 'The Great Commission', 1911)

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"Fathers and mothers need to feel the converting power of God. Their lives need to be cleansed. There are many professed Christians who have never been transformed in character. This is why the Holy Spirit cannot accomplish **its** work upon hearts." (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, July 15th 1902, 'An appeal to parents – No. 2')

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"The Lord Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit; for **it** is his representative. Through **it** he infuses spiritual life into the soul, quickening its energies for good, cleansing it from moral defilement, and giving it a fitness for his kingdom. Jesus has large blessings to bestow, rich gifts to distribute among men. He is the wonderful Counselor, infinite in wisdom and strength; and if we will acknowledge the power of his Spirit, and submit to be molded by **it**, we shall stand complete in him." (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, 10th February 1903, 'Our battle with evil')

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"Since the ministry of the Holy Spirit is of vital importance to the church of Christ, it is one of the devices of Satan, through the errors of extremists and fanatics, to cast contempt upon the work of the Spirit and cause the people of God to neglect this source of strength which our Lord Himself has provided.

In harmony with the word of God, His Spirit was to continue **its** work throughout the period of the gospel dispensation. During the ages while the Scriptures of both the Old and the New Testament were being given, the Holy Spirit did not cease to communicate light to individual minds, apart from the revelations to be embodied in the Sacred Canon. The Bible itself relates how, through the Holy Spirit, men received warning, reproof, counsel, and instruction, in matters in no way relating to the giving of the Scriptures. And mention is made of prophets in different ages, of whose utterances nothing is recorded. In like manner, after the close of the canon of the Scripture, the Holy Spirit was still to continue **its** work, to enlighten, warn, and comfort the children of God.” (*Ellen G. White, Great Controversy, pages vii – viii, ‘Introduction’, 1911*)

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“The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul. We do not now see Christ and speak to Him, but **His Holy Spirit** is just as near us in one place as another. **It** works in and through every one who receives Christ. Those who know the indwelling of the Spirit reveal the fruits of the Spirit, -"love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." (*Ellen G. White, Bible Echo, 17th June 1901, ‘Words of Comfort’*)

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“The disciples of Christ are not called upon to magnify men, but to magnify God, the source of all wisdom. Let educators give the Holy Spirit room to do **its** work upon human hearts.” (*Ellen G. White, Special Testimonies on Education, page 141, 1897, ‘Speedy preparation for work’*)

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“Morning by morning, as the heralds of the gospel kneel before the Lord and renew their vows of consecration to Him, He will grant them the presence of His Spirit, with **its** reviving, sanctifying power.” (*Ellen G. White, Acts of the Apostles, page 56, ‘The Gift of the Spirit’, 1911*)

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“Day after day is passing into eternity, bringing us nearer to the close of probation. As never before we must pray for the Holy Spirit to be more abundantly bestowed upon us, and we must look for **its** sanctifying influence to come upon the workers, that those for whom they labor may

know that they have been with Jesus and have learned of Him.” (Ellen G. White, *Gospel Workers*, page 288, ‘Helps in Gospel Work’)

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“When the Holy Spirit shall do **its** office work, hearts of stone will become hearts of flesh, and Satan will not work through them to counteract the work that Christ came to earth to do”. (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, December 17th 1914, ‘Medical Missionary Work’)

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“Instead of being repressed and driven back, the Holy Spirit should be welcomed, and **its** presence encouraged. When teachers sanctify themselves through obedience to the Word, the Holy Spirit will give them glimpses of heavenly things.” {Ellen G. White, *North Pacific Union Gleaner*, May 26th 1909, ‘The Teacher’s need of the Holy Spirit’s aid’}

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“I pray that the Holy Spirit may lend **its** sanctifying power to the workers in our institutions. My brethren and sisters, arouse, and become laborers together with Him who gave His life for the saving of the world.” (Ellen G. White, *Ms 57 1912*, ‘The privilege of ministry’)

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“In our schools we do not see the mighty working of the Holy Spirit as we ought. Although we have worked hard that they might be conducted on right lines, and advance in the fear of God, we do not see that willingness to be guided by the Spirit of God that opens the way for **its** working in the fulness of **its** power.” (Ellen G. White, *MS 15 1912*, *Address at Loma Linda 16th April 1912*)

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“Parents are to be reconverted, and the Holy Spirit of God is to make **its** impression upon the human mind. Every soul that claims to read the Word must live that Word, must carry it out before the children.” (Ellen G. White, *MS 80 1912*, *Talk at Carr Street Church, March 20th 1912*)

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“Since his fall, he [Peter] had been converted. He was no longer a proud boaster, but was distrustful of self. He was filled with the Holy Spirit, and through **its** power he had become as firm as a rock, courageous yet modest. He was ready to remove the stain of his apostasy by honoring the name he had once disowned.” (*Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, 2nd February 1911, ‘Peter and John before the Sanhedrin’*)

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“Through the merits of Christ, we have access to the throne of infinite power. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" The Father gave his Spirit without measure to his Son, and we also may partake of **its** fulness. Jesus says: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (*Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, 5th November 1908, ‘Filled with the fullness of God’*)

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“The Holy Spirit is a free, working, independent agency. The God of heaven uses His Spirit as it pleases Him; and human minds, human judgment, and human methods can no more set boundaries to **its** working, or prescribe the channel through which **it** shall operate, than they can say to the wind, "I bid you to blow in a certain direction, and to conduct yourself in such and such a manner." As the wind moves in its force, bending and breaking the lofty trees in its path, so the Holy Spirit influences human hearts, and no finite man can circumscribe **its** work.” (*Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, 8th March 1910, ‘The Work of the Holy Spirit in conversion’*)

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“When we see these changes in the character, we may be assured that the converting power of God has transformed the entire man. We saw not the Holy Spirit, but we saw the evidence of **its** working in the changed character of those who were hardened and obdurate sinners.” (*Ibid*)

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"We are not to fix an arbitrary time on such occasions as this when our meetings must close. When the Spirit of God begins to work, we must not restrict **its** operations, even if a rule has been made that the meeting shall

close at a certain hour or minute." (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, 2nd December 1909, 'Visit in Central New England')

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"When the Holy Spirit is allowed to do **its** work on human hearts, self will be crucified, and Christ will give to his people the gift of his grace and a perfect understanding of their great need. When they make a full surrender of themselves to him, the work that he desires to see done for his people will be accomplished." (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, 8th July 1909, 'Words of Counsel to the Church')

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"The inspiration of the Holy Spirit has come upon me, and I have spoken under **its** influence. The Lord has given me a message to bear to the large congregation in this place, and at the commencement of the meeting I was to speak to the people the words that the Lord should give me without let or hindrance." (Ellen G. White, *Ms 38 1909*, 'Work the cities')

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"When we read, "The whole multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one mind," we understand that the agency of the Holy Spirit was doing **its** work on human hearts. Until the Holy Spirit is accepted and allowed to do **its** office work upon the heart, each individual will strive to become a center of influence for himself." (Ellen G. White, *Bible Training School*, 1st March 1909, 'The secret of victory')

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"I awoke from my sleep last night with a great burden upon my mind. I was delivering a message to our brethren and sisters, and it was a message of warning and instruction concerning the work of some who are advocating erroneous theories as to the reception of the Holy Spirit, and **its** operation through human agencies." (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, January 28th 1909, 'A message to our churches')

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"Those who are really under the influence of the Holy Spirit will reveal **its** power by a practical application of the eternal principles of truth. They will reveal that the holy oil is emptied from the two olive branches into

the chambers of the soul temple. Their words will be imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit to soften and subdue the heart. It will be manifest that the words spoken are spirit and life.” (Ellen G. White, Letter 352 1908 to S. N. Haskell, December 6th 1908)

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“The Lord of heaven and earth is the strength of his people. He is the light and life of every truly converted soul. His Spirit, working with its quickening power, will be recognized by its inspiration, and its abiding influence.” (Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, September 24, 1908, ‘Build on a sure foundation’)

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“In new fields there are many churches to be built and many new missionary enterprises to be started. Sometimes it is needful that we have the money right at the time when hearts are being stirred and the Spirit of God is making its impressions. This is the time to put forth earnest, faithful efforts for the upbuilding of the work.” (Ellen G. White, Letter 102 1908, to Bro Terwilliger, February 11th 1908)

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“Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon me, and under its deep movings I talked with you. I knew that you were in a time of test, and I could not bear to see you continue your connection with this order, attending their secret services and partaking of their late suppers. There was a higher order for you to join, where your ambitions, if they were in the right direction, need not be restrained.” (Ellen G. White, letter 374 1907, to N. D. Faulkhead, November 10th 1907)

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“I have prayed that a thorough work might be done in Boulder and Denver. When the Holy Spirit is allowed to do its work on human hearts, self will be crucified, and Christ will give to His people the gift of His grace and a perfect understanding of their great need.” (Ellen G. White, Letter 270 1907, to James Edson White, August 30th 1907)

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“The sacrifice of Christ was made that men might learn how to make their lives a convincing power for truth and righteousness. But the churches are so full of selfishness, that God’s will is not done. The truth, professedly received, does not sanctify the soul of the receiver. There is so much worship of the human will, that the Holy Spirit cannot make **its** impression on the mind. If those who have the light of truth were abiding in Christ, changes would be wrought in life and character that we do not now see.”
(Ellen G. White, Letter 248 1907, to the Colorado Conference, 13th August 1907)

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“The forces of sin have intruded themselves into the hearts and the minds of the workers until there is need of deep repentance and thorough conversion. In order to have this experience, you will need to confess your defects before God, empty the heart of selfishness and sin, and make room for the Holy Spirit to do **its** work.”
(Ellen G. White, Letter 218 1907, to the workers in Nashville, June 18th 1907)

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“How abundant is the gift to our world of the Holy Spirit! It is beyond the power of language to express the blessings it brings to God’s people. If received and appreciated, the Holy Spirit will make us holy, Christlike. Through its agency, we are united with Christ, partakers of the divine nature. The reception of the Holy Spirit in **its** fulness is the great need of the church today. Let us pray earnestly that it may soon be realized.”
(Ellen G. White, Letter 178 1907 to James Edson White, May 17th 1907)

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“The careless inaction, the indolence, the neglect to improve a single faculty and intrusted capability which might have been employed for blessing humanity, robs the world of the promised influence of the Holy Spirit, which might have accompanied with **its** presence the living witness for God. A message from heaven is sent to the world by those whom the Lord has called. They are to make known the salvation of God, that, by the testimony of those who are sanctified, many may be saved.”
(Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, January 16th 1907, Witnessing for Christ)

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“I have labored at Oakland and at Mountain View and written very much, but never for years can I remember being as active and feeling as fresh and free from pain as since that blessed refreshing came so unexpectedly to me as I was upon my feet speaking under the large tent. The Spirit of God with **its** refreshing power came upon me, and I have enjoyed the rich blessing of God in every effort made since, in Oakland and in Mountain View. The renewing, refreshing power of God has been with me.” (*Ellen G. White, Ms127 1906, September 20th 1906*)

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“Brother Jones, the present state of things need not have been, if men had heeded the voice of the Holy Spirit and the instruction given at the Berrien Springs meeting. **Its** influence would have steadily impressed itself upon minds, leading them into the truth.” (*Ellen G. White, Letter 242 1906 to A. T. Jones, July 3rd 1906*)

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“The Spirit of God with **its** restraining influence is being withdrawn from the earth. All may learn their lesson from the picture now presented in the condition of things in our world. They may see taking place the signs that Christ foretold. Those only who have humbled themselves, and kept their eyes fixed on God, will be safely hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is their life, shall appear, they will appear with Him in glory.” (*Ellen G. White, Special Testimonies, Series B No 7 page 20, Testimonies for the Church containing messages of warning and instruction to Seventh-day Adventists, ‘A solemn appeal’ written August 1903*)

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“As children of God, we claim to be brought under the direct leadings of the Spirit of God. Is the Holy Spirit among us? Are we moving under **its** guidance? If not, do not persist in dishonoring God, but come humbly before Him, and have heart and mind renovated and the thoughts brought into unison with Christ Jesus. Then you can rejoice; then you can praise the Lord; then you can shout His praises with joyfulness.” (*Ellen G. White, Ms 95 1906, sermon Oakland California, October 20th 1906, ‘Lessons from fifteen Romans’*)

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“Accept the Holy Spirit for your spiritual illumination, and under **its** guidance follow on to know the Lord” (*Ellen G. White, Letter 78 1906, to Brother and Sister Haskell, February 25th 1906*).

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“God will hear the prayer of faith; but the sincerity of our prayers will be made manifest in our harmony with the great moral standard which will test every man’s character. We need to open our hearts to the influence of the Spirit, and to realize **its** transforming power” (*Ellen G. White, Pacific Union Recorder, July 20th 1906, ‘Diligence and Consecration needed’*)

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“To us also is given the promise of the Spirit. We need **its** power. We have but a short time in which to do a great work in proclaiming to a fallen world the last message of mercy. O if we would, like the disciples, spend more time in prayer and less time in criticizing one another’s faults, God would be better pleased. He wants us to have sanctified tongues and sanctified minds. Let us pray for the Holy Ghost, and let us pray that we may be prepared to receive **it**.” (*Ellen G. White, Ms 148 1905, Sermon ‘The Gift of the Holy Spirit’, February 21st 1905*)

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“How tenderly God deals with His little children! The Spirit of God will impress the hearts of those who are susceptible to **its** softening, subduing influences. To those who have wandered from Him, the Lord sends the message in His Word, “Return to thy first love.” Will you not now return to Him, and give Him your heart?” (*Ellen G. White, Letter 235, 1903, To Annie Wessels Lindsay, October 12th 1905*)

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“After the Saviour had ascended to heaven, the gift of the Spirit was sent in answer to the prayers of the disciples. **It** came like a rushing, mighty wind and filled the whole house where they were assembled. **It** came with copiousness and power, as if for ages **it** had been restrained, pent up, waiting an opportunity to pour forth **its** gracious influence and power.” (*Ellen G. White, letter 213, 1903 to friends at Berrien Springs, October 9th 1903*)

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“Bible truth is spoken of as the flesh and blood of the Son of God. Our spiritual strength depends on our receiving the Word of God and practicing its teaching. As we do this, the soul is filled with health and growth and spiritual soundness, to which the Spirit sets **its** seal.” (*Ellen G. White, Letter 150 1903 to James Edson White, July 19th 1903*)

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“As soon as the penitent one turns from sin, and looks to the Saviour for help, the Holy Spirit begins **its** transforming work upon the heart. Man is dependent on God for transforming grace.” (*Ellen G. White, MS 70 1903, Sermon, Calistoga, California, ‘Divine Sonship’, June 7th 1903*)

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“It is the Holy Spirit that makes powerful the presentation of the truth, and changes the temper and habits of man. He who submits to **its** working is changed from a sinner into a child of God. “The Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more” (*Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, June 2nd 1903, ‘Directions for work’*)

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“Will you not allow the Spirit of God to do **its** perfect work upon mind and heart? Will this lessen your zeal and earnestness or detract from your skill and understanding? No, no! Christ is knocking at the door of your heart. Will you not open the door and let Him in? Will you not let it be seen that the Holy Spirit is molding and fashioning you?” (*Ellen G. White, Letter 180 1903 to John Harvey Kellogg, May 5th (?) 1903*)

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“Heavenly Father, we need **Thy Holy Spirit**. We do not want to work ourselves, only as we work in unity with God. We want to be in a position **where the Holy Spirit of God** shall be upon us with **its** reviving, sanctifying power. **Wilt Thou manifest Thyself** unto us this very morning! Wilt Thou sweep away every mist and every cloud of darkness!” (*Ellen G. White, General Conference Bulletin, April 2nd 1903, ‘Another earnest prayer’*)

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“The operation of the Spirit of God on human hearts will communicate **its** healing power to the bodies of suffering humanity. The reformation begun was a sign everywhere that these converted ones talked and acted as did Christ when He was in the world.” (*Ellen G. White, MS 185 1903, ‘The Gospel invitation and the great commission’*)

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“Now lift up heart and soul in praise to God because He has acknowledged you as His child. He will make you His helping hand and will bless you in the work of trying to help other souls. The Holy Spirit will work every heart susceptible to **its** holy influence. Christ’s righteousness will go before such an one, and the glory of the Lord will be his rearward.” (*Ellen G. White, Letter 192 to Brother and Sister W. O. Palmer*)

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“When the Word of the Lord is sought for and followed, steady advancement will be made. Let us now see our great need. The Lord cannot use us until he breathes life into the dry bones. I heard the words spoken: “Without the deep moving of the Spirit of God upon the heart, without **its** life-giving influence, truth becomes a dead letter.” (*Ellen G. White, Letter 130 1902 to James Edson White, August 14th 1902*)

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“While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.” Praise God! We should be so filled with the Spirit, that we shall preach the Word under **its** inspiration.” (*Ellen G. White, MS 126 1902, Sermon Fresno California, October 11th 1902*)

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“When the word of the Lord is believed and obeyed, steady advancement will be made. Let us now see our great need. The Lord cannot use us until he breathes life into the dry bones. I heard the words spoken: “Without the deep moving of the Spirit of God upon the heart, without **its** life-giving influence, truth becomes a dead letter.” (*Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, November 18th 1902 ‘A message to the church’*)

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“Let us consider the work to be done. Fathers and mothers need to feel the converting power of God upon their souls. The life needs to be cleansed. There are many professing Christians who have never been transformed in character. This is why the Holy Spirit cannot accomplish **its** work upon human hearts. It is not spasms of feeling a desire to do right that will give us an inheritance among the saints in light. Throughout our churches and institutions there should be felt an intense desire to see souls transformed.” (*Ellen G. White, MS 79 1901, ‘Testimony to the parents at the Los Angeles church’, August 18th 1901*)

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“It is not because of any restriction on God’s part that the riches of his grace do not flow to men. His gift is godlike. He gave with a liberality that men do not appreciate because they do not love to receive. If all were willing to receive, all would be filled with the Spirit. By resting content with small blessings, we disqualify ourselves for receiving the Spirit in **its** unlimited fullness. We are too easily satisfied with a ripple on the surface, when it is our privilege to expect the deep moving of the Spirit of God. Expecting little, we receive little.” (*Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, June 19th 1902, ‘The promise of the Spirit’*)

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“We may talk of the blessings of the Holy Spirit, but unless we prepare ourselves for **its** reception, of what avail are our works? Are we striving with all our power to attain to the stature of men and women in Christ? Are we seeking for his fullness, ever pressing toward the mark set before us,—the perfection of his character? When the Lord’s people reach this mark, they will be sealed in their foreheads. Filled with the Spirit, they will be complete in Christ, and the recording angel will declare, “It is finished.” (Ibid)

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“To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Those who are Christians have the mind of Christ, and His Spirit and **its** quickening influence are not satisfied with pretense.” (*Ellen G. White, Letter 29 1902, to Brother and Sister Druillard, February 23rd 1902*)

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“If all the workers hide self in Jesus, large additions will be made to the church. Let not one thread of self-exaltation be woven into the web. Let no furor of excitement be aroused by those who are giving the message at the present time. In every effort made, let the Holy Spirit do **its** work of molding and fashioning the minds of those who hear the Word. Let strong reasons for our faith be presented from the Word of God, and let the truth in its sanctifying power melt its way to the hearts and minds of those who are under conviction. As the helpers give Bible readings in the homes of the people, the Lord just as surely works on minds as He does in the public services.” (*Ellen G. White, 160 1901 to Brother and Sister Haskell, November 3rd 1901*)

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“I am instructed that as Seventh-day Adventists we need to drink deeper and still deeper of the waters of life. We work altogether too much in our own strength to make a success, and do not watch and pray and work. Prayer to our God in faith will bring us returns. We need to see the importance of being worked by the Holy Spirit. **Its** efficiency is waiting our demands upon **it**. Although the great Teacher held in His possession the entire map of truth, He disclosed only as much of the truth as His hearers could assimilate.” (*Ellen G. White, MS 45 1900, ‘What is the chaff to the wheat’, April 28th 1902*)

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“The Holy Spirit in **its** highest manifestation to men is to enable them to put forth their best energies, as God is working in them to will and to do of His own good pleasure.” (*Ellen G. White, Testimonies on Sabbath Schoolwork, 1900, page 43, ‘Need of genuine religion in our Sabbath Schools*)

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“There is to be an impression made upon all who shall come to the sanitarium that Christianity, under a large communication of the Holy Spirit, is doing **its** work in the highways as well as in the hedges. This is a work of the highest importance, because it reaches a class of people who have an opportunity to see the influence of the truth upon human minds. All connected with the sanitarium, physicians, managers, helpers, nurses, are to be living channels of light.” (*Ellen G. White, Letter 209 1899 to A. G. Daniells and brother Farnsworth, December 19th 1899*)

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“Though we cannot see the Spirit of God, yet we know that men who have been dead in trespasses and sins, become convicted and converted under **its** operations. The thoughtless and wayward become serious. The hardened repent of their sins, and the faithless believe. The gambler, the drunkard, the licentious become steady, sober, and pure. The rebellious and obstinate become meek and Christ-like. When we see these changes in the character, we may be assured that the converting power of God has transformed the entire man. We saw not the Holy Spirit, but we saw the evidence of **its** work on the changed character of those who were hardened and obdurate sinners.” (*Ellen G. White, Present Truth (UK), November 2, 1899, The gift of the Holy Spirit*)

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“There are men professing to serve God who act the part of the priest and the Levite. All around them they see want and suffering, but with heartless indifference they pass by on the other side. Our churches need a reconversion. The Holy Spirit of God must come into our hearts. We must submit to **its** molding and fashioning, or we shall lose our title to the immortal inheritance. The Lord will not tolerate the actions of many. There are hard, stony, unsympathetic hearts, which must be softened and subdued by grace.” (*Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, October 17th 1899, ‘This do, and thou shalt live’*)

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“Bear in mind that first the Lord gave his disciples the Holy Spirit. Those today who would do the work of the disciples must receive the presence of the Holy Spirit, and work under **its** influence.” (*Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, June 13th 1899, ‘The remission of sins’*)

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“The Holy Spirit, sent from heaven by the benevolence of infinite love, takes the things of God, and reveals them to every soul that has an implicit faith in Christ. By **its** power the vital truths, upon which the salvation of the soul depends, are impressed upon the minds of men, and the way of life is made so plain and clear that those who are ignorant, who have not had the advantage of great learning, need not err therein. Faith is simple; it means no more nor less than belief in the Word of the infinite God.” (*Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, May 17th 1899, ‘The promise of the Spirit’*)

You will find many more spirit of prophecy concerning the personal identity of the Holy Spirit here

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