

Holy Spirit Sabbath School Lessons
Lesson 5 – The Baptism and Filling of the Holy Spirit

Sabbath Afternoon:

Firstly, as we do each week, we will have a look at the texts quoted in the “Read for this Week’s Study” Mark1:8, Ephesians 5:18, Acts13:52, Luke 11:8–10, Acts 5:32, Galatians 5:16–26.

Mark1:1, 7-8 “The beginning of the gospel of **Jesus Christ, the Son of God**; ⁷And preached, saying, There cometh **one mightier than I** after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. ⁸I indeed have baptized you with water: but **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.**” *The context shows who John the Baptist is talking about, “Jesus Christ, the Son of God”. Notice first of all that John calls Jesus “the Son of God”, not God the Son as the trinitarian believes. He is the “only begotten Son of God”.*

Secondly John affirms that it is Jesus Christ that will “baptize you with the Holy Ghost” This is because as we have seen in previous lessons, it is “the spirit of Christ” that is poured upon us.

“Saith the Lord: “My people shall never be ashamed.” [Joel 2:26.] “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” [Psalm 30:5.] When on his resurrection day these disciples met the Saviour, and their hearts burned within them as they listened to his words; when they looked upon the head and hands and feet that had been bruised for them; when, before his ascension, Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands in blessing, bade them, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel,” adding, “**Lo, I am with you alway**,” [Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20.] when 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**,—then, even though, like his, their pathway led through sacrifice and martyrdom, would they have exchanged the ministry of **the gospel of his grace**, with the “crown of righteousness” to be received at his coming, for the glory of an earthly throne, which had been the hope of their earlier discipleship? He who is “able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,” had granted them, with the fellowship of His sufferings, the communion of his joy,—the joy of “bringing many sons unto glory,” joy unspeakable, “an eternal weight of glory,” to which, says Paul, “our light affliction, which is but for a moment,” is “not worthy to be compared.” — {**Geat Controversy 88 350.1**}

Here we can see clearly that “the promised Comforter” is truly “the conscious presence of their ascended Lord” Jesus himself had promised when talking of the Comforter that he would send; He would not leave them comfortless, but would come and manifest himself to them. Now he was fulfilling His promise to them, with His own presence, through His holy spirit, “the Spirit of Christ which was in them” (1 Peter 1:11) Even though in 1 Peter he is talking about the prophets of old, the same spirit that was in them “the Spirit of Christ” is the same spirit in a greater measure, that was in the Apostles and disciples of Christ as “the Comforter” “the spirit of truth” and will be in us if we remain faithful to the truth as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Notice this: “Jesus saith unto him, **I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” **John 14:6**, *now compare it with this:* “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; ¹⁷**Even the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” **John 14:16-18**

Here we see in the context, the same Lord, the same conversation, Jesus says He is “the truth” then He identifies who “the comforter” is. He says it is “the spirit of truth” He is “the truth” and it is His Spirit, “the spirit of Christ” that is “the spirit of truth” This is so plain that there doesn’t need to be any confusion or error. In the same context, He says clearly that “I will come to you”

Ephesians 5:18 “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit**; *Here again “to be filled with the Spirit” means to be filled with “the spirit of Christ”*

Acts13:52 “And the disciples were **filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.**”

Refer above where we have already seen that to be “filled” “with the Holy Ghost” is to be filled “with the conscious presence of the ascended Lord”, “the Spirit of Christ”

Luke 11:8–10 “I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. ⁹And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”

We will deal with this text when it is mentioned in the daily lesson.

Acts 5:29-32 “Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. ³¹Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.”

Here it is God the Father that “giveth to them” “the Holy Ghost”, it is His spirit which He gives to us through His only begotten Son Jesus Christ.

Galatians 5:16–26 “This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh lusteth against **the Spirit**, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. ¹⁸But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. ²⁴And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. ²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.”

We dealt with this text in a previous lesson but it is clear from the context of Scripture and the immediate context here that it is talking about those who have the fruit of the Spirit are those that “are Christ's” v:24. If you are Christ's then you are filled with “the spirit of Christ” and you will bring forth the fruit or the character of Christ that is in you as explained in the following scripture:

Romans 8:11. “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies **by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.**”

The comments on Sabbath Afternoon's lesson only bring this Babylonian confusion to the minds of the readers. Yes, Jesus is the source of all life as shown by the text quoted and this fullness is possible only by being joined to Him. They should leave it there because as we have seen we are only joined to Him by “the spirit of Christ” in us, not by separating Christ from His spirit and making it a different god.

When we receive the baptism of the Spirit we are filled with “the spirit of Christ” not someone else.

Sunday:

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

This has already been dealt with in Sabbath Afternoon's lesson but we will show the scriptures listed and let the word speak for itself.

Mark 1:1, 7-8 “The beginning of the gospel of **Jesus Christ, the Son of God**; ⁷And preached, saying, There cometh **one mightier than I** after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. ⁸I indeed have baptized you with water: but **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.**”

Matthew 3:11 “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**”

Luke 3:16 “John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:**”

John 1:33-34 “And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, **the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.** ³⁴And I saw, and bare record that this is **the Son of God.**”

Acts 1:5 “For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”

Acts 11:15-17 “And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. ¹⁷Forasmuch then as **God gave them the like gift as he did unto us**, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?”

*All of these texts agree with what we have clearly shown before that it is Christ that poured **His holy spirit on them and baptised them with “the spirit of Christ”***

We agree with the statement made in this lesson...

“In the New Testament, the receiving of the Holy Spirit and baptism belong together. They signal our new birth. In baptism we are identified with Christ, and Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit so that we can live in His power and proclaim the good news.”

*But still it is implied by this statement that the Holy Spirit is someone separate from Jesus Christ, which we have proven beyond any doubt that this is a gross error. The power of the Holy Spirit is the power of Jesus Christ himself, through **“the Spirit of Christ”***

Monday:

Being Filled With the Holy Spirit

Here are the texts quoted with some extra context...

Ephesians 5:18-20 “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit**; ¹⁹Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart **to the Lord**; ²⁰Giving thanks always for all things **unto God and the Father** in the name of **our Lord Jesus Christ**”

Acts 13:52 “And the disciples were **filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.**”

Romans 8:9-10 “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that **the Spirit of God** dwell in you. Now if any man have not **the Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his. ¹⁰And **if Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”

Again, we notice that these texts teach what has already been shown many times.

*We cannot understand why, when faced with the clear evidence, especially that of Romans 8:9-10 that only speak of **“the Spirit of God”** and **“the Spirit of Christ”** and says **“if Christ be in you”** how they can say that it is someone different, when this text shows exactly the opposite.*

“I wish to impress upon you the fact that **those who have Jesus abiding in the heart by faith, have actually received the Holy Spirit.** Every individual who receives Jesus as his personal Saviour, just as surely receives the Holy Spirit to be his Counselor, Sanctifier, Guide, and Witness. The more closely the believer walks with God, the clearer his witness, and, as a sure result, the more powerful will be the influence of his testimony upon others of a Saviour’s love; the more he will give evidence that he prizes the Word of God. It is his meat, it is his drink, to satisfy the thirsty soul. He prizes the privilege of learning the will of God from His Word.” – {**14 Manuscript Release 71.1**}

*Please explain were in the above statement (as quoted at the end of Monday’s lesson) it says that the Holy Spirit is a separate individual to Jesus Christ. It says that **“those who have Jesus abiding in the heart”** how much clearer do you need it to be. It says that when this happens, the person **“actually”** really, truly, **“receives the Holy Spirit”** which is **“the Spirit of Christ”** not someone else.*

*Jesus himself is our **“Counsellor, Sanctifier, Guide and Witness”***

Compare this with the following...

““And when He had said this, **He breathed on them**, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost:** Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.” The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified. The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ’s ascension. Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world. But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose. Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, **Christ breathed His Spirit upon them.** He was committing to them a most sacred trust,

and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished. – {DA 805.2}

The Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul. **The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ.** Only those who are thus taught of God, those who possess the inward working of the Spirit, **and in whose life the Christ-life is manifested**, are to stand as representative men, to minister in behalf of the church. – {DA 805.3}

This quote is unanswerable by a trinitarian.

Here Jesus breathes “His Spirit upon them”

Where did the spirit come from?

It was His breath, He breathed on them. His Spirit came from inside of Him.

This shows that we are truly “made in the image of God” Our breath is our life, our spirit as “the spirit of man”.

Christ breathed His life into them as “the spirit of Christ” You cannot get it any plainer than this quote.

This quote alone totally destroys the trinity doctrine with one powerful stroke. The “Spirit of Christ” is “the life of Christ” “the attributes of Christ” and not part of some imaginary trinity confusion.

Notice also the word “manifested”. Compare it with Jesus promise to His disciples...

John 14:21-23 “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, **and will manifest myself to him.**

²Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, **how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us**, and not unto the world? ²³Jesus 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.”

Jesus promised to “manifest” himself to us. Then he fulfilled His promise and “manifests” “the Christ-life” in us.

The disciples didn’t really understand this so that is why they asked “how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself to us”. The following quote comments on this and makes it plain.

“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.**” – {SW September 13, 1898 Par. 2}

It is the same today, the church cannot understand “a spiritual manifestation”, they cannot understand that Christ will be in us by “His Holy Spirit” “the Spirit of Christ”

The church, like the disciples of Christ, “could not take in the fact” that Christ will be in them, so they follow the wine of Babylon and invent a separate god called God the Holy Spirit and build a whole doctrine and this series of Sabbath School studies around a totally false doctrine and teach it as fact, when the Spirit of Prophecy calls it “The Omega of deadly heresy”

“I am instructed to speak plainly. “Meet it,” is the word spoken to me. “Meet it firmly, and without delay.” But it is not to be met by our taking our working forces from the field to investigate doctrines and points of difference. We have no such investigation to make. In the book “Living Temple” there is presented **the alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given.** – {Special Testimonis series B02 50.2}

The Omega of deadly heresies has arrived, and has been accepted by the SDA church. It is the trinity doctrine that John Harvey Kellogg was trying to introduce into the SDA church and Ellen White was instructed to ‘Meet it’

Notice that this is a prophecy and says “the omega will follow and will be accepted”

We see the fulfillment of this prophecy today in this trinity doctrine that was never believed by the Pioneers of the SDA church. In fact, they strongly opposed it and identified it as the wine of Babylon. Again, see the following...

““Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?” – {ST January 17, 1878 Par. 12}

The Savior patiently explains his former words: “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.” **Here is the mystery of godliness: Christ revealed by his Spirit to those who love him.** When he should pass from the world he would be unknown by those who love the world and obey not the requirements of God. But the highest form of truth was presented to the disciples in the fact that the Savior would be discovered by those who love and walk in the light, while he is hidden from those who do not accept

the light. Every step in the life of faith and consecration is additional knowledge of the world's Redeemer. Though no longer personally with his disciples, Jesus takes the hand of the faithful and becomes their Guide through all the dangers and trials of life's journey. Jesus continued: – {**Signs of the Times, January 17, 1878 Par. 13**}

Tuesday & Wednesday:

Conditions: Parts 1 & 2

We will put these two days together since they follow the same line of thinking and look at all the texts quoted to see what they actually teach.

Acts 2:37-38 "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? ³⁸Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive **the gift of the Holy Ghost.**"

Notice that the Holy Ghost is a "gift".

If the Holy Ghost was a separate god of the trinity, with all the powers of God the Father, then he could come and go as he pleases.

But we are told that it needs to be "given" as a "gift" or "poured out"

Galatians 3:14 "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive **the promise of the Spirit** through faith."

Jesus promised to send the Spirit of Truth which we have seen is "the spirit of Christ"

James 1:6-8 "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ⁷For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of **the Lord**. ⁸A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

Notice who we receive the fulfillment of our prayers of faith from, "the Lord" which is Jesus Christ our Lord. We receive all things from Jesus Christ through "the spirit of Christ"

Luke 11:8-13. "I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. ⁹And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ¹¹If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ¹²Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³If 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?**"

It is "your heavenly Father" that gives "the Holy Spirit" to us.

Acts 5:32 "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, **whom God hath given to them that obey him.**"

Who "gives" the Holy Ghost? God the Father.

The question is asked in the comments under the above text regarding the need for obedience to God's word as a condition for receiving the Holy Spirit.

The first commandment of the 10 commandments says:

Exodus 20:2-3 "I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Surely obedience to the 10 commandments would be absolutely necessary for a believer to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Yet the trinity doctrine promotes the worship of another God, one that was never worshipped by the chosen people of God, including all of the patriarchs and prophets of old, the Apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ and the Pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

When traced to its origin, the trinity doctrine comes from Babylonian paganism all through history into Pagan Rome and then into the Roman Catholic Church.

To worship a trinity of gods, is to break the first commandment which forbids the worship any other God than the "One true God" of the Bible.

1 Corinthians 8:4-6 "As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice

unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that **there is none other God but one.**
⁵For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) 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.”

It says there, “unto us” that means unto Christians, all followers of Christ, “there is but one God”, in other words, we Christians worship only one God, the Father.

The above text clearly identifies who that “one God” is and it’s “the Father”,

Ephesians 4:4-6 “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶**One God and Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Again, the same truth is shown, there is only “One God and Father”, and again...

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

This is exactly what Jesus said in the following...

John 17:3 “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee **the only true God**, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”

The “only true God” is the Father of Jesus Christ. That is who Jesus is praying to in John 17. He calls His Father “the only God”

The above texts show clearly who we should worship, if we would keep the first commandment. To worship any other God is idolatry. Which is punishable by death.

Notice the following, which shows who is really worshipped when anyone worships the trinity...

“I saw the Father rise from the throne, [see page 92.] and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him. I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way. Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, “Wait here; I am going to My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself.” Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest, where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, a great High Priest, standing before the Father. On the hem of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Those who rose up with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and pray, “**My Father, give us Thy Spirit.**” Then **Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.**” – {**Early Writings 55.1**}

“I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, “Father, give us Thy Spirit.” **Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence**; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan’s object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God’s children.” – {**Early Writings 56.1**}

The above quote is self-explanatory, but notice “thy Spirit” is breathed on them by “Jesus” and his “breath contained light, power, love, joy and peace”, but the worship of another god, the trinity, would be only directing that worship to Satan himself who also would “breathe upon them an unholy influence” which is the spirit of Satan.

Jude 18-21 “How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. ¹⁹These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. ²⁰But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, ²¹Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

Only those who worship the “only true God” will receive “the spirit of God”.

Thursday:

Self-Centered Living versus Christ-Centered Living

“Galatians 5:16–26 “This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

¹⁷For the flesh lusteth against **the Spirit**, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. ¹⁸But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are

not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. ²⁴And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. ²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."

Ephesians 5:1-9 "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. 3. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4. Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. 8. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9. (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

V:17-20 "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

As we have seen before, to "be filled with the Spirit" is to be "filled with" "the spirit of Christ" and then through His spirit, the believer will develop the character of Christ and live the life of Christ...

Galatians 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."

It is the spirit of Christ in us that transforms the life and enables us to live and follow Christ...

"Paul realized that his sufficiency was not in himself, but in the presence of the Holy Spirit, whose gracious influence filled his heart, bringing every thought into subjection to Christ. He spoke of himself as "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.**" 2 Corinthians 4:10. In the apostle's teachings **Christ was the central figure.** "I live," he declared, "yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Galatians 2:20. Self was hidden; **Christ was revealed and exalted.** – {Acts of the Apostles 251.2}

"By looking constantly to Jesus with the eye of faith, we shall be strengthened. God will make the most precious revelations to His hungering, thirsting people. They will find that Christ is a personal Saviour. As they feed upon His word, they find that it is spirit and life. The word destroys the natural, earthly nature, and imparts **a new life in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit comes to the soul as a Comforter.** By the transforming agency of His grace, the image of God is reproduced in the disciple; he becomes a new creature. Love takes the place of hatred, and the heart receives the divine similitude. This is what it means to live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." This is eating the Bread that comes down from heaven." – {Desire of Ages 391.1}

"How essential that we have the enlightenment of the Spirit of God; for thus only can we see **the glory of Christ**, and by beholding become changed from character to character **in and through faith in Christ.** We turn from the picture of our shortcomings to behold the atonement made for us, and we rejoice as we know that we may be **clothed with Christ's righteousness.** In Him all fulness dwells. He has grace and pardon for every soul. As by faith we look to Jesus, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving **Jesus the Comforter.**" – {19MR 297.3}

"The promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race. **Christ declared that the divine influence of His Spirit was to be with His followers unto the end.** From the Day of Pentecost to the present time, the Comforter has been sent to all who have yielded themselves fully to the Lord

and to His service. To all who have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, the Holy Spirit has come as a counselor, sanctifier, guide, and witness. The more closely believers have walked with God, the more clearly and powerfully have they testified of their Redeemer's love and of His saving grace. The men and women who through the long centuries of persecution and trial enjoyed a large measure of the presence of the Spirit in their lives, have stood as signs and wonders in the world. Before angels and men they have revealed the transforming power of redeeming love." – {AA 49.2}

Friday

Notice the comments on page 63 of the lesson where it states the following:

"By choosing to submit your will to the leading of **God's** Holy Spirit,.."

*Here again, in their own writings they contradict themselves and actually show where the holy spirit comes from. Notice that it is "**God's**" Holy Spirit, and not God the Holy Spirit.*