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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS

FIRST YEAR, SECOND QUARTER

THE GODHEAD

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Introduction

What an amazing thing it would be to speak face to face with God. Jesus promised in the Holy Scriptures: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8. But by faith we can see Him now. How? Through His holy word and in His works, God makes Himself known to the honest, diligent seeker for truth.

"When man is reconciled to God, the things of nature speak to him in words of heavenly wisdom, bearing testimony to the eternal truth of God's word. As Christ tells us the meaning of the things in nature, the science of true religion flashes forth, explaining the relation of the law of God to the natural and the spiritual world." –*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 189.

God loves to hear children pray, and He draws near to listen to every expression of love and every plea for help. These lessons will give the Junior student insight into who God is, thus strengthening the relationship that Heaven has with him and with everyone else on earth who responds to His great love.

1



God the Father, Part 1 **CREATOR**

MEMORY VERSE: *"Thou, even Thou, art Lord alone; that hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and Thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth Thee." Nehemiah 9:6.*

1. Who created the heavens and the earth? Genesis 1:1.

The work of creation shows how really powerful God is and how small and weak man is. The God who created this world cannot be described by earthly things. He cannot be compared with any of the things which He created. He cannot be seen by human eyes. Yet God is an eternal, living Being. There never was a time when God did not exist. This is impossible for the human mind to grasp. "God is so great that we cannot begin to know Him. No one can begin to understand eternity." Job 36:26, *The Living Bible, Paraphrased.*

2. How did He do it? Psalm 33:6-9; Hebrews 11:3.

God created all things, whether they can be seen or not. God had only to speak, and the atoms obeyed His will. Living things are made of incredibly complex and diverse cells. The invention of the electron microscope in 1981 allowed the insides of cells to be seen, showing that there are trillions of cells in the human body, each one being an amazing city of thousands of microscopic machines that perform functions for the body's operation.

3. What did the world look like after God created it? Genesis 1:31.

The earth was very beautiful when God finished the creation. There were no rugged, jagged mountains. All the rocky foundations were under the ground. The soil was very fertile. The trees were taller and more majestic than the trees today. The air was pure. There was no pollution of any kind. The air was very healthy to breathe. The whole earth was more amazing than anyone can imagine.

4. What was the masterpiece of creation? Genesis 1:26, 27.

“As Adam came forth from the hand of his Creator, he was of noble height, and of beautiful symmetry. He was more than twice as tall as men now living upon the earth, and was well proportioned. His features were perfect and beautiful. His complexion was neither white, nor sallow, but ruddy, glowing with the rich tint of health. Eve was not quite as tall as Adam. Her head reached a little above his shoulders. She, too, was noble—perfect in symmetry, and very beautiful.” —*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, p. 25.

5. What reminds us of creation? Genesis 2:2, 3; Exodus 31:16, 17.

God made the week for man's benefit. He loved the human beings whom He had created so much that He made the weekly Sabbath for them to rest from their daily work. It was also a special day for them to think about God, His goodness, and His love and to communicate with Him. This special day was intended to link man forever with God.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

A great man once said, “The unbelieving astronomer is mad.” The person who looks at the star-filled sky and does not see God is blind in his soul and abnormal in his mind.

President Theodore Roosevelt used to go out in the evenings to watch the stars in the sky. After a long look at them, he would say, "Now I think we are small enough! Let's go to bed."

Think of something special that reminds you of God the Creator, and write it here.

BEYOND ELECTRONS

They who once probed and doubted now believe
The men of science, for they humbly learn
There is a Will that guides the atom's course;
A Power that directs what they discern
In light and air, in star and wave and sod;
Beyond electrons they discover—God!

From research they derive a new faith that
Sustains foundations of our ancient creeds;
They grope through matter toward an utmost Light
And find a living God behind His deeds.

—Adelaide P. Love

2



God the Father, Part 2 **SOURCE OF WISDOM**

MEMORY VERSE: *"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." James 3:17.*

1. Where does all wisdom come from? Proverbs 2:6.

Our day has been called the information age, for information is multiplying at an astonishing rate. It includes entertainment, machines interacting to keep cities and business operating, and all kinds of data about important and unimportant things. Add to these all the knowledge of science, and you can only come to one conclusion—that we live in a pretty smart world. And yet God is far wiser than all the wisdom of this world. There has never lived a man, except Christ, who could understand God and His wisdom.

2. How does God look upon the wisdom in the world? 1 Corinthians 3:19.

The people in the world today think they are very wise. They show off their knowledge and skill, but all knowledge which is not centered in Jesus is nothing—less than nothing. "The Lord says: Let not the wise man bask in his wisdom, not the mighty man in his might, not the rich man in his riches." Jeremiah 9:23, *The Living Bible, Paraphrased.*

3. What kind of wisdom does God value? Jeremiah 9:24.

If a person wants to be truly wise, he must learn to depend on God alone and receive wisdom from Him. He must be filled with the wisdom of God. It is not wrong to get as much knowledge and wisdom as you possibly can, but you must join that wisdom with godly wisdom to reach the highest goals. If you do this, God will bless you more than you can imagine.

4. How can we receive wisdom from God? James 1:5; Psalm 111:10; 2 Timothy 3:15.

The opportunity to learn true wisdom is given to everyone. But it is possible only if a person stays very close to Christ by doing His will and believing His word. Those who have little or no worldly wisdom can still learn the wisdom of God.

5. What blessing follows when a person receives true wisdom? Proverbs 4:7, 8.

The Bible is the most precious of all books, because it comes from God; it is called His word. It should be studied more than any other book, because it contains eternal wisdom. The Bible shows you what kind of God you serve. When you study the sciences, always remember that "God is the Author of science." True science will show new things about the wisdom and power of God.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

You can see signs of God's wisdom all around you. Just think—what would happen if God had made the cabbage and the pumpkin grow in a tree, or if He had given the elephant wings and it would land on your roof, or if the mosquito had been the size of an eagle with a stinger to match?

Write down and explain what you see in a couple of examples showing God's great wisdom in nature.

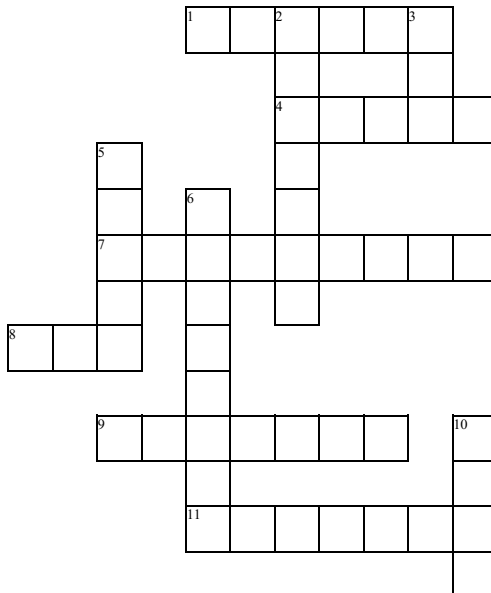
A person may have a lot of knowledge but at the same time very little wisdom. Why and how? Look up in the dictionary the meanings of the words "wisdom" and "knowledge," and write them below.

ACROSS:

1. An attribute of God
4. God is a living ____
7. When the earth was created, it was more ____ than we can imagine
8. First woman, whom God created
9. Only God could create things out of ____
11. Another attribute of God

DOWN:

2. The ____ was made for man
3. Masterpiece of creation
5. Most precious of all books
6. Appearance of the trees that God created
10. When God finished the creation, He saw that it was ____ good



3

God the Father, Part 3 **LAWGIVER**



MEMORY VERSE: "For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; He will save us." Isaiah 33:22.

1. How many lawgivers are there? James 4:12.

God created this earth with laws controlling everything so it would work perfectly. You may have studied in school or heard about different laws of nature that men have discovered. There was a man named Sir Isaac Newton who came to recognize the law governing gravity. Another man, Johannes Kepler, found out about the motion of the planets. There are many more laws that have been discovered by men. But in reality, did man discover them? Of course not. These men only began to understand laws that God had put in place thousands of years ago. In other words, these men discovered God's laws in nature.

2. What law was given to man so he would live the right kind of life? Deuteronomy 4:13.

The first four commandments show our duty to God, and the last six commandments tell us how to treat our fellow men. "The fourth is the connecting link between the great God and man. The Sabbath, especially, was given for the benefit of man, and for the honor of God." –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, p. 237.

3. How can the Ten Commandments be described? What do they do for us if we keep them? Psalm 19:7, 8.

God's law is so wonderful because it is simple, understandable, and perfect. It is short enough for everyone to learn by memory, and yet it expresses the entire will of God. There is not one commandment too many or one too few. Compare the law of God to that of your country. The laws of a country are so numerous that an ordinary man needs a lawyer just to explain his rights. Often even professionals have a hard time understanding them. Sometimes a law can be explained in just as many different ways as there are people who read it. This is not the case with God's law. Even a little child can understand it. No special education is necessary to be able to interpret it. "Since 'the law of the Lord is perfect,' every variation from it must be evil." –*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 39.

4. How careful should we be in keeping God's law? James 2:10, 11.

"The Ten Commandments are not ten different laws; they are one law. If I am being held up in the air by a chain with ten links and I break one of them, down I come, just as surely as if I break the whole ten." –*Weighed and Wanting*, p. 119.

5. When will the Ten Commandments no longer be necessary? Psalm 111:7, 8.

"The law of the Ten Commandments lives and will live through the eternal ages." –*Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 6, p. 1116.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Some years ago, a publisher brought out a children's book with the title, *The Chance World*. It described a world in which everything happened by chance. One

day the sun would rise; another day it would not. It might appear at any hour, or the moon might appear at any hour, or the moon might show itself instead of the sun. If a child jumped up in the air, it was not sure he would come down. One day he might come down; another day he might stay up. One day a man could not get off his chair; another day he would go right through the floor down to the basement, because the gravitational force was so strong. —*Encyclopedia of 7,700 Illustrations*, p. 1611.

How thankful we can be that God created laws in nature on which we can depend!

Write down three laws that God created in nature that you rely on every day.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Thou shall have no more gods but Me,
Before no idol bow thy knee,
Take not the name of God in vain,
Nor dare the Sabbath day profane.
Give both thy parents honor due.

Take heed that thou no murder do.
Abstain from words and deeds unclean;
Nor steal though thou art poor and mean;
Nor make a willful lie, nor love it.
What is thy neighbor's dare not covet.

—Isaac Watts



4

God the Father, Part 4 **LOVE**



MEMORY VERSE: *"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."* 1 John 4:8.

1. What does the Bible say about God? 1 John 4:16.

Some people think of God as a harsh judge or a policeman who is always on the lookout to catch and punish the sinner. But those who have studied the Bible and the character of God will see Him as a God who loves beauty in nature, a God who loves order in the laws of nature and the Ten Commandments, a God who is powerful, and a God who is wise. In all these different aspects He is revealed as a God of love.

2. How did God show His great love for everyone? John 3:16.

Was it easy for God to send His Son to die for sinful people? No, it certainly was not! It required a great struggle even with God before He could decide whether to let the sinners perish or let Jesus die. God's great love was shown when He allowed Jesus to die to offer man eternal life.

3. How does God's law show His love? Romans 13:10.

There is a story about a small boy who was fascinated by the fire that his mother built in the fireplace on cold winter evenings. Many times he tried to reach out and touch the pretty colored flames; but every

time he did that, his mother spoke firmly, "No, don't touch; you'll burn yourself."

However, one time his mother left the room to answer the phone, and at once the little boy saw his chance. He leaped close to the hearth and put his hands in the flames. You can guess the rest of the story, which involved much crying, doctors, pain, and bandages. His mother loved him and did not want him to get hurt; that was why she told him not to touch the flames. In a similar way, God loves man so much that He does not want anyone to perish in sin. To save him, He gave His law of love. If we obey it, eternal life is ours.

4. If we accept God's love, what will we become? 1 John 3:1.

People think that it is a great privilege to see a person of royalty, like a king or a queen. Often they travel long distances to see such noble people. But stop and think about how much greater privilege it is to be called the sons and daughters of God. What, indeed, is royalty when compared to being a child of the Ruler of the whole universe?

5. How will God's love influence our lives? 1 John 4:11.

"By earnest, thoughtful efforts to help where help is needed, the true Christian shows his love for God and for his fellow beings." –*Messages to Young People*, p. 302.

REVIEW OF THE STUDIES ON GOD

Fill in the blanks:

- 1. God is a living _____.**
- 2. God has existed _____.**
- 3. God cannot be _____ by _____ things.**

True or false?

1. **God could not create the world out of nothing.**
2. **To understand godly wisdom, a person must first obtain worldly wisdom.**
3. **Worldly wisdom must be joined with godly wisdom to be of any value.**

Circle the correct word(s):

1. **There are/is (many, one, three) lawgiver(s).**
2. **God's law is (simple, perfect, complicated).**
3. **The Ten Commandments (are no longer necessary since Jesus' death on the cross, will not be necessary after Christ's second coming, will always be necessary).**

Look up and then write the definition of LOVE ...

1. **In the dictionary.**
2. **In the book *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 176 (last paragraph).**
3. **In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.**

Which of the above definitions do you think best describes God's love? Why?

5



Jesus Christ, Part 1 **GOD'S SON**

MEMORY VERSE: "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands." Hebrews 1:10.

1. What is Christ's relationship to God? Matthew 3:17.

Christ existed with God even before the angels were created. There has never been a time when He was with God. Christ is the eternal Son of God. "And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." John 17:5.

2. What is His position in heaven? John 10:30.

"The Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the heavenly throng of holy angels was gathered around them. The Father then made known that it was ordained by Himself that Christ, His Son, should be equal with Himself; so that wherever was the presence of His Son, it was as His own presence. The word of the Son was to be obeyed as readily as the word of the Father. His Son He had invested with authority to command the heavenly host." –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, pp. 17, 18.

3. What did Christ do in the creation of this world? Colossians 1:16.

“Especially was His Son to work in union with Himself in the anticipated creation of the earth and every living thing that should exist upon the earth. His Son would carry out His will and His purposes, but would do nothing of Himself alone. The Father’s will would be fulfilled In Him....

“The Father and the Son engaged in the mighty, wondrous work they had contemplated, of creating the world.” –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, pp. 18, 24.

4. Is Christ equal with God in power, wisdom, and importance? Hebrews 1:1-5.

“The Son of God was next in authority to the great Lawgiver.... He was in the express image of His Father, not in features alone, but in perfection of character.... The Son of God was in the form of God, and He thought it not robbery to be equal with God.... He had united with the Father in the creation.” –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 2, pp. 9, 10.

“He was equal with God, infinite, and omnipotent.... He is the eternal, self-existent Son.” –*Evangelism*, p. 615.

5. Give an example of Christ’s power (John 11:43, 44; 10:17, 18) and divinity. Mark 1:10, 11; 2:5, 10-12.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Christ is infinite, omnipotent, eternal, self-existent. Look up the meaning of these words in the dictionary, and write them down.

One Solitary Life

"A child is born in an obscure village. He is brought up in another obscure village. He works in a carpenter shop until He is thirty, and then for three brief years is an itinerant preacher, proclaiming a message and living a life. He never writes a book. He never holds an office. He never raises an army. He never has a family of His own. He never owns a home. He never goes to college. He never travels two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He gathers a little group of friends about Him and teaches them His way of life. While still a young man, the tide of popular feeling turns against Him. One denies Him; another betrays Him. He is turned over to His enemies. He goes through the mockery of a trial; He is nailed to a cross between two thieves, and when dead is laid in a borrowed grave by the kindness of a friend.

"Those are the facts of His human life. He rises from the dead. Today we look back across nineteen hundred years and ask, What kind of trail has He left across the centuries? When we try to sum up His influence, all the armies that ever marched, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned are absolutely picayune in their influence on mankind compared with that of this One Solitary Life."

—Dr. James Allan, 1926

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

I think Him David's Son
Whom David Lord doth call;
I think Him God and man in one,
I think Him all in all.

I think Him the Most High,
Sole, self-existing God.
Made flesh, a sinful world to buy.
And save us through His blood.

I think Him perfect love
Who groaned on Calvary;
I more than think His bowels move
For such a worm as I.

I think Him still the same,
My Ransomer divine;
I think if His through life I am,
He is forever mine.

—John and Charles Wesley



6



Jesus Christ, Part 2

SAVIOUR

MEMORY VERSE: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19, 20.

1. How did David describe Christ's concern for man? Psalm 121.

Ever since Christ, with His Father, created man, He has made man His special interest. When man fell into sin, Christ offered His own life for a ransom so that man could regain God's favor and inherit eternal life. Since that time, Christ has devoted all of His time to man.

2. What did He do when man sinned? Genesis 3:8-13.

God sent His angels to Adam and Eve after their fall to tell them that they could no longer stay in the Garden of Eden. "They were then informed that the Son of God, who had conversed with them in Eden ... had volunteered to take upon Himself the punishment due to them and die for them that man might yet live...." *—The Spirit of Prophecy, vol. 1, p. 50.*

3. What experience did Jacob make with Jesus? Genesis 32:24-29.

"It was Christ that was with Jacob through that night, with whom he wrestled, and whom he perseveringly held until He blessed him." –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, p. 120.

4. How did Jesus reveal Himself to Moses? Exodus 3:1-6.

5. What form did He take to protect and lead the people of Israel? Exodus 14:19, 20.

"He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night." Psalm 105:39.

6. Whom did God send to lead the Israelites to the promised land? Exodus 23:20-23.

"The angel who went before Israel was the Lord Jesus Christ." –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, p. 128.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Describe the following two instances in the Old Testament in which Jesus revealed Himself to man.

- a. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3:21-25)

- b. Abraham (Genesis 18:20-22)

Attributes of Christ

"Christ is a rare jewel, but men know not His value; a sun which ever shines, but men perceive not His brightness, nor walk in His light. He is a garden full of sweets, a hive full of honey, a sun without a spot, a star ever bright, a fountain ever full, a brook which ever flows, a rose which ever blooms, a foundation which never yields,

a guide who never errs, a friend who never forsakes. No mind can fully grasp His glory; His beauty, His worth, His importance, no tongue can fully declare. He is the source of all good, the fountain of every excellency, the mirror of perfection, the light of heaven, the wonder of earth, time's masterpiece, and eternity's glory; the sun of bliss, the way of life, and life's fair way. 'He is altogether lovely' ...; a morning without clouds, a day without night, a rose without a thorn; His lips drop like the honeycomb, His eyes beam tenderness. His heart gushes love. The Christian is fed by His hands, carried in His heart, supported by His arm, nursed in His bosom, guided by His eye, instructed by His lips, warmed by His love; His wounds are his life, His smile the light of his path, the health of his soul, his rest and heaven below."

—*Balfern*

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

In cloud by day, in fire by night,
Jehovah's pillared symbol hung;
And day and night, in Israel's sight,
Its heaven-sent token earthward flung.

It rested o'er their sacred tent,
And in their camp the host above;
It lifted thence, and onward went,
And they its desert pathway trode.

They saw it rest, they saw it rise,
The signal of Jehovah's will;
They watched it with unfailling eyes,
And struck their tents, or waited still.

Not now in columned shade or flame,
Our steps, O God! Thy glory leads;
But signs divine Thy will proclaim,
Thy banner still Thy church precedes.

Thy light is on our pathway shed,
Thy counsel on our hearts impressed,
And by Thy guiding Spirit led
Thy watching host move on, or rest.

—*Samuel Wolcott*



7



Jesus Christ, Part 3

MEDIATOR

MEMORY VERSE: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5.

1. Is Jesus still ministering in behalf of mankind today? Hebrews 1:1, 2; 4:14.

Christ's return to heaven from this world did not mean that He would forget mankind and have nothing to do with their problems. He came to this earth in human form and was subject to every temptation that man faces. He lived a pure, sinless life, showing man that such a life is possible through His help. At the same time, Christ experienced what it feels like when one is tempted and what is required to resist the temptation. "For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted." Hebrews 2:18.

2. What is Christ's work in heaven? 1 John 2:1.

"Without the atonement of the Son of God there could be no communication of blessing, or salvation from God to man." –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 1, p. 54.

"When the people thirsted in the wilderness, and gave themselves up to murmuring and complaint, Christ was to them what He is to us—a Saviour full of tender compassion, the Mediator between them and God....

"Christ Jesus is represented as continually standing at the altar, momentarily offering up the sacrifice for the sins of the world." –*Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol.6, pp.1061,1077.

3. Jesus is the High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary. What services in the earthly sanctuary pointed forward to His work in heaven? Hebrews 9:1-7.

The service of the Jewish sanctuary, the symbols of which pointed to Christ, is of no value in our day. The sacrifices that were offered every day and year were fulfilled in Jesus' death on the cross, but His ministry as the Mediator will continue until right before His second coming. "Jesus is officiating in the presence of God, offering up His shed blood, as it had been a lamb slain." –*Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 6, p. 1077. Jesus is the sacrifice that is offered for man's sin, offense, and shortcomings.

4. How does He minister (plead) for His people today? John 16:23, 24; Hebrews 8:1.

When we pray, praise God, and confess our sins, our prayers rise to heaven. Jesus purifies them before presenting them to God. In our sinful state, we cannot offer prayers that are acceptable to the holy God. But after Christ has purified them with His own spilt blood and His righteousness, they are presented to God and answered.

5. What must we do so Jesus can be our Mediator? Psalm 66:18.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

The blood of Christ, a mystery

A Bible student met an unbeliever who said to him, "That the blood of Christ can wash away sin is foolishness; I don't understand or believe it."

The Bible student answered, "Well, you and the apostle Paul both agree."

"Really?" said the unbeliever. "In what way?"

"Turn to the first chapter of Corinthians and read the eighteenth verse: 'For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God.'"

Christ is our Advocate, Intercessor, and Mediator. Explain the meanings of these three offices—how they are similar, and how they are different.

CHRIST, FOR ME

For me He left His home on high;
For me to earth He came to die;
For me He in a manger lay;
For me to Egypt fled away;
For me He dwelt with fishermen;
For me He slept in cave and glen;
For me abuse He meekly bore;
For me a crown of thorns He wore.
For me He braved Gethsemane;
For me He hung upon a tree;
For me His final feast was made;
For me by Judas was betrayed;
For me by Peter was denied;
For me by Pilate crucified;
For me His precious blood was shed;
For me He slept among the dead;
For me He rose with might at last;
For me above the skies He passed;
For me He came at God's command;
For me He sits at His right hand.

—Anonymous



8



Jesus Christ, Part 4 **FRIEND**

MEMORY VERSE: “But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14.

1. What kind of a child was Jesus? Luke 2:51, 52.

“By His obedience to His father and mother, Christ was an example to all children and youth....

“Always kind, courteous, ever taking the part of the oppressed,... Christ was beloved by all....


“Christ applied Himself diligently to a study of the Scriptures;... He was faithful in the discharge of His home duties, and the early morning hours, instead of being wasted in bed, often found Him in a retired place, meditating and searching the Scriptures and in prayer.” –*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, pp. 403, 402.

“Jesus loved His brothers, and treated them with unflinching kindness....” –*The Desire of Ages*, p. 87.

“He was His mother’s helper in the home....” –*The Adventist Home*, p. 290.

2. When Jesus began His work of teaching, how did He consider the children? Mark 10:16.

While Jesus was teaching the adults, He never forgot the children. Often they asked Him questions, and Jesus was always ready to answer them. “His spirit found rest and peace in the society of



innocent little children.... He took them in His arms and blessed them." –*Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students*, p. 179.

Jesus loved all the children, and the children in return loved the kind-faced Jesus. "They loved to play around Him and to stroke that loving face with their innocent hands." –*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 68.

3. How did the children show their thankfulness to Jesus?

"The children were foremost in the rejoicing. Jesus had healed their maladies [sicknesses]; He had clasped them in His arms, received their kisses of grateful affection, and some of them had fallen asleep upon His breast as He was teaching the people. Now with glad voices the children sounded His praise." –*The Desire of Ages*, p. 592.

4. Did Jesus have time to listen to the children?

"He ... was ever touched, while upon this earth, with the sorrows of children, ever ready to listen to the story of their childish woe: He often dried their tears, cheering them with the tender sympathy of His words which seemed to hush their sorrows and make them forget their grief." –*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 238.

"He took little children in His arms and pressed them to His great heart of love. They felt perfectly at home in His presence and reluctant to leave His arms." –*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 421.

5. What kind of behavior of children today makes Jesus happy? Ephesians 6:1, 2; Proverbs 1:10; Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.

6. What was written about Samuel as a child? 1 Samuel 2:26.

7. **What did Solomon ask God for? Did God hear his prayer? 1 Kings 3:7, 9, 10; 4:29.**
8. **Does Jesus still have a special place in His heart for children?**

"It will please the Lord Jesus to have the children ask Him for every spiritual grace, to bring all their perplexities and trials to the Saviour; for He knows how to help the children and youth, because He was a child Himself, and was once subject to all the trials, disappointments and perplexities to which children and youth are subject." –*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 128.

REVIEW OF THE STUDIES ABOUT JESUS

True or false?

1. **Jesus was in existence before the angels were created. T/F**
2. **Jesus did nothing while God created the earth. T/F**
3. **It was impossible for Jesus to commit sin when He lived on earth. T/F**

Fill in the blanks:

1. **Jesus is _____ with God.**
2. **Jesus is the self-_____ Son.**
3. **Jesus is now in heaven acting as _____ between _____ and _____.**
4. **Christ is the _____ Son of God.**

Circle the correct words):

1. **(Most, All, Some)** of Christ's time is spent in man's behalf.
2. Christ's position in heaven is **(Mediator, Intercessor, High Priest)**.
3. Jesus rejoiced in the company of **(Pharisees, children, priests)**.

JESUS BLESSED THE CHILDREN

I think when I read that sweet story of old,
When Jesus was here among men,
How He called little children as lambs to His fold,
I should like to have been with them then.

I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,
That His arms had been thrown around me,
And that I might have seen His kind look when He said,
"Let the little ones come unto Me."

Yet still to His footstool in prayer I may go
And ask for a share in His love;
And if I thus earnestly seek Him below,
I shall see Him and hear Him above.

In that beautiful place He is gone to prepare,
For all who are washed and forgiven;
And many dear children will be gathering there,
For of such is the kingdom of heaven.

—J. Luke



9



The Holy Spirit, Part 1 GIFT TO MAN

MEMORY VERSE: "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever." John 14:16.

1. **What did Christ promise to send to His followers? John 15:26.**
2. **What is another name for the Comforter? John 14:26.**

It is easy to think of Jesus and God as Persons, but often the Holy Spirit is thought of as something surrounded with mystery or secrecy. And yet the Holy Spirit is a Person, just as God is a Person. He is able to tell what is in the minds of both man and God. "No one can really know what anyone else is thinking, or what he is really like, except that person himself. And no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit." 1 Corinthians 2:11, *The Living Bible, Paraphrased*.

3. **For what purpose is the Holy Spirit sent to God's people? John 16:13.**

When Jesus went back to heaven, an empty place was left behind. The Holy Spirit was sent to fill that place. Only a Person could take the place of that other Person, the wonderful Jesus. The Holy Spirit is now Christ's representative on this earth. While He was on the earth. He was in human form and could only be in one place at a time. The divine Holy

Spirit was sent down, and He is able to be present everywhere all the time.

4. What is the Holy Spirit to mankind? Luke 11:13.

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to man. Man is not able to buy, earn, or discover the Holy Spirit, nor can he make demands of God concerning Him. The Holy Spirit was not given to man as an answer to prayer or because man deserved It. He was sent by God as a result of Christ's work on the earth.

5. When was the Holy Spirit visible, and as what did He appear? Luke 3:21, 22.

"The heavens were opened, and beams of glory rested upon the Son of God, and assumed the form of a dove, in appearance like burnished gold."
—*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 2, p. 61.

6. Of what must everyone be very careful? Ephesians 4:30.

How does a person grieve the Holy Spirit? When you do something that you know is wrong, your conscience, which is the voice of God, reproves you. If you do not pay any attention to it and do the same wrong thing again, you grieve the Holy Spirit. If you do this time after time, you will find that you no longer feel so bad about sinning, until one day you stop even thinking that you are committing a sin. If your conscience no longer tells you that something is wrong, then the Holy Spirit has left you.

7. What does a person whom the Holy Spirit has left sometimes try to do? Amos 8:12.

When a person gives in to temptation, he begins to destroy his own soul. We have an example of this in Pharaoh, who "went from one degree of hardness

of heart to another.... He continued his willful course until overwhelmed by the waters of the Red Sea."
—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 119, 120.

Grieving the Holy Spirit

A minister, passing through a ward of a hospital, thought he saw a familiar face. He recognized the young man as one of his Sabbath School boys, his father a deacon in the church, and his mother a praying woman. It was understood that the boy could not live, and the minister was anxious to know if he was ready to die. The young man gave a clear intellectual response to all that was said about Jesus as the Saviour but insisted that he knew he was going to be lost. He was told that there is hope in Christ if he would but cast himself upon Him.

He responded, "I know that, but I don't want to go to Christ. I don't have any interest in Him."

"But can't you pray, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner'?" asked the minister.

"Yes," he replied, "I can say the words, but I don't feel it. My time has passed. Last year I thought I was a Christian, and my father wanted me to join the church. Then I made up my mind that I'd see a little more of the world before I bound myself down, and now it is too late."

He continued in this state for about three weeks and then died, begging the minister not to tell his mother the state of his mind and desiring him to implore his younger brother to take warning from his awful end.

—*Anonymous*

HOLY SPIRIT, A GUIDE

He to His own a Comforter will send,
The promise of the Father, who shall dwell
His Spirit within them, and the law of faith
Working through love, upon their hearts shall write,
To guide them in all truth.

—*John Milton*



10



The Holy Spirit, Part 2 PENTECOST

MEMORY VERSE: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples to wait for? Luke 24:49.

In Jerusalem Jesus "had suffered, been rejected and condemned. The land of Judea, of which Jerusalem was the metropolis, was His birthplace. There ... He had walked with men, and few had discerned how near Heaven came to earth when Jesus dwelt among them. It was, therefore, very appropriate that the work of the disciples should begin at Jerusalem." –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 3, pp. 239, 240.

2. Where had the disciples assembled? Acts 2:1.

"The disciples assembled in the upper chamber, uniting in supplications with the believing women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren. These brethren, who had been unbelieving, were now fully established in their faith by the scenes attending the crucifixion, and by the resurrection and ascension of the Lord. The number assembled was about one hundred and twenty." –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol, 3, p. 264.

3. In what manner did the the Holy Spirit come to them? Acts 2:2-4.

"The Holy Ghost assuming the form of tongues of fire divided at the tips, and resting upon those assembled, was an emblem of the gift which was bestowed upon them of speaking with fluency several different languages, with which they had formerly been unacquainted. And the appearance of fire signified the fervent zeal with which they would labor, and the power which would attend their words." –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 3, p. 266.

4. How did some people regard this miracle? Acts 2:13.

"The priests and rulers, determined to account for the miraculous power of the disciples in some natural way, declared that they were simply drunken from partaking largely of the new wine prepared for the feast (Pentecost). Some of the most ignorant seized this suggestion as the truth; but the more intelligent knew that it was false;..." –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 3, p. 268.

5. What message did the disciples preach with power? Acts 2:38.

6. What was the result of their preaching under the power of the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:41.

"These humble men, who had never learned in the school of the prophets, presented truths so elevated and pure as to astonish those who heard them. They could not go personally to the uttermost parts of the earth; but there were men at the feast from every quarter of the world, and the truths received by them were carried to their various homes, and published among their people, winning souls to Christ." –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 3, p. 275.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

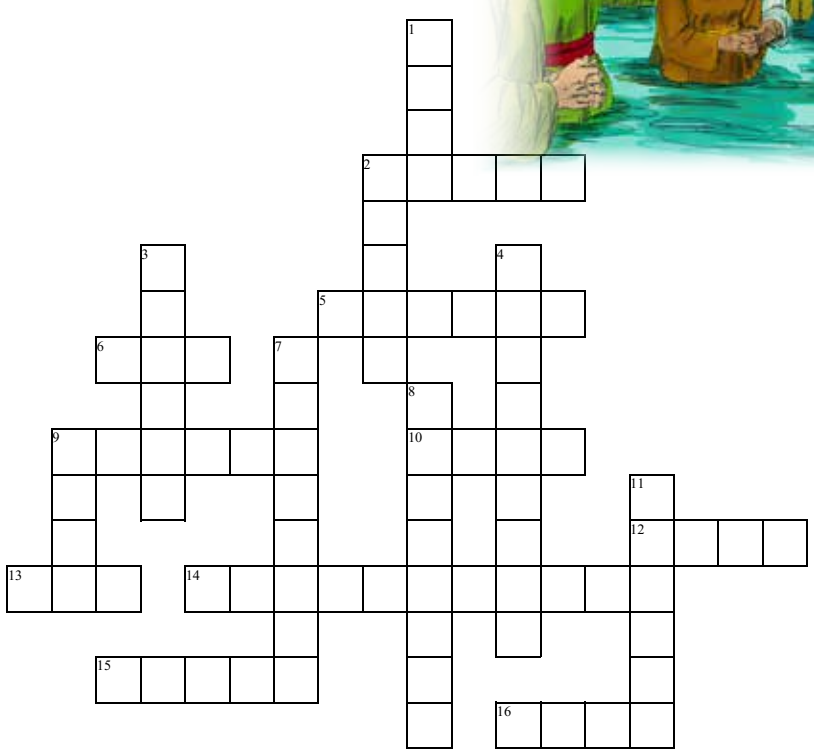
Was the Holy Spirit on earth before Christ ascended to heaven? If not, give proof. If yes, why did Jesus make a special point about sending the Holy Spirit to His disciples?

ACROSS:

2. The Holy Spirit is a divine ___
5. Relative of Jesus waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
6. The Holy Spirit reproves us of this
9. What Jesus is to the children
10. Christ ___ for our sins
12. The Holy Spirit is a ___ Being
13. ___ wine was prepared for the feast of Pentecost
14. One who acts between two parties to make peace between them
15. The believers were gathered in the ___ room
16. The Holy Spirit was given to man as a ___ from God

DOWN:

1. The disciples were accused of being drunk from this
2. Our sins can be forgiven only through this
3. The Holy ___ is a divine Person
4. The Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples at ___
7. Christ is working on man's behalf as a ___
8. Christ is our ___
9. The Holy Spirit took the form of tongues of ___
11. He died to save us





The Holy Spirit, Part 3

COMPARISONS

MEMORY VERSE: "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." Matthew 3:11.

1. What means has God used to explain spiritual things to us? Hosea 12:10.

Similitudes (illustrations for one to imagine) often help make the truth clearer and more easily understood. This is why God made use of comparisons in the Bible. As a matter of fact, the Bible is full of symbols, similes, types, and parables.

2. To what is the Holy Spirit compared in the Bible? Job 27:3; 33:4.

Air is necessary for life. The whole world is surrounded by atmosphere, or air, which enables us to live. Without air, everything—all animal and vegetable life—would die. A person can live his whole life without being able to see, hear, or speak; he can live for weeks without food, and for days without water; but without air he will survive only a few minutes. In other words, when you stop breathing, you stop living. In this same manner, the Holy Spirit, symbolized by air or breath, brings life to a soul. When a Christian is filled with the Holy Spirit, he is a living Christian; but without this air or breath from God, he is dead, unable to live the life of a Christian.

3. What other comparison did Jesus use in connection with the Holy Spirit? John 7:37-39.

A thirsty person is a fitting symbol of a soul without God and of life without the Holy Spirit. A shipwrecked sailor, who has been tossed at sea in a lifeboat for days without food or drink does not cry for food but for WATER! When Christ hung on the cross, He did not cry for relief from His pain, but He said, "I thirst." No words can describe the condition of a man without a Saviour. The sin-scorched people in the world are crying for water that will satisfy the thirst of their souls. Only the Holy Spirit can give them relief.

4. What symbols are given for the power and zeal of the Holy Spirit? Matthew 3:11; Luke 12:49.

"To sin, wherever found, 'our God is a consuming fire.' In all who submit to His power, the Spirit of God will consume sin." –*The Desire of Ages*, p. 107.

Fire is used to purify gold and silver. The fierce heat burns up all the impurities from the metal and leaves only the pure gold or silver behind. Before the metal is placed in the fire, the impurities in it cannot be seen; but once the heating process begins, the dross (impurities) is revealed and then consumed (burned). In the same manner, the Holy Spirit shows us our sins. If we accept His call and put our sins away, He cleanses us from sin and gives us power to become the children of God.

5. In the parable of the ten virgins, as what is the Holy Spirit represented? Matthew 25:3, 4.

"The wise and the foolish have their Bibles [lamps], and are provided with all the means of grace," but the foolish "are persons who have received the precious light of the righteousness of Christ, but they do not act upon it.... They permitted doubt and unbelief to come in, so that the truth which they had seen became an uncertainty to them." –*Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

The oil symbolized the Holy Spirit. Knowledge of the Bible is only dry facts unless the Holy Spirit changes or anoints our lives according to that knowledge. The Holy Spirit lights the truth for us.

Dying without water

A party of men was riding through the part of a country where there was no water for man or beast. Suddenly they came to a river. The thirsty horses sprang forward with new life and plunged into the stream. Not far away, the men found a woman and an exhausted man who had been overcome by thirst. When found, the man could only whisper, "Water! water!" It was brought to him, and every care was taken to help him recover his strength. Everyone would have died without water, but the man was much worse off than the others. This is a parable of "living water." All must have such water, and all may have it; however, some must help others to get it.

—Anonymous

THINGS TO CONSIDER

How can a person receive the Holy Spirit? Look up the answer in *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 158.

THE WISE VIRGINS

Rejoice, all ye believers,
And let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near;
The Bridegroom is arising,
And soon will He draw nigh.
Up! pray and watch and wrestle:
At midnight comes the cry.

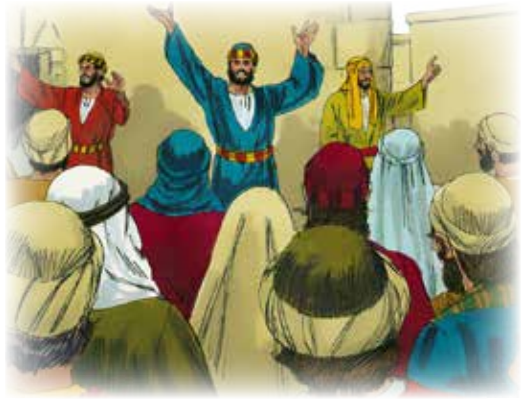
See that your tamps are burning,
Replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation,
The end of earthly toil.
The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go meet Him as He cometh,
With hallelujahs clear!

Ye wise and holy virgins,
Now raise your voices higher,
Until, in songs of triumph,
They meet the angel choir.
The marriage feast is waiting,
The gates wide open stand;
Up! up! ye heirs of glory:
The Bridegroom is at hand!

—L. Laurenti



12



The Holy Spirit, Part 4 **THE LATTER RAIN**

MEMORY VERSE: "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." Zechariah 10:1.

1. Will the miracle of Pentecost be repeated? Acts 2:17.

The Bible tells us that, before Christ's second coming, the Holy Spirit will work with special power. This will happen "in the time of the end when God's work in the earth is closing." –The Acts of the Apostles, p. 55.

"Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers." –*Evangelism*, p. 700. These powerful miracles will finish God's work on the earth.

2. How will this outpouring of the Holy Spirit compare with the first one after Jesus' ascension? Joel 2:23.

"The outpouring of the Spirit in apostolic days was the 'former rain,' and glorious was the result. But the 'latter rain' will be more abundant." –*The Desire of Ages*, p. 827.

"Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening to them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest." –*Evangelism*, p. 699.

3. What preparation is necessary for a person to be able to take part in the latter rain? Acts 1:14, first part.

“The disciples gave their time to meditation and prayer, being often in the temple, testifying of Christ, and praising God.” –*The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 3, p. 265.

We must prepare if we want to take part in the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the end of time. We need the Holy Spirit to take over and guide our lives now. We must put away all thoughts and actions that keep us away from Jesus. In other words, our characters must be like Him so that when we talk with our friends and strangers they will be able to see Christ's reflection in us.

4. How can we know that the time of the latter rain is close at hand? Acts 2:19, 20.

On May 19, 1780, at noon all over the New England states, the sun suddenly got dark. This darkness lasted for about twelve hours. It was not an eclipse of the sun, since there was a full moon. The people lighted lamps in their houses, and the birds stopped singing and went to sleep. That same night, the moon came up, but it was like a blood-red disc that gave no light. These signs were given by God to help people think about Jesus' coming.

5. Will children be able to take part in the latter rain?

“Children are impelled by the Spirit to go forth and declare the message from heaven. The Spirit is poured out upon all who will yield to its promptings, and, casting off all man's machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods, they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit's power.” –*Evangelism*, p. 700.

Review of the studies about the HOLY SPIRIT

Fill in the blanks:

1. The Holy Spirit is a divine _____.
2. The Holy Spirit is God's _____ to _____.
3. As air is necessary for life, so is the _____
to a _____.
4. "And I will pray the _____, and He shall give _____
another _____, that He may abide with you
_____."

True or false?

1. After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were able to speak several different languages. T/F
2. Jesus' brothers were among those who received the Holy Spirit. T/F
3. The foolish virgins never had any oil in their lamps. T/F
4. It is possible for a person to understand the Bible without the help of the Holy Spirit. T/F

Circle the correct word(s):

1. The Holy Spirit was sent down as a result of (man's obedience to God, Christ's work on earth, man's prayer).
2. The Holy Spirit is compared to (fire, food, oil, water).
3. God uses (parables, symbols, legends) to explain to man truths that are otherwise hard to understand.

4. In the time of Pentecost, there were about (120, 70, 12) people assembled in the upper room waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
5. The Holy Spirit will be poured out on (men, women, children).
6. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit just before Christ's second coming is called the (early rain, latter rain, former rain).

PENTECOST

The rolling year brings back the time,
With blessed joys replete,
When on the waiting twelve came down
The Holy Paraclete.

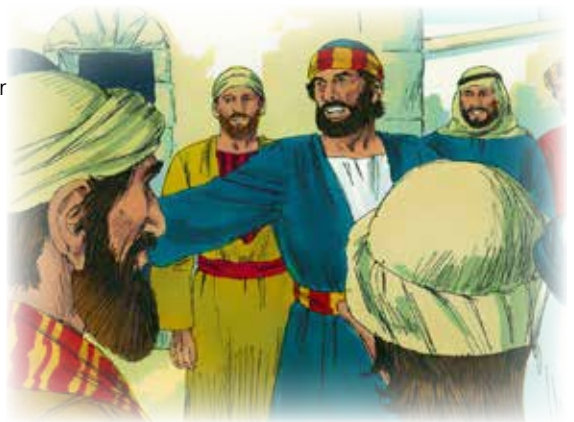
The fire, in quivering tongues of flame,
Descending sat on each,
To fill with fervency of love
And fluency of speech.

To every race, in every tongue,
They spoke with power divine;
Some trembling heard, some mocking said
That they were drunk with wine.

When Pentecost was fully come,
This marvel wrought, they see,
That thus the sacred round of days
Should bring our jubilee.

On us, O God most merciful,
With bended heads we pray
That Thou wilt of Thy Spirit pour
Abundantly today.

—Hilary



13

THE GODHEAD

MEMORY VERSE: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." 1 John 5:7.

We have studied some of the characteristics of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three heavenly Beings make up the Godhead. In other words, the Godhead includes three separate Persons. The Godhead is not three different aspects of one person.

It is said of the Father that He "is all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and is invisible to mortal sight.

"The Son is all the fullness of the Godhead manifested. The Word of God declare Him to be 'the express image of His Person.'... Here is shown the personality of the Father.

"The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fullness of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour." –*Evangelism*, pp. 614, 615.

When a person is converted and wishes to make a covenant with Christ, he is baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three great powers will work together with the obedient person to help him live the new life in Christ.

Satan can be held in check only by the power of God in the Person of the Holy Spirit. Christ and the Holy Spirit intercede continually on man's behalf. The Holy Spirit works on our hearts, making us praise and thank God through our prayers as well as ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Such prayers come from the Holy Spirit working in our hearts. Jesus pleads for us through the blood that He shed for us on Calvary. Thus, our prayers rise up to

God's holy throne and are accepted because of the intercession of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

STUDY

- 1. Whom can we know through Christ? John 14:7.**
- 2. What is the result when we love Jesus and keep His commandments? John 14:23.**
- 3. How did Jesus show His love to all people, including us? John 15:13, 14.**
- 4. How did God show His love? 1 John 4:9.**
- 5. How is the love of God shed abroad in people's hearts? Romans 5:5.**
- 6. What will one produce when the Holy Spirit is in him? Galatians 5:22, 23.**
- 7. When one is led by the Holy Spirit, what freedom will he have? Galatians 5:18.**

THINGS TO CONSIDER

The Holy Spirit is also called the *Paraclete*. Look up the meaning of this word in a Bible dictionary, and write it down.