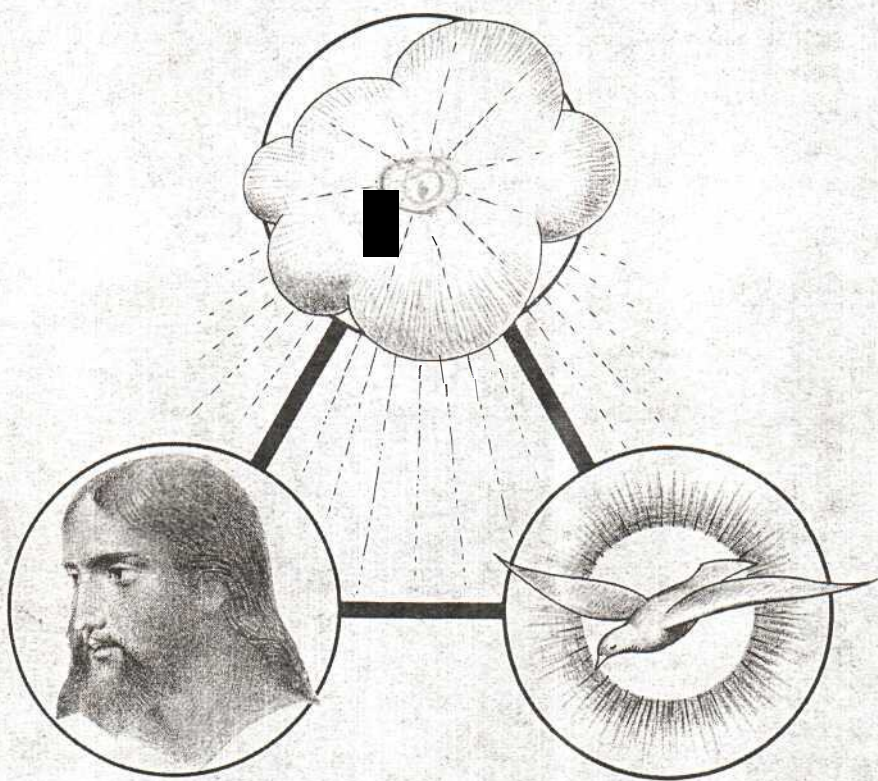


# Junior Sabbath School Lessons

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## GOD, 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 a/l; 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 us 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 a *living person* who has existed through ages and ages. There never was a time when God did not exist. This is impossible for a human mind to understand. "God is so great that we cannot begin to know Him. No one can begin to understand eternity." Job 36:26, The Living Bible.

*2. How did God create the heavens and the earth? Psalm 33:6-9.*

"By faith—by believing God—we know that the world and the stars—in fact, all things—were made at God's command; and that they were all made from things that can't be seen." Hebrews 11:3, The Living Bible. This text says that God did not create the things of the world out of *nothing*—although He could have. He made the invisible things to be seen. You may already know that everything is made up of atoms; science shows that if the atoms are rearranged, the elements can be changed. God had only to speak, and the atoms obeyed His will.

*3. What was the world like when 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 places 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 beautiful 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." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 1, p. 25.

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

God made the week for man's own good. God loved the human beings 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 in which they could think about God, His goodness and love and walk and talk with Him. This wonderful plan was intended to join the man forever with God.

### **Capsules to think about**

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."

*Make up a similar comparison of your own in regard to God, the Creator.*

## 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*

### Lesson 2

## GOD, 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.*

Stop and think for a moment about all the information in all the books that have ever been written; you can hardly imagine how much the people in the world know today. Look at the computers, for example. Are you able to make one? Do you know how it works? There are many more wonders and marvels. Think about cars, airplanes, rockets, satellites, radios, televisions, telephones, and so on. 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 in this world. There has never lived a man, except Christ, who could understand God and His wisdom.

2. *How does God look upon all the wisdom in this 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.

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

If a person wants to be really wise, he must first learn to depend only on God and receive wisdom from Him. He must be filled with the wisdom of God. It isn't wrong to get as much knowledge and wisdom as you possibly can; but you must join that wisdom with godly wisdom and then you will be able to reach the highest goals. If you follow this guide, God will bless you more than you can imagine.

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

The chance to learn this true wisdom is given to everyone. To get this, all you have to do is always stay near Christ. This you can do 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 is the word of God. It should be studied more than any other book, because it contains the *eternal* wisdom. The Bible shows you what kind of God we 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.

## **Capsules to think about**

You can see signs of God's wisdom all around you in your everyday life. 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 one should land on your roof, or if the mosquito had been the size of an eagle with a stinger to match?

Make up some other examples, similar to the above, to show the wisdom of God 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."

## WISDOM

*I say that I am wise. Yet dead leaves know  
More secrets than my heart can ever guess.  
I stand before a *crocus*' loveliness,  
A sword of fire thrust upward in the snow,  
And I can never say what embers glow  
Beneath this frozen earth. I must confess  
A child *could* stand here with but little less  
Of knowledge at the seasons' ebb and *flow*.*

*This barren hill holds fast dark sleeping seeds  
Whose flame and fragrance soon *shall* still the blood;  
Yet wise in words and ways of men, and creeds,  
I cannot know one purple *twilight's* plan.  
Unraveling the crimson of one bud,  
I tremble at the ignorance of man!*

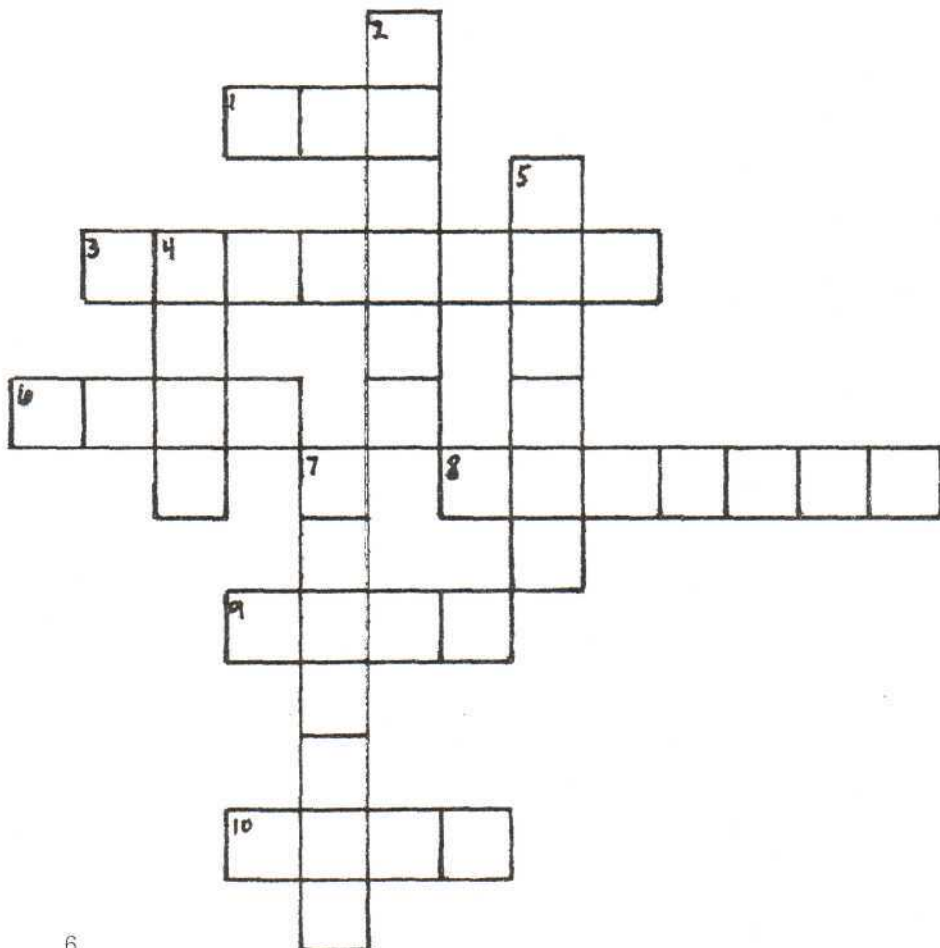
—Daniel Whitehead Hicky

*ACROSS:*

1. First woman God created
3. Appearance of the trees God created
6. When the earth was created it was more \_\_\_\_\_ than we can imagine
8. Only God could create things out of \_\_\_\_\_
9. When God finished the creation, He saw that it was \_\_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_\_

*DOWN:*

2. God is a living \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Husband of 1. Across
5. An attribute of God
7. Another attribute of God





## GOD, 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.*

As soon as God created this earth, it was necessary to have laws so that everything would work in perfect order. You may have studied in school or heard about different laws of nature that men have discovered. There was a man called Sir Isaac Newton who discovered 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, was it man who discovered them? Of course not; these men only began to understand laws that God had started 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." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 7, 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 the 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 does God require us to keep His 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 be no longer necessary? Psalm 111:7, 8.

"The law of the Ten Commandments lives and will live through the eternal ages." —*S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, Vol. 6, p. 1116.

## Capsules to think about

A young man was standing on the top story window sill of a 20-floor apartment building. A crowd of people had gathered on the street below to watch him. Suddenly the young man jumped and fell down to the pavement and was killed instantly. Why did his body fall down? Why did he not go upward? Why did he not fall slowly? The answer is simply in God's law in nature. There is a power which makes mass weight go downwards. This same law also rules the speed of the falling man.

Find three other laws in nature that God ordained and which you can see in everyday life.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

*Thou shalt 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 word and deeds unclean;  
Nor steal though thou art poor and mean:  
Nor make a willfullie, nor love it,  
What is thy neighbor's dare not covet.*

—Isaac Watts

## GOD, Part 4

### LOVE

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

*J. How does the Bible describe 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 through the laws of nature and the Ten Commandments, a God who is powerful, and a God who is wise. In all these different aspects God is revealed as a God of love.

*2. How is God's great love shown to us? John 3:16.*

Do you think it was easy for God to let Christ die? 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 really shown when He allowed Jesus to die to give us eternal life.

*3. How can the law of God show His love? Romans 13:10.*

There is a story about a small boy who was fascinated by the fire which his mother lit in the fireplace on cold winter evenings. Many a time he had tried to reach out and touch the pretty colored flames, but every time his mother had spoken firmly, "No, don't touch; you'll burn yourself." However, once the mother was called away from the room by the ringing of the telephone 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. The mother loved the child and did not want him to get hurt; therefore, she had made a rule (law) which forbade the child to touch the flames. In similar manner, God loves

man so much that He doesn't want anyone to perish in sin. In order to save us, He has given us His law of love. If we obey it, eternal life is ours.

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

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

5. *How will the love of God affect our lives? 1 John 4:17.*

"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. In order 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 (many, one, three) lawgivers.
2. God's law is (simple, perfect, complicated).
3. The Ten Commandments (are not necessary since Christ's death on the cross, will not be necessary after Christ's second coming, are always necessary).

Look up 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 describe(s) the love of God?

## BOUNDLESS LOVE OF GOD

*Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
Were the whole world of parchment made,  
Were every stick a quill,  
Were every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God alone,  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor would the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.*

-Bp. Heber

## 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 Christ was not in close fellowship with God. Christ is the eternal Son of God. "And now, Father, reveal My glory as I stand in Your presence, the glory We shared before the world began." John 17:5, The Living Bible.

2. *What is Christ's rank 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." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 1, pp. 17, 18.

3. *What did Christ do at creation? 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." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 1, pp. 18, 24.

## 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 a/way, 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 and only interest. When man fell into sin, Christ offered His own life for ransom so that man could have God's favor and be able to inherit eternal life. Since that time, Christ has devoted 100% of His time to man. He stopped the creation of other new worlds in order to work exclusively in man's behalf.

2. How did Christ reveal *His* interest in sinful man? 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. . . ." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 1, p. 50.

3. What experience did Jacob make with Christ? 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." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 1, p. 120.

4. In what way did Christ reveal *Himself* to Moses? Exodus 3:1-6.

5. *What form did Christ take in order to protect the children of Israel? Exodus 14:19, 20.*

"He spread out a cloud above them to shield them from the burning sun, and gave them a pillar of flame at night to give them light." Psalm 105:39, The Living Bible.

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." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 1, p. 128.

*Describe 2 other instances in the Old Testament where Christ revealed Himself to man:*

a. *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego*

b. *Abraham*

## **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

1. CHOSE  
2. SHARED  
3. CREATION  
4. PILLAR  
5. RANSOM  
6. FATHER

i. The relationship between Christ and God

2. Jesus and God had \_\_\_\_\_ glory before the world was created
3. Both Jesus and God worked very closely in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth
4. Christ took this form to protect the children of Israel from the Egyptians
5. Christ offered His life for \_\_\_\_\_
6. What God is to Christ

## CLOUD AND PILLAR OF FIRE

*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 unfailing 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 lead  
Thy watching host move on, or rest.*

—Samuel Wolcott

## CHRIST, Part 3

### MEDIATOR

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

1. *Is Christ still interested in mankind today? Hebrews 1:1, 2.*

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 liable to fall into sin just as you and I are. By not committing any sin, He showed us that such a life is possible for us through His help. At the same time, Christ experienced what it *feels* like when you are tempted and what is required to resist the temptation. "For since He Himself has now been through suffering and temptation, He knows what it is like when we suffer and are tempted, and He is wonderfully able to help us." Hebrews 2:18, The Living Bible.

2. *What is Christ's work now 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." —*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." — *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, Vol. 6, pp. 1061, 1077.

3. *Christ is the High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary. When did a similar service take place which pointed to Christ's work? Hebrews 9:1-7.*

The service of the Jewish sanctuary, which pointed to Christ, is of no value in our day. The sacrifices that were offered every day and year do not need to be made any longer, but the work of Christ as the Mediator is still necessary because man keeps on sinning. "Jesus is officiating in the presence of God, offering up His shed blood, as it had been a lamb slain." —*S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, Vol. 6, p. 1077. Jesus is the sacrifice which is offered for our sin, offense, and shortcomings.

4. *In what way does Christ intercede (plead) for us? John 16:26; Hebrews 13:15.*

When we offer our prayers and praise to God and confess our sins, our prayers rise to heaven to Christ who purifies them before presenting them to God. In our sinful state we cannot offer prayers which are acceptable to the holy God. After Christ has purified them with His righteousness, then only are they brought before God and answered.

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

### **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. Do all these titles mean the same thing?*

## 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

## Lesson 8

### CHRIST, Part 4 OUR 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 unfailing kindness. . . ."  
—*Desire of Ages*, p. 87.

"He was His mother's helper in the home. . . ." —*The Adventist Home*, p. 290

2. *When Jesus began His life of teaching, how did He regard the children? Mark 10:16.*

While Jesus was teaching the adults, He never forgot the children. Often the children asked Him questions, and Jesus was always ready to answer them. When He was tired of speaking to the people, "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." —*Desire of Ages*, p. 592.

4. *Did Jesus have time to listen to the children's problems?*

"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*, Vol. 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*, Vol. 5, p. 421.

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

6. *In what way was Samuel an example 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; 1 Kings 4:29.

8. Does Jesus *still* have a special place in His heart for the 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. 1 28.

### Review of the studies about JESUS

*True or false?*

1. Jesus was in existence before the angels were created.
2. Jesus stood by while God created the earth.
3. It was impossible for Jesus, while on earth, to commit a sin.

*Fill in the blanks:*

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

*Circle the correct word(s):*

1. (Most, All, Some) of Christ's time is spent in man's behalf.
2. Christ's position in heaven is as a (Mediator, Intercessor, High Priest).

given to man as an answer to prayer or because man deserved it. The Holy Spirit was sent by God as a result of Christ's successful work on the earth.

5. *When was the Holy Spirit visible and in what form? Luke 3:22.*

"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." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 2, p. 61.

6. *Of what must we be careful? Ephesians 4:30.*

How does a person grieve the Holy Spirit? When you first do something which 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 again, you grieve the Holy Spirit. After you do this time after time, you will find that you no longer feel so bad about it, until one day you stop even thinking that you are committing a sin. When your conscience no longer tells you of your 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 the destruction of his 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*, Vol. 5, pp. 119, 120.

## **The Holy Spirit grieved**

A minister, passing through one of the wards of a hospital, thought he saw a familiar face. He recognized the youth as one of his Sabbath School boys, his father a deacon in the church, and his mother a praying woman. It was understood that he 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 of Christ as a Saviour but insisted upon saying that "he knew he was going to be lost." He was told that there was 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 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.

-ANON.

## 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.*

(Lesson 10)

—John Milton

## DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Swiftly and straight each tongue of flame  
Through cloud and breeze unwavering came,  
And darted to its place of rest  
On some meek brow of Jesus blest.  
Nor fades it yet, that living gleam,  
And still those lambent lightnings stream;  
Where'er the Lord is, there are they;  
In every heart that gives Him room,  
They light His altar every day,  
Zeal to inflame, and vice consume.*

—John Keble



## 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." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 3, pp. 239, 240.

2. Where were 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." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 3, p. 264.

3. In what manner did they receive the Holy Spirit? 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." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 3, p. 264.

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; . . ." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 3, p. 268.

5. *What message did the disciples now 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." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 3, p. 275.

## Silent working of the Holy Spirit

Can I see the dew of heaven as it falls on a summer evening? I cannot. It comes down softly and gently, noiselessly and imperceptibly. But when I go forth in the morning after a cloudless night, and see every leaf sparkling with moisture, and feel every blade of grass damp and wet, I say at once, "There has been a dew." Just so it is with the presence of the Holy Spirit in the soul.

—RYLE

*Was there no Holy Spirit on earth before the ascension of Christ? If not, give proof. If yes, why did Jesus make a special issue about the Holy Spirit coming down?*

ACROSS:

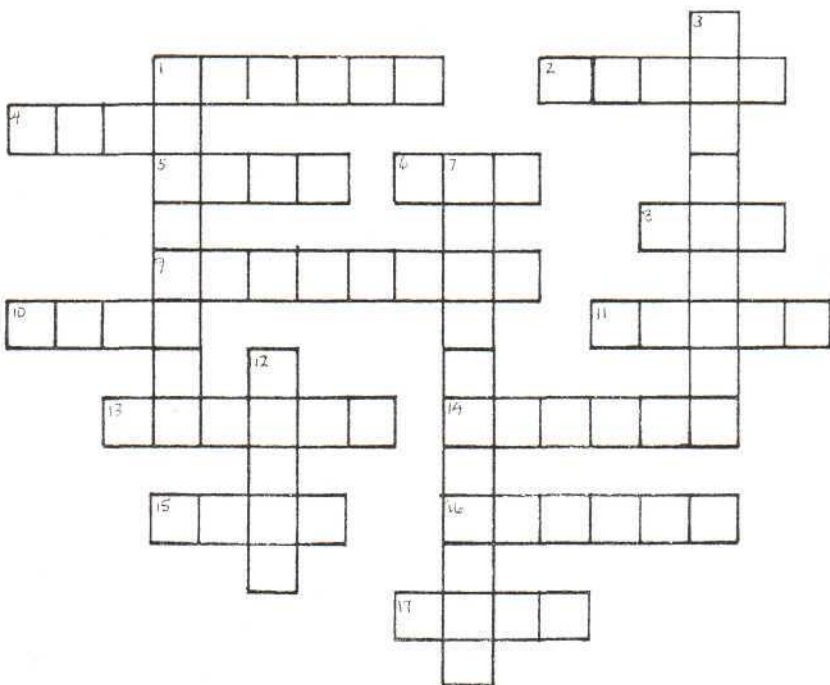
1. Relative of Jesus waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
2. The believers were gathered in the \_ room
4. The Holy Spirit took the form of tongues of \_
5. Christ \_ for our sins
6. The Holy Spirit reproves us of this
8. \_ wine was prepared for the feast of Pentecost
9. Christ is our \_
10. The Holy Spirit was given to man as a -- \_ from God
11. Our sins can be forgiven only through this

13. What Jesus is to the children

14. He died to save us
15. The disciples were accused of being drunk from this
16. The Holy \_ is a divine person
17. The Holy Spirit is a \_ being

DOWN:

1. Christ is working on man's behalf as a \_
3. The Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples at \_
7. One who acts between two parties to make peace between them
12. The Holy Spirit is a divine \_



## 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 (imaginative comparisons) often help make the truth clearer and more easily understood. This is why God has 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—the 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. While a Christian has 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 is used 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 in their souls. Only the Holy Spirit can give them relief.

4. *With what symbol is the power and zeal of the Holy Spirit portrayed?*  
*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." —*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 placing the metal into the fire you cannot see the impurities in it, but once you start the heating process, the dross (impurities) is revealed and then consumed (burned). In the same manner, the Holy Spirit shows us our sins. If we accept His calling and put the sins away, the Holy Spirit cleanses us from sin and gives us power to become the children of God.

5. *In the parable of the ten virgins, how is the Holy Spirit symbolized?*  
*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 oil or the Holy Spirit lights the truth for us.

## Dying for water

A party of men riding through a country where there was water for neither man nor beast came suddenly into the vicinity of a river. The jaded horses sprang forward with new life and plunged into the stream. Not far away they found a woman and an exhausted man overcome by thirst. When found, he could only whisper, "Water! water!" It

was brought to him, and every care was taken to secure his recovery. All would have died without the water. One was worse off than the others. This is a parable of the "living waters." All must have it; all may have it. Some must help others to get it.

-ANON.

*How can we 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 lamps 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

## HOLY SPIRIT, Part 4

### 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 ever be repeated? Acts 2:17.*

The Bible tells us that before Christ's second coming the workings of the Holy Spirit with special power will be seen. This will happen "in the time of the end when God's work in the earth is closing." Great miracles will be done, the sick will be healed and signs and wonders will follow the believers. This will be a powerful work which will finish God's work on the earth.

2. *How will this second pouring out of the Holy Spirit compare with the first one? 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." —*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 take part in the latter rain? Acts 1:14.*

"The disciples gave their time to meditation and prayer, being often in the temple, testifying of Christ, and praising God." —*Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 3, p. 265.

We must prepare ourselves also if we want to partake of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We have to let the Holy Spirit take over in controlling our lives. We have to put away all thoughts and actions that keep us away from Jesus. In other words, our characters must be Christ-like so that when we talk with our friends and strangers they will be able to see Christ's image 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 darkened. This darkness lasted for about 1 2 hours. It was not an eclipse of the sun, since there was a full moon. The people lighted lamps in their houses; the birds stopped their singing and went to sleep. That same night the moon came up, but it was like a blood-red disc which gave no light.

5. *Will the 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 to 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.
2. Jesus' brothers were among those who received the Holy Spirit.
3. The foolish virgins never had any oil in their lamps.
4. It is possible for a person to understand the Bible without the help of the Holy Spirit.

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 the truths that are otherwise hard to understand.
4. 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

## 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.

in the lessons this quarter, we have been studying 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 called "all the fullness of the Godhead *manifested*." The Bible tells us that Jesus is "the express image of His [Father's] person." In Jesus we can see the personality of the Father.

The Comforter, whom Jesus promised to send after His ascension, "is the Spirit in all fullness of the Godhead, *making manifest* [showing] *the power of divine grace*." The Holy Spirit does this for all who accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

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 forgiveness of our sins. When we do this, it is the result of the Holy Spirit touching our hearts. Jesus then pleads for us through the blood that He shed on Calvary for our sins. Then when our prayers reach God, they will be acceptable only because of the efforts of the Holy Spirit and Christ working in our behalf.

### Study

1. *Whom can we know through Christ? John 14:7.*
2. *What is the result if we love Jesus and keep His commandments? John 14:23.*

3. *How did Jesus show His love to us? John 15:13, 14.*
4. *How did God show His love? 1 John 4:9.*
5. *By what is the love of God shed abroad in our hearts? Romans 5:5.*
6. *What will be seen in us if we have the Holy Spirit? Galatians 5:22, 23.*
7. *When we are led by the Holy Spirit, what result does it have? Galatians 5:18.*

*The Holy Spirit is a/so called the Paraclete. Look up the meaning of this word in the dictionary.*