

The Godhead

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let **us** make man in **our image**, after **our likeness**:

- EGW said God spoke to the Son while saying this.
- How many were made? Two, not three.

Romans 1:19 That which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the **invisible things** of him **from the creation** of the world are **clearly seen**, being **understood by** the **things that are made**, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse:

- 2 sides of 1 brain - used together
- 2 ears - 1 hearing experience - used together
- 2 eyes - 1 seeing experience - used together
- 2 nostrils - 1 nose - used together
- 2 sides of 1 tongue - used together
- 2 sets of upper or lower teeth in 1 mouth - used together
- 2 vocal chords - used together
- 2 arms - used together
- 2 hands - used together
- 2 lungs - used together
- 2 kidneys - used together
- 2 legs - used together
- 2 feet - used together

Question: Where do we see examples of three in what was made in the image of God?

Micah 5:2 Thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

- EGW uses this in PP 34 to introduce the Son.
- “Goings forth” is used only two times in the entire Bible: Micah 5:2 and **2 Kings 10:27**, “And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a **draught house** unto this day.”

Proverbs 8:22 The LORD possessed me **in the beginning** of his way, **before** his works of old. 23 I was **set up from everlasting**, from the **beginning**, or ever the earth was. 24 When there were no depths, **I was brought forth**; when there were no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was **I brought forth**: 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. 27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: 28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: 29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: 30 Then I was by him, as **one brought up** with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

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“The Sovereign of the universe was **not alone** in His work of beneficence. He had **an** associate—a **co-worker** who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1, 2. Christ, **the Word, the only begotten of God**, was **one** with the eternal Father—**one in nature, in character, in purpose**—the **only being** that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. “His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6. His “**goings**

forth have been from of **old**, from **everlasting**.” Micah 5:2. And **the Son of God declares concerning Himself**: “The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting.... When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.” Proverbs 8:22-30.” {PP 34.1}

“A complete offering has been made; for “God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,”—**not** a son by **creation**, as were the angels, **nor** a son by **adoption**, as is the forgiven sinner, **but** a Son **begotten** in the express image of the Father’s person, and in all the brightness of his majesty and glory, one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” {ST May 30, 1895, par. 3}

- The Holy Spirit is absent in *Patriarchs and Prophets*, chapter one.
- The Holy Spirit is absent in *The Story of Redemption*, chapter one.
- The Holy Spirit is absent in *The Spirit of Prophecy, Vol 1*, chapter one.
- The Bible says the counsels of peace were between Them Both (**Zechariah 6:13**). How many are in the word both?
- The Holy Spirit is not mentioned EVER as part of the creation of the Angels or this world.
 - What Spirit was it in **Genesis 1:2**? Read **John 4:23**, “The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall **worship the Father in spirit and in truth**: for the **Father** seeketh such to worship **him**. 24 **God is a Spirit**: and they that **worship him** must worship **him** in **spirit and in truth**.”
- *The Story of Redemption* says this in the very first sentence, “Lucifer in heaven, before his rebellion, was a high and exalted **angel, next in honor to God’s dear Son**.” Whoa! Where was the Spirit?
 - After the Fall, in *The Desire of Ages*, EGW says a similar thing about Gabriel, “Of **Gabriel** the Saviour speaks in the Revelation, saying that “He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John.” Revelation 1:1. And to John the angel declared, “I am a fellow servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets.” Revelation 22:9, R. V. Wonderful thought—that the **angel** who stands **next in honor to the Son of God** is the one chosen to open the purposes of God to sinful men. {DA 99.1} Whoa! Where is the Spirit?

John 7:37 “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the **Spirit**, which they that believe on him **should** receive: for **the Holy Ghost was not yet given**; *because* that **Jesus was not yet glorified**.)”

Wasn’t the Holy Spirit active during the Old Testament times? Yes...

- “To **Adam** in his innocency was granted communion, **direct, free**, and happy, with his **Maker** [the Son, Christ]. **After** his **transgression** God would communicate to man through **Christ and angels**. {SR 50.3}

“**Christ** determined to bestow a **gift** on those who **had been** with Him **and** on those who **should** believe on Him, **because** this was the occasion of His **ascension** and **inauguration**, a jubilee in heaven. **What gift** could Christ bestow rich enough to signalize and grace His ascension to the mediatorial throne? It must be worthy of His greatness and His royalty. **Christ gave His representative**, the **third person of the Godhead**, the **Holy Spirit**. This gift could not be excelled. The divine Spirit, converting, enlightening, sanctifying, would be **His donation**, because He would give all gifts in one. {Ms44-1898.11}

“**On the Day of Pentecost Christ gave His disciples the Holy Spirit as their Comforter.** It was **ever to abide** with His church. During the whole Jewish economy the **influence** of this Spirit has often been revealed in a marked manner, but **not in full.** The **Spirit had been waiting** for the **crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension** of Christ. For ages prayers had been offered for the fulfillment of the promise, for the impartation of the Spirit; and not one of these earnest supplications had been forgotten. Now for ten days the disciples sent up their petitions, and Christ in heaven added His intercession. He claimed the gift of the Spirit, that He might pour it out upon His people. He ascended on high, leading captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. **Having reached His throne, the Spirit was given** as He had promised, and like a rushing, mighty wind, it fell upon those assembled, filling the whole house. It came with a fullness and power, as if for ages it had been restrained, but was now poured forth up on the church, to be communicated to the world.” {Ms44-1898.12}

“It is **not essential** for you to know and be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is. Christ tells us that **the Holy Spirit is the Comforter**, and the Comforter is the Holy Ghost, “the Spirit of truth, which the Father shall send in My name.” “I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you” [John 14:16, 17]. **This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ,** called the **Comforter.** Again Jesus says, “I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth” [John 16:12, 13].” {14MR 179.2}

“The Holy Spirit is Christ’s representative, but **divested of the personality of humanity,** and **independent** thereof. Cumbered with humanity, **Christ could not be in every place** personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and **send the Spirit to be His successor** on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his **location** or his personal contact with Christ. By the Spirit the Saviour would be **accessible to all.** In this sense He would be **nearer** to them than if He had not ascended on high.” {DA 669.2}

“The Father can not be described by the things of earth. The **Father 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 declares Him to be “the express image of His person.” “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Here is shown the personality of the Father. {BTS March 1, 1906, par. 1} 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. There are **three living persons** of the **heavenly trio.** In the name of these **three powers,**—the **Father,** the **Son,** and the **Holy Ghost,** those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and **these powers will cooperate** with the **obedient** subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ.” {BTS March 1, 1906, par. 2}

- John 14:10 The **Father that dwelt in Me,** He doth the works. **John 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and **he shall give you another Comforter,** that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: **I will come** to you. **John 14:23** Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and **we will come** unto him, and make **our abode** with him.
See 1 John 2:22-23. “Fear God and give glory to Him.” Revelation 14:7.