

The Comforter, Christ's Representative

Has the Holy Spirit always been around?

YES! The "eternal Spirit" referenced in Hebrews 9:14 has ALWAYS been here! BUT... notice... EGW refers to God the Father when using the term "eternal Spirit" (1888 1644.2). Christ said His Father is a Spirit (John 4:23-24) and was filled with His Father's Spirit (John 14:10). He offered Himself through THAT eternal Spirit. =)

"Gift" in John

All in John

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the **gift** of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

"Gift" in Acts

All in Acts

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the **gift** of the **Holy Ghost**.

Acts 8:18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the **Holy Ghost** was given, he offered them money,

Acts 8:19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the **gift** of God may be purchased with money.

Acts 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the **gift** of the **Holy Ghost**.

Acts 11:16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the **Holy Ghost**.

Acts 11:17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like **gift** as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

"Gift* Spirit"

All in Luke

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good **gifts** unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to them that ask him?

Who's Spirit was a Gift?

Luke 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend **my spirit**: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

“**This robe**, woven in the loom of heaven, has in it **not one thread of human devising**. Christ in **His humanity** wrought out a perfect character, and **this character He offers to impart to us**. “All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.” Isaiah 64:6... **By His perfect obedience** He has made it possible for every human being to obey God's commandments. When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes **one with His mind**, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; **we live His life**. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness.” COL 311.4

All 5 Uses of the Greek Word for “Comforter”

- John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;
- John 14:26 But the **Comforter**, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- John 15:26 But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
- John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the **Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.
- 1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Is this understandable?

Colossians 1:25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

Colossians 1:26 Even the **mystery** which hath been **hid** from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles [*EGW says, “mark the explanation of the mystery”*]; which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory. (See GW92 40.1—why not included in the 1915 version?!)

When Would the Comforter Come?

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.

John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:39 (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.)

John 14, 15 16 and 17

- **Shall** be in you
- I **will** not leave you comfortless: I **will** come to you
- **At that day**... I in you
- How is it that **thou wilt** manifest thyself unto us?
 - **We will** come unto him, and make **our** abode with him.
- The Father **will** send... he **shall** teach you
- 14:27: “Peace I **leave** with you, **my** peace I **give** unto you: not as the world giveth, **give I unto** you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (28) Ye have heard how I said unto you, I **go** away, **and come again** unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. (29) And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, **when it is come** to pass, **ye might** believe.
- Abide in me, and **I in you**
- He that abideth in me, and **I in him**, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing
- When the Comforter **is come**, whom I **will** send... he **shall** testify of me
- If I go not away, the Comforter **will not** come unto you; but if I depart, I **will** send him unto you. And **when** he is come, he **will** reprove the world
- John 16:13: Howbeit **when** he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he **will** guide you into all truth: for he **shall** not speak of himself; but whatsoever he **shall** hear, that **shall** he speak: and he **will** shew you things to come. (14) He **shall** glorify me: for he **shall** receive of mine, and **shall** shew it unto you. (15) All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he **shall** take of mine, and **shall** shew it unto you.
- John 17:26: And I **have** declared unto them thy name, and **will** declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and **I in them**.

In Acts 2, at Pentecost, the Spirit was given when Christ was glorified

Revelation 5:6 as at the same time.

“The promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race. Christ declared that the divine influence of His Spirit **was to be** with His followers unto the end. **From the Day of Pentecost to the present time, the Comforter has been sent** to all who have yielded themselves fully to the Lord and to His service. To all who have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, the Holy Spirit has come as a counselor, sanctifier, guide, and witness.” AA 49.2

“**After** Christ's **ascension** His enthronement in **His mediatorial kingdom** was **signalized** by the **outpouring** of the Holy Spirit. **On the day of Pentecost the Spirit was given.**” COL 118.3

“By the **outpouring** of the Holy **Spirit at Pentecost**, thousands were to be converted in a day. This was the result of **Christ's sowing**, the harvest of **His work.**” DA 192.1

“The **dispensation in which we are now living** is to be, to those that ask, the **dispensation of the Holy Spirit.**” RH March 2, 1897, par. 13

“We **need** to have an **understanding** that we are living under the **dispensation of the Spirit.**” RH June 28, 1898, par. 13

“The Holy **Spirit** is the **breath of life** in the soul. The breathing of Christ upon his disciples was the **breath of true spiritual life**. The disciples were to **interpret** this as **imbuing** them with the **attributes of their Saviour**, that in purity, faith, and obedience, they might **exalt the law**, and make it honorable. God’s law is the expression of his character. **By obedience** to its requirements **we meet God’s standard** of character. Thus the disciples were to witness for Christ. – {RH June 13, 1899 Par. 6}

“The **impartation** of the **Spirit** was the **impartation of the very life of Christ**, which was to qualify the disciples for their mission. Without this qualification their work could not be accomplished. Thus they were to fulfil the official duties connected with the church. But the **Holy Spirit** was **not yet fully manifested, because Christ had not yet been glorified**. The **more abundant impartation** of the Holy **Spirit** did not take place **till after Christ’s ascension.**” – {RH June 13, 1899 Par. 7}

“We are to make supplication according to the will of God, relying on the precious Word, and believing that **Christ not only gave Himself for, but to, His disciples**. The record declares, “He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.” John 20:22 Lt11b-1892.6
“Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all His disciples and give them the inspiration of **His sanctifying Spirit** and transfuse **the vital influence from Himself to His people**. He would have them understand that henceforth they cannot serve two masters. Their lives cannot be divided. **Christ is to live in His human agents** and work through their faculties and act through their capabilities. Their will must be submitted to His will; they must **act with His Spirit** that it may be no more they that live, but **Christ that liveth in them**. Jesus is **seeking to impress upon them** the thought that **in giving His Holy Spirit He is giving to them the glory which the Father hath given Him**, that **He and His people may be one in God**. Our way and will must be in submission to God’s will, knowing that it is holy, just and good.” Lt11b-1892.7

“**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