

# UNITY— The Prayer of Christ

We become one with the Father as we proclaim the same prophecies already made plain

What is **Christ waiting for with longing desire**?

**Character Perfectly Reproduced**



“When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.” **Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of the Saviour shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim His own.** It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel! Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come. {COL 69.1} {PH145 6.3}

How does this unity of “character” connect us with the three angels’ message?

**Only Ground for Unity**

**Voice no other message**



**UNITY**

The only ground on which we may expect unity is in obedience to the commandments of God. Christ denounced the teachers who in His day made void the law of God. He stamped them as deceivers, and plainly stated the character of His church. We are to voice no others message than that which combines the truth of the first, second, and third

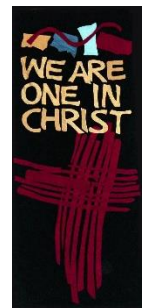
angels’ messages, which require obedience to God’s law. {Ms134a-1897.2}

In regard to the third angel’s message, **what type of unity** did our pioneers seek verses the unity of unbelievers and what steps did they take to accomplish this?

The very same course was taken by the denominational churches when we embraced the first and second angels’ messages. And as the light was shining forth from the oracles of God upon the messages which were present truth for our time, Satan tried by every means in his power to close the door to shut out the light. We had to meet with prejudice and with ridicule and with sneers and with criticism of the very same character that we have had to meet here in this conference. The opposition seemed almost crushing in its influence. What if we had held our peace and been controlled by the ministers who thought we were heretics, disturbing the peace of churches? Nevertheless, we did move forward, and while many bent beneath the power of opposition and yielded their faith to preserve the unity with their brethren and retained their place in the churches, many could not conscientiously do this. They held fast their faith. And what was the result? They

were turned out of the churches. After the passing of the time, when sorrow and disappointment was weighing us down to the earth, the Lord let His light shine in upon us, giving us the light upon the third angel’s message so strikingly clear, which showed us our whereabouts in prophecy and placed our feet in a sure path. {Ms37-1890.16} sanctuary to His people, Satan stirs up the minds of many. {Ms37-1890.18}

**Clear  
Light  
Upon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Angel**



What **work of the most solemn import** should absorb our attention that Adventists have been entrusted with?

“In a special sense **Seventh-day Adventists** have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention. {Ms53-1910.6}

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attention- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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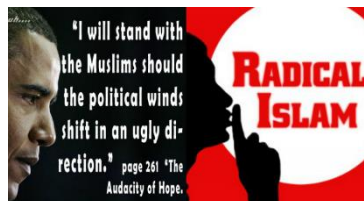
## What is the burden of the warning?

### The Burden

**WARNING**

We have been given a work of most solemn import—the proclamation of the **first, second, and third angels'** messages. The subject of the first angel's message is the everlasting gospel, and its burden is the warning, The end of all things is at hand. [Revelation 14:6, 7.] {L1183-1902.4}

Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end.--15MR 228 (1903). {LDE 15.4}



### Four Winds

Our warfare is aggressive. Tremendous issues are before us, yea, and right upon us. Let our prayers ascend to God that the four angels may be commissioned to hold the four winds, that been given to the world. Then let us work in harmony with our prayers. Let there be nothing in any of our institutions that will lessen the force of the truth for this time. Present truth is to be our burden. A great work is to be done. The third angel's message must do its work of separating from the churches a people who will take their stand on the platform of eternal truth. {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 7}

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**WARNING all need to understand: Daniel Chapter 12**

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. *Dan 12:1*

### Time of Trouble

## What is almost fulfilled?

The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place.--Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 14. {ChS 54.5}

In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate especially to our own time. To the period just prior to the appearing of the Son of man, the prophecies of Scripture point, and here their warnings and threatenings pre-eminently apply. The prophetic periods of Daniel, extending to the very eve of the great consummation, throw a flood of light upon events then to transpire...{RH, September 25, 1883 par. 6}

### Diverting our Minds

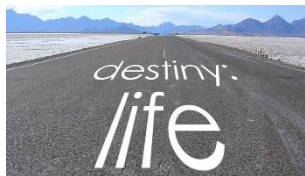


**And who is diverting our mind from allowing nothing else but this solemn message to absorb our attention which is essential to salvation?**

At the present time, when the end of all things earthly is rapidly approaching, Satan is putting forth desperate efforts to ensnare the world. He is devising many plans to occupy minds, and to divert attention from the truths essential to salvation . . . {Ev 705.3}

The theme of greatest importance is the third angel's message, embracing the messages of the first and second angels. All should understand the truths contained in these messages and demonstrate them in daily life, for this is essential to salvation. We shall have to study earnestly, prayerfully, in order to understand these grand truths; and our power to learn and comprehend will be taxed to the utmost.--Letter 97, 1902. {Ev 196.1}

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**I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, and would give no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body.** God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps--one, two and three--the first, second and third angels' messages. Said the angel, **Woe** to him who shall move a block, or stir a pin in these messages. **The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance.** The **destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.** {1SG 168.2/ 58 GC}

**When does the third angels message increase with importance?**

The third angel's message increases in importance as we near the close of this earth's history. It is the last offer of mercy to the world, the most solemn message ever given to mortals. In heaven there is a record kept of the impieties of nations, of families, of individuals. God may bear long while the account goes on; calls to repentance and offers of pardon may be given; yet a time will come when the account will be full, when the soul's decision will have been made, when by his own choice man's destiny will have been fixed. Then the signal will be given for judgment to be executed. {ST January 25, 1910, par. 15}

**Whose destiny will have been fixed?**

**Do we crucify Jesus today by not teaching the same message?**

So, I saw, that those who had no experience in the first and second angels' messages must receive them from those who had an experience, and followed down through the messages. As JESUS was crucified, so I saw that these messages have been crucified. And as the disciples declared that there was salvation in no other name under heaven, given among men; so, also, should the servants of GOD faithfully and fearlessly declare that those who embrace but a part of the truths connected with the third message must gladly embrace the first, second and third messages as GOD has given them, or have no part nor lot in the matter. (p. 75, Para. 1, GC58)

**How we crucify Christ**



**What are we misinterpreting? Whose "word" should we believe on?**

There are persons ready to catch up every new idea. The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation are misinterpreted. These persons do not consider that the truth has been set forth at the appointed time by the very men whom God was leading to do this special work. These men followed on step by step in the very fulfillment of prophecy, and those who have not had a personal experience in this work are to take the Word of God and believe on "their word" who have been led by the Lord in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. These messages, received and acted upon, are doing their work to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God. If we search the Scriptures to confirm the truth God has given His servants for the world, we shall be found proclaiming the first, second, and third angels' messages. {17MR 14.3} **continued in following quote**

**Prophecies of Daniel and Revelation Misinterpreted**

**Believe on "their word"**

**Is there danger in seeking new light in the prophecies that have already been given by God?**



It is true that there are prophecies yet to be fulfilled. But very erroneous work has been done again and again, and will continue to be done by those who seek to find new light in the prophecies, and who begin by turning away from the light that God has already given. The messages of Revelation 14 are those by which the world is to be tested; they are the everlasting gospel, and are to be sounded everywhere. But the Lord does not lay upon those who have not had an experience in His work the burden of making a new exposition of those prophecies which He has, by His Holy Spirit, moved upon His chosen servants to explain. {17MR 15.1} **See first quote on page 5**

**New Light?**

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**What is the result of disunity?**

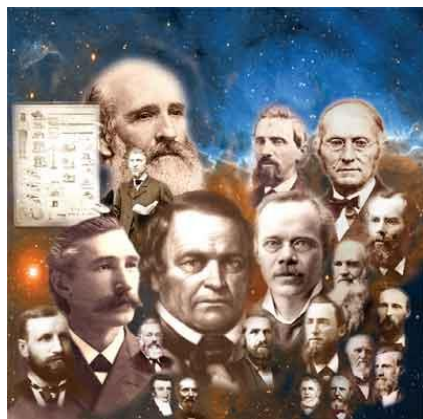
**Fall down and worship me**

**No unity in error**

Christ came into our world to sway back the powers of darkness and dispel the powers of the enemy. There he comes pretending to be an angel of light, and he says, If You will fall down and worship me I will give You all the kingdoms of the earth. Just you accept something besides the truth! Shall we do it? Or shall we have the truth as it is in Jesus? He says, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit. ... As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." [John 15:8, 9.] Now I read something which refers to the same here in the 17th chapter of John. He says, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." [John 17:19, 20.] That means us, doesn't it? "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."



[Verse 21.] **Now this is that oneness and unity that we want; and why the devil is so earnest and diligent is so that we shall not be united in the truth.** There is no unity in error except for the one purpose to tear down the truth. Now Christ wants us to be one in the truth. {Ms1-1891.16}



**What continues to be testing truth? From whom should we receive and trust in our past messages?**

You and other of accept the truth **His students of** have been led by genuine, advancing point by point, until the truth is to them a reality. From their voices and pens the truth in bright, warm rays has gone to all parts of the world, and that which was to them testing truth, as brought by the Lord's delegated messengers, is testing truth to all to whom this

**From their voices & pens**



our brethren must as God has given it to prophecy, as they living experience, tested, proved, and tried,

**Testing Truth**  
**Our Pioneers**

message is proclaimed. {17MR 3.2}

**By trusting in and following what our pioneers taught in relation to the three angels' message what will this help us to withstand?**

**Decided messages given years ago**

**The Testimony of Pioneer Workers.--** I have had presentations regarding the deceptions that Satan is bringing in at this time. I have been instructed that we should make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. Let them continue to speak through their articles as found in the early numbers of our papers. These articles should now be reprinted, that there may be a living voice from the Lord's witnesses. The history of the early experiences in the message will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions. This instruction has been repeated recently. I

**Masterly Ingenuity of Satan's Deceptions**

desire that my sermons given at camp meetings and in churches may live and do their appointed work.--Letter 99, **1905**. {CW 26.1} {PM 31.2}

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How will honest souls respond to the firm platform of **present truth that is easy to understand**? Whom will God NOT use? How are we **not** answering the prayer of unity for which Christ prayed?

Honest souls will see the straight chain of present truth. They will see its harmonious connections, link after link uniting into a great whole, and will plant their feet upon it. **The present truth is not difficult to be understood**, and the people whom God is leading **will be united upon the broad, firm platform of truth**. He will not use individuals of different faith, opinions, and views, to scatter and divide. Heaven and holy angels are working **to unite, to bring into the unity of the faith, into the one body**. **Satan opposes this, and is determined to scatter, and divide, and bring in different sentiments, that the prayer of Christ may not be answered.** John 17:20, 21. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through **their word**; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." **Jesus designed that the faith of his people should be one. If one goes forth preaching one thing, and another differing with him preaches something else, how can those who believe through their word be one? There must be difference of sentiments.** {T08 29.2}

Different Sentiments

Can't Be Preaching Different Things...



SENTIMENT, n. [from L. sentio, to feel, perceive or think.]

1. Properly a thought prompted by passion or feeling.
2. In a popular sense, Thought; opinion; notion; judgement; the decision of the mind formed by deliberation or reasoning.

Since we are not to be preaching different things especially in connection with the third angel's message, what should we avoid in regard to the PROPHECIES? Do our actions towards these messages of our pioneers bring us into unity with Christ and the Father?

No Presenting New Theories



**There must be no long discussions, no presenting of new theories in regard to prophecies that God has already made plain.** The great work from which the mind should not be diverted is the consideration of our personal standing in the sight of God. Are our feet on the Rock of Ages? Are we hiding ourselves in the only Refuge? The storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? **Are we one with Christ as he is one with the Father? Are we heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ? Are we working in co-partnership with the Saviour?** {RH November 27, 1900, par. 13}

What to Avoid

**How do we disgrace the truth**; the most solemn message ever imparted to mortals?

Commence anew. **Christians professing to believe the most solemn message ever imparted to mortals were seeking a quarrel with each other like little children. You disgrace the truth.** Worldlings are more consistent. There is a lack of principle with some of the professed people of God, a great lack of forbearance and patience with each other, which places them all in almost a hopeless condition. **Instead of trying to be united and not noticing little things unworthy of a moment's thought, they give way to evil propensities.** And because things do not go just exactly to suit your minds, you **find fault, hate and despise** each other. **You tempt the devil to tempt you.** {L12-1861.5}



Quarrel Like Little Children

Instead of working towards unity, we disgrace the truth.

We need to cooperate and work towards answering the prayer of Christ to have the truth accompanied with power. What continual efforts should we make towards this goal?

Press Together

Union = Strength  
Division = Weakness

**If all who have influence felt the necessity of co-operation and would seek to answer the prayer of Christ, that they may be one as He is one with the Father, the cause of present truth would be a power upon this coast.** But the people of God are **asleep**, and do not see the wants of the cause for this time. **They do not feel the importance of concentrated action.**

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Satan is ever seeking to divide the faith and hearts of God's people. **He well knows that union is their strength, and division their weakness.** It is important and essential that all of Christ's followers understand Satan's devices and **with a united front meet his attacks and vanquish him.** They need to **make continual efforts to press together even if it be at some sacrifice to themselves.** {3T 434.4}

Notice the Loud Cry of the third angel's message can only come AFTER there is unity in answer to Christ's prayer.



**Thus will the truth be brought into practical life, and thus will be answered the prayer of Christ,** uttered just before His humiliation and death: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." **John 17:21.** The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world **that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him.** **Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord.** {6T 401.1}

What is the most solemn and important **message of which we should come into unity?**

Christ has said of His people, "Ye are the light of the world." [Matthew 5:14.] **We are the Lord's denominated people, to proclaim the truths of heavenly origin. The most solemn, sacred work ever given to mortals is the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages to our world.** {Lt146-1909.11}

**Most Solemn & Threatening Message:  
The Third Angel's Message**



**The most solemn warning and the most awful threatening ever addressed to mortals is that contained in the third angel's message.** The sin which calls down the **wrath of God unmixed with mercy** must be of the most heinous character. Is the world to be left in darkness as to the nature of this sin? Most assuredly not; God does not deal thus with His creatures. **His wrath is never visited upon the sins of ignorance.** Before His judgments are brought upon the earth, the light in regard to this sin must be presented to the world, that men may know why these judgments are to be inflicted, and may have opportunity to escape them. {Ms51-1899.8} {ST November 1, 1899, par. 7}

According to 1888 Bible Readings, **what solemn message, just before the Lord's coming, will bring unity?**

"What solemn message, just before the Lord's coming, will bring this unity? And **the third angel** followed them, saying with a **loud voice,** If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the **wine of the wrath [Islam] of God** ... Here is patience of the saints: *here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.* **Revelation 14:9-12**" {1888 Bible Readings 503}

How can we protect this most solemn message?

Solemn is the message we have to proclaim. **As a people, we should guard against anything that would hinder the progress of this message.** {Lt18-1910.8}

**Guard against anything that would hinder progress of this message**



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What are we not engage that will hinder the progress of the three angel's messages, the most important truth ever entrusted to mortals to proclaim?

Ministers are not to engage in speculation; for this is dangerous work. Year after year has been passing into eternity. Have the messengers given the solemn warning contained in the third angel's message? The most important truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given to us to proclaim. {Ms59-1912.6}

**Speculation Is Dangerous**

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SPECUATION, n. Mental scheme; theory; views of a subject not verified by fact or practice. 1828 Webster's Dictionary

Since we are counseled not to speculate, then what should our **attitude be towards how these messages are to be understood?**

The third angel is represented as flying in the to go forth throughout the length and breadth given to mortals, and all who propose to first feel their need of an education and the

In all the Lord's arrangements, there is giving to men and women a diversity of vessels, both large and small. The Lord used. He will bless them in doing the the past,—the work of seeking to save have received but a limited religious work for this class to do, if they will {SpTB08 20.1}

**Education & Training Needed for A work in Seeking to Save Souls**



midst of heaven, showing that the message is of the earth. It is the most solemn message ever connect themselves with the work should most thorough training. {GW92 290.2}

nothing more beautiful than His plan of gifts. The church of God is made up of many works through those who are willing to be work that has brought blessing to many in souls ready to perish. There are many who and intellectual training, but God has a labor in humility, trusting in Him.

Once we educate ourselves on the teachings of our past history in relation to these solemn messages, and go forward teaching the same as our pioneers, how will the messages stand out?

**CLEAR & DISTINCT**

"We must let the great principles of the third angel's message stand out clear and distinct. The great pillars of our faith will hold all the weight that can be placed upon them." {GCB January 1, 1900, Art. A, par. 1}

In what work are **Christ and the Father united as we should be?**

...God and Christ are spoken of separately. They are two distinct persons, but one in mind, heart, holiness, justice, purity, in the work of seeking to save the sinful race. {BCL 127.3} {Lt311-1905.29}

**Seeking to Save The Sinful Race**

God wants every worker who claims to believe the present truth to consecrate himself, body, soul, and spirit, to the work of seeking to save the perishing souls around him. {Ms44-1903.12}

To every one God has committed a work. Each one is invited to take Christ's yoke and learn of him. Intensity is needed in the work of seeking to save those who are perishing out of Christ.

Satan is intense in his efforts to deceive souls and gather them under his banner of apostasy and rebellion, and his helpers are without number. {SW June 18, 1907, par. 5}



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As we unite in the three angel's messages to proclaim these message to a perishing world, what curse can come upon us?

Every capability and power that the human agent possesses should be given to the work of seeking to save that which is perishing... "Cursed is he that doeth the work of God negligently." [Jeremiah 48:10.] {Lt271-1907.6}

THE  
CURSE

We need to be proclaiming the SAME message and **be intelligent and not negligent regarding these prophecies!** If we do not fully understand what our pioneers taught regarding these prophecies, then we are being negligent!

We need to come into unity regarding the words of Daniel:

Must Come into Union

Daniel is today standing in his lot, and we are to give him place to speak to the people.

**Our message is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. "At that time shall Michael stand up,** the great prince such as never was since there was a nation which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble,** even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." {AUCR, March 11, 1907 par. 10}



**These words present the work that we are to do in these last days.** We are not one-half awake. We have not the power that is essential to the doing of the work that must be done. **WE MUST COME into life. come INTO UNION...** {AUCR, March 11, 1907 par. 11}

How Discord & Dissension is Produced

How important is harmony and unity?

As we approach **the last crisis, it is of vital moment that harmony and unity exist among the Lord's instrumentalities.** The world is filled with storm and war and variance. Yet under one head—the papal power—the people will unite to oppose God in the person of His witnesses. This union is cemented by the great apostate. While he seeks to unite his agents in warring against the truth he will work to divide and scatter its advocates. **Jealousy, evil surmising, evil speaking,** are instigated by him to **produce discord and dissension.** The members of Christ's church **have the power** to thwart the purpose of the adversary of souls. **At such a time as this let them not be found at variance with one another or with any of the Lord's workers.** Amidst the general discord let there be one place where **harmony and unity** exist because the Bible is made the guide of life. Let the people of God feel that a responsibility rests upon them to build up His instrumentalities. {7T182.2}



**What will be the ambitions of the righteous, the one absorbing question that will answer the prayer of Christ?**

Those who profess to believe the special truths for this time need to be converted and sanctified by the truth. As Christians we are made depositories of sacred truth, and we are not to keep the truth in the outer court, but bring it into the sanctuary of the soul. Then the church will possess divine vitality throughout. The weak shall be as David, and David as the angel of the Lord. **One question will be all absorbing—Who shall approach nearest the likeness of Christ? Who shall do most to win souls to righteousness? When**

**this is the ambition of believers, contention is at an end: the prayer of Christ is answered.** {Lt25b-1892.33}

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## “Trample upon the prayer of Christ” & What about **time setting**?

Let all our brethren and sisters beware of any one who would set a time for the Lord to fulfil his word in regard to his coming, or in regard to any other promise he has made of special

Teachers of  
Falsehood

A Whole  
Storehouse  
of Precious  
Gems

significance. “It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.” False teachers may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expend means to bring their theories before

the world and the church; but as they mingle error with truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into false paths. They are to be met, and opposed, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood, and are endeavoring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth.

What a pity it is that men will go to such pains to discover some theory of error, when there is a whole storehouse of precious gems of truth by which the people might be enriched in the most holy faith. Instead of teaching truth, they let their imagination dwell upon that which is new and strange, and throw themselves out of harmony with those whom God is using to bring the people up upon the platform of truth. They cast aside all that has been said in regard to unity of sentiment

and feeling, and trample upon the prayer of Christ as though the unity for which he prayed was unessential, that there is no necessity for his followers to be one, even as he is one with the Father. They go off on a tangent, and Jehu-like, call to their brethren to follow their example of zeal for the Lord. If their zeal led them to work in the same lines in which their brethren who have carried the heat and burden of the day, are working; if they were as persevering to overcome discouragements and obstacles as their brethren have been, they might well be imitated, and God would accept them. But men are to be condemned who start out with a proclamation of wonderful light, and yet draw away from the agents whom God is leading. This was the way in which Korah, Dathan, and Abiram did, and their action is recorded as a warning to all others. We are not to do as they have done,—accuse and condemn those upon whom God has laid the burden of the work. {RH September 12, 1893, par. 6}

Solidity of  
Faith

Know Faith

Love One  
Another

The Lord wants that every one of us should have sanctified ears, that we should have a sanctified understanding, that Jesus Christ may move upon our minds, that it may affect our hearts and our characters so that we shall be just what He wants us to be. And what is that? Representatives of Jesus Christ in the world. What is that? What it is to be a light amid the moral darkness that prevails? It is to be a light wherever we are. A light—not to have a light and chaffy spirit—that is not the kind, because that is from beneath. But we want solidity of character. More than that, we want to know what faith is. We want to know what it is to love one another. And if we draw nigh to God, individually, then don't you see what the result will be? Can't you see that we will draw nigh to one another? We cannot draw nigh to God and come to the same cross without our hearts being blended together in perfect unity, answering

the prayer of Christ “that they may be one,” as He is one with the Father. [John 17:11.] And therefore we should seek in spirit, in understanding, in faith, that we may be one, that God may be glorified in us as He is glorified in the Son; and that God shall love us as He loves the Son. Do you think God will love us if He sees us here right in the very last close of this earth's history, that we are quibbling and trifling and spreading ourselves apart as far as we can, for fear that we shall have an understanding with some of our brethren? Do you suppose that that honors God? I tell you, Nay. God desires and designs that His children shall be one as Christ is one with the Father. {Ms7-1890.6}



Not Bad  
Men



Hearts Blended  
Together



## The Three Angels

Camp meetings

The third angel's message is to be proclaimed at our camp-meetings, and in a most earnest, decided manner. The trumpet [7<sup>th</sup> trumpet/ 3<sup>rd</sup> woe- Islam] is to give a certain sound. {Ms16-1900.23}

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3<sup>rd</sup> angels message: **WARNING!** What happens if we don't heed the call to come out/ separate?

**Rev 14:9** And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand,** **14:10** The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath [plagues of Islam] of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and **he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone** in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: **14:11** And the **smoke** of their **torment** ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, **who worship the beast and his image,** and **whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**

What **danger are we in – in regard to the third angel's message?**

**The third angel's message is to be given with power.** The power of the proclamation of the first and second messages is to be intensified in the third. In the Revelation John says of the heavenly messenger who unites with the third angel: "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice." Revelation 18:1, 2. **We are in danger of giving the third angel's message in so indefinite a manner that it does not impress the people.** So many other interests are brought in that the very message which should be proclaimed with power becomes tame and voiceless. At our camp meetings a mistake has been made. The Sabbath question has been touched upon, but has not been presented as the great test for this time. While the churches profess to believe in Christ, they are violating the law which Christ Himself proclaimed from Sinai. The Lord bids us: **Show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.** Isaiah 58:1. The trumpet is to give a certain sound. {6T 60.1}

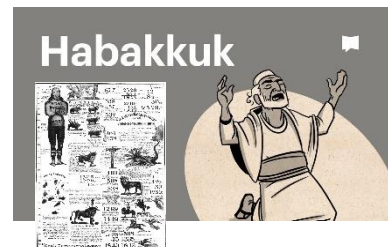
We are to **show the errors taught** – connected to the three angel's messages **that have been entering the church since 1844.**

I saw **another mighty angel** [4<sup>th</sup> angel- Rev 18:1-2] commissioned to descend to earth, and **unite his voice with the third angel**, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, **the earth was lightened with his glory.** The light which went before and followed after this angel, penetrated every where, as **he cried mightily, with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** **The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel [of Rev 14 :8], is again given, with the addition of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844.** The work of this angel comes in at the right time, and **joins in the last great work of the third angel's message,** as it swells into a **loud cry.** {1SG 193.2}



Regarding the prophecy of Habakkuk that was published the day before Sister White passed away on July 16, 1915:

**Habakkuk** **Let us ever hold in remembrance the cheering message, "The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it: because it will surely come, it will not tarry.... The just shall live by his faith."** Habakkuk 2:3, 4. {RH July 15, 1915, par. 3}



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Interesting to note that in the 1884 Great Controversy, in the Chapter entitled, “**Snares of Satan**”, Sister White exposes our adversary’s plot of deceptions to keep mankind in darkness. And one way he does this is through rejecting the truths on **Habakkuk’s tables** (1843 & 1850 charts)! She quotes **Habakkuk 2:2, 3!**:



Says the great deceiver: “**I will have upon the ground, as my agents, men holding false doctrines mingled with just enough truth to deceive souls.** I will also have unbelieving ones present, who **will express doubts in regard to the Lord’s messages of warning to his church.** Should the people read and believe these admonitions, we could have little hope of overcoming them. But if we can divert their attention from these warnings, they will remain ignorant of our power and cunning, and we shall secure them in our ranks at last. God will not permit his words to be slighted with impunity. If we can keep souls deceived for a time, God’s mercy will be withdrawn, and he will give them up to our full control. {4SP 340.2}

In order to sustain erroneous doctrines or unchristian practices, they seize upon passages of Scripture separated from the context, perhaps quoting half of a single verse as proving their point, when the remaining portion would show the meaning to be quite the opposite. **With the cunning of the serpent**, they entrench themselves behind disconnected utterances construed to suit their carnal desires. Thus do many willfully pervert the word of God. Others, who have an active imagination, **seize upon the figures and symbols of Holy Writ, interpret to suit their fancy, with little regard to the testimony of Scripture as its own interpreter**, and then they present their vagaries as the teachings of God’s word. {4SP 343.3} **Sister White, next, connects the visions of Daniel, John and Habakkuk:**

**The Bible** was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker. God gave to men the **sure word of prophecy**; angels and even **Christ himself came to make known to Daniel and John the things that must shortly come to pass. Those important matters that concern our salvation were not left involved in mystery.** They were not revealed in such a way as to perplex and mislead the honest seeker after truth. Said the Lord by the prophet Habakkuk, “**Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.**” **[Habakkuk 2:2, 3.]** The word of God is plain to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth. “Light is sown for the righteous.” [Psalm 97:11.] No church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure. {4SP 344.2} 1884 GC



How much **zeal** should we have **for the truth**?

Those **temptations are most dangerous which come from the professed servants of God, and from our friends.** When persons who are uniting with the world, yet claiming great piety and love, **counsel the faithful workers for God to be less zealous and more conservative**, our answer must be an appeal to the word of God. **When they plead for union with those who have been our determined opposers, we should fear and shun them as decidedly as did Nehemiah.** **Those who would lead away from the old landmarks to form a connection with the ungodly, cannot be sent of Heaven.** Whatever may have been their former position, their present course tends to unsettle the faith of God’s people. {ST January 3, 1884, par. 14}



**After the Great Disappointment there were few who set themselves to seek the Word with all their heart. But some souls would not settle down in discouragement and deny that the Lord had led them.** To these the truth was opened point by point, and entwined with their most hallowed recollections and sympathies. . . . Truth was made to shine forth, beautiful in its simplicity, **dignified with a power and invested with an assurance unknown before the Disappointment.** We could then proclaim the message in unity. (Manuscript Release No. 1237)

What standard will bring us into unity?

The professedly Christian world many turn away from the plain teachings of the Bible and build up a creed from human speculations and pleasing fables, and they point to their tower as a way to climb up to heaven. Men hang with admiration upon the lips of

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eloquence while it teaches that the transgressor shall not die, that salvation may be secured without obedience to the law of God. **If the professed followers of Christ would accept God's standard, it would bring them into unity; but so long as human wisdom is exalted above His Holy Word, there will be divisions and dissension.** The existing confusion of conflicting creeds and sects is fitly represented by the term "Babylon," which prophecy (Revelation 14:8; 18:2) applies to the world-loving churches of the last days. {PP 124.1}



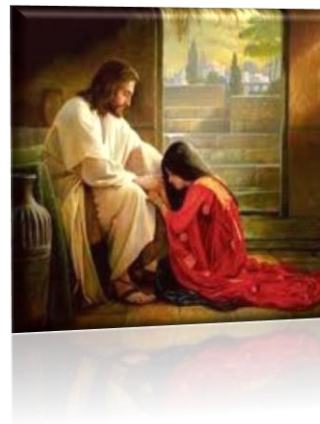
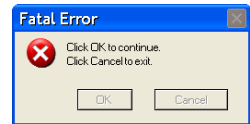
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I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, being **separate from those who are daily imbibing new errors.** I saw that **neither young nor old should attend their meetings;** for it is **wrong to thus**



**encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison to the soul** and teach for doctrines the **commandments of men.** The influence of such gatherings is not good. If God has delivered us from such darkness and error, we should stand fast in the liberty wherewith He has set us free and rejoice in the truth. **God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error, without being obliged to go;**

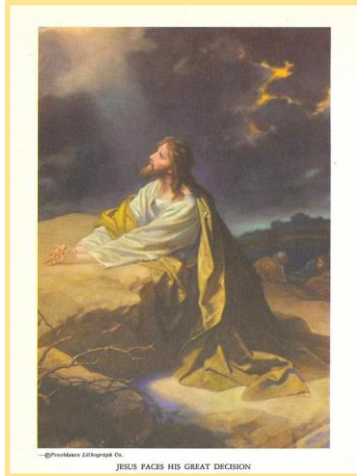
**for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is forced home to the people by the power of the will, He will not keep us. The angels cease their watchful care over us, and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy, to be darkened and weakened by him and the power of his evil angels; and the light around us becomes contaminated with the darkness.** {EW 124.3}



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# The Prayer of Christ

*I and [my] Father are one. John 10:30*



*Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; **that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee**, that they also may be **one** in Us: that the world may believe that **Thou** hast sent Me.”*

*John 17:20, 21. {MH 421.8}*

*The FATHERHOOD of God is given to us in the gift of Jesus Christ; and as God was **one** with His only begotten Son, so He would have His earthly children **one** with him.*  
*{RH Sept 30, 1909}*

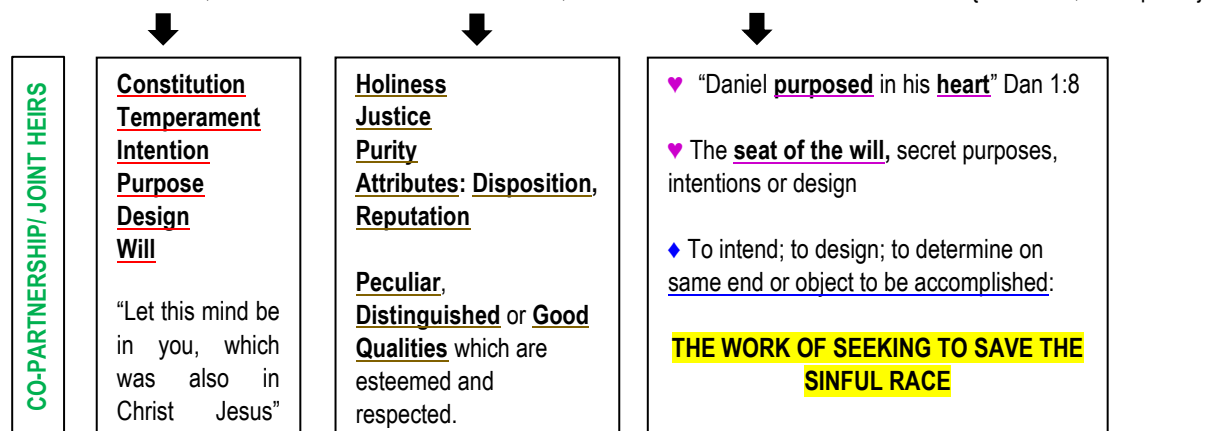
The personality of the Father and the Son, also the unity that exists between Them, are **presented in the seventeenth chapter of John, in the prayer of Christ for His disciples**: {MH 421.7}

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be **one**; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be **one** in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.” John 17:20, 21. {MH 421.8}

The **unity** that exists between Christ and His disciples does not destroy the personality of either. They are **one in purpose, in mind, in character**, but **not in person**. It is thus that God and Christ are one. {MH 422.1} {8T 269.4}

In this scripture (*John 17:20, 21*) God and Christ are spoken of separately. They are two distinct persons, but **one in mind, one in heart, one in holiness and justice, and purity**, and **one in the work of seeking to save the sinful race**. {BCL 127.3} {NL 124}

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ONE	IN MIND,	IN CHARACTER,	IN ♦PURPOSE	{MH 422.1} {8T 269}
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Christ the Word, the Only Begotten of God, was **one** with the eternal Father,— **one in nature, in character,** and **in purpose**,—the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and **purposes** of God. {GC 493.1}

From eternity there was a **complete unity** between the Father and the Son. They were two, yet little short of being identical; **two in individuality**, yet **one in spirit, and heart, and character**. {YI December 16, 1897, par. 5}

The Jews had never before heard such words from human lips, and a convicting influence attended them; for it seemed that divinity flashed through humanity as Jesus said, "**I and my Father are one.**" The words of Christ were full of deep meaning as he put forth the claim that he and the Father were of one substance, possessing the same attributes. {ST November 27, 1893, par. 5}

Let them be thankful to God for His manifold mercies and be kind to one another. They have **one** God and **one** Saviour; and **one** Spirit--the Spirit of Christ--is to bring **unity** into their ranks. {E.G. White, Testimonies Volume 9, p. 189} 1909

## QUESTIONS AND THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER--

There must be no long discussions, **no presenting of new theories in regard to prophecies that God has already made plain.** The great work from which the mind should not be diverted is the consideration of our personal standing in the sight of God. Are our feet on the **Rock of Ages**? Are we hiding ourselves in the only **Refuge**? The storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? **Are we one with Christ as he is one with the Father? Are we heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ? Are we working in co-partnership with the Saviour?** {RH November 27, 1900, par. 13}

**Men are taking sides, according to their choice.** Those that are feeding on the word of God will show this by their practise; they are on the Lord's side, seeking by precept and example to reform the world. All that have refused to be taught of God, hold the **traditions of men**. They at last pass over on the side of the enemy, against God, and are written, "**antichrist.**" The people of God, who understand our position in this world's history, are, with ears open and hearts softened and subdued, **pressing together in unity—one with Jesus Christ.** Those who will not practise the lessons of Christ, but keep themselves in hand to mold themselves, find in antichrist the center of their union. While the two parties stand in collision, the Lord will appear, and shine before his ancients gloriously. He will set up a kingdom that shall stand forever. {SpTA09 55.2}

**Are we willing to put forth such efforts to save our fellow-men as Christ made for our salvation?** Will we manifest such regard for the reputation and interest of our brethren as Jesus has taught us by his care for us? **We are one in Christ.** In his sight, the bond that unites believers is more sacred and enduring than any other tie. Christ is the Vine; we are branches, and only branches. This view of our relationship to him and to one another **should lead us to labor earnestly for the salvation of our brethren.** **We must be faithful to do our appointed work, to reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine. This must be done in the spirit of meekness, while abiding in Christ.** Here is our power over hearts. When Christ reigns in the hearts, selfishness will die out, and disinterested benevolence take its place. Coldness and indifference will then be considered as fatal as for a sentinel to sleep at his post, thus exposing the whole army to defeat and death. **We must ever be on our guard.** Our enemy is vigilant; he is ever watching for opportunities to come in with his snares. {RH March 4, 1884, par. 8}

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