

Who is the Holy Ghost?

In coming to understand the working of the Spirit it is glorious to receive greater understanding as to who we really are. We are the body of Christ. We have understanding that the body, which is the church, and the head are one. Therefore, we can rightly and truthfully speak of ourselves as Christ. How did we come to be Christ? Maybe we should ask the question, "Who is Christ?" Christ is the son of God, the very Spirit of God, by which God the Father chose to bring forth and to relate to all the rest of his creation. (John 1:1-3; Ephesians 3:9). The book of Colossians shows Christ to be THE creation of God: "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him..." (Colossians 1:15-16). The book of Hebrews shows the Father speaking to the son (Christ), saying, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee..." (Hebrews 1:5). Understand that the Father is the Creator (begetter) of the Son. By way of the Son, the Father is the Creator and architect of all creation. The way in which the creative works of God are detailed in scripture, it could cause a person to ask the question, "Who is doing this work – the Father or the Son?" The answer is that the Father, by way of his Son is performing all His works.

There came a time when God sent the Son to bring His creation, which had rebelled against God's commandment, back into right standing with God. The Son agreed to come to earth and to live (tabernacle) in an earthly body in order to be a legal resident in the earth and a legal relative of man. In doing this Christ, who is "...the brightness of [God's] glory, and the express [or exact] image of [God's] person, and upholding all things by the word of his power..." (Hebrews 1:3), had to lay aside that glory for a time to perform his redemptive work in the earth. Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Mary, was the body prepared by the Father in heaven, or the vessel for Christ the Son of God. (Hebrews 10:5-7). And so Jesus was Christ by way of Christ coming to dwell in his human spirit. Jesus submitted to the Father and allowed the Father to bring him to the fullness of that Christ spirit which was within him even from his mother's womb. As Christ ministered in the earth by way of Jesus, he (Jesus Christ) was always pointing men to his Father in heaven; he was always showing how he was doing the will of his Father; he was always showing how he came not to do his own will, but the will of Him that sent him. When Christ made reference to his Father, he was not talking about Joseph, the husband of Mary. When men lack understanding between the difference between Jesus and Christ, they could suppose that Joseph is the Father of Christ. Joseph was, however, a father to Jesus, as was right for him to be.

Christ does as he sees his heavenly Father do. The end result of his ministry in the earth was to bring forth children of his Father in his own image, even as the Father had begotten him (Christ) in His own image. His death, burial, and resurrection together were the key to multiplying the seed of Christ in the earth. Nearing the end of his earthly ministry by way of Jesus (keep in mind that Christ's coming is a continual coming), Jesus Christ broke bread at supper with his disciples and gave a portion to each, telling them to "take and eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: do this in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24). The Lord has revealed that this action of Jesus Christ signified the dividing up of the spirit of Christ or the Holy Ghost to each and every believer in whatever measure the Lord has ordained for each member. We who have received the Holy Ghost (the Spirit of Christ), are collectively the body of Christ, and we function as the Holy Ghost, operating in the overcoming power of Christ, to overcome the world, the flesh, the devil, and death. All things have been put under Christ's feet, yet our job as the body of Christ, or the Holy Ghost, is to actually bring this to manifestation. (Hebrews 2:8).

In the New Day, God has given us the revelation stated above that the body of Christ is the Holy Ghost (the Comforter, Guide into all truth). Paul, in speaking of Christ, said that God has "...put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all". (Ephesians 1:22-23). The church then, is God's representative in the earth, having been given the ministry of reconciliation, making peace between God and men by way of his Christ "...to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 3:9). So we conclude that just as God is Father, Son, and Holy Ghost this can be now restated as God is Father, Son, **and Church** – the body of Christ. Man is also comprised of three parts which are spirit, soul, and body, having been created in the image of God. (Romans 1:20). This unity is key to the work of God. The Ellison Model (Christ Model) bears witness in this day and time, even as the early church did in her day. We conclude with some of the words that Christ prayed to the Father by way of Jesus: "As thou has sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world" (John 17:18); "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they all may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me". (John 17: 21-23). Amen.

Thus speaks the Christ of God unto his body.