

Bullet points about God, His Son, and His Spirit

God the Father

- ***Not metaphorical***, else we have a metaphorical relationship exemplified, which would lead to a metaphorical relationship with His Son for us as well, leading to a metaphorical salvation from sin, right? Where would it end? ***No*** Bible text explains a metaphor in that title of Father, or Son.
- One God, which is the head of Christ
 - **1 Corinthians 11:3** “I would have you know, that... the **head of Christ is God.**”
- Greater (translated “elder” in Romans 9:12) than Christ
 - **John 10:29** “My **Father**, which gave them me, is **greater than all...**”
 - **John 14:28** “My Father is **greater than I.**”
- Called the “most high” God
 - **Genesis 14:18** “Melchizedek [*representing the Son of God, the high priest*] king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the **priest of the most high God.**”
 - **Mark 5:7** demons “cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, **Jesus**, thou **Son of the most high God?**”
- Jesus Christ called him the “**Only true God**” in **John 17:3**.
- Paul called him “**one God, the Father**” in **1 Corinthians 8:6**.
- Creator of all things through His Son
 - **Malachi 2:10** “Have we not all **one father?** hath not **one God created us?**”
 - **Ephesians 3:9** “...**God**, who **created** all things **by Jesus Christ.**”
 - **Hebrews 1:2** God “Hath in these last days spoken unto us by **his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom** also **he made the worlds.**”
- Had an only begotten Son to send:
 - **John 3:16** “**God so loved** the world, that **he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
- Sent His Son, and the Spirit of His Son:
 - **Galatians 4:4** “When the fulness of the time was come, **God sent forth his Son**, made of a woman, made under the law.”
 - **Galatians 4:6** “Because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.”
- To deny (contradict, i.e. disavow, reject—from Strong’s Concordance) the Father and Son is the spirit of antichrist
 - **1 John 2:22** “Who is a **liar** but he that **denieth** that **Jesus is the Christ?** He is **antichrist**, that **denieth the Father and the Son.**”

The Son of God

- Wisdom, the Son of God, was brought forth from the Father before anything was created:
 - **Proverbs 8:22-25** “The **LORD possessed me** in the beginning of his way, **before his works** of old. **8:23** I was **set up** from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. **8:24** When there were no depths, **I was brought forth**; when there were no fountains abounding with water. **8:25** Before the mountains were settled, before the hills **was I brought forth.**” (*see Patriarchs and Prophets 34.1*)
- Called wisdom by Paul (power, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption are not metaphorical, why should wisdom be?)
 - **1 Corinthians 1:24** “...**Christ** the power of God, and **the wisdom of God.**”
 - **1 Corinthians 1:30** “...**Christ Jesus**, who **of God** is made unto us **wisdom**, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.”
- The express image of His Father’s person
 - **Hebrews 1:3** “Who being the brightness of his glory, and **the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”
- Seated on the throne of His Father
 - **Revelation 3:21** “...I also overcame, and **am set down with my Father in his throne.**”
 - **Revelation 22:1, 3** “...the **throne of God** and of the **Lamb.**”
- Worked all the miracles by the power of His Father, which the Israelites knew:
 - **Acts 2:22** “Ye men of **Israel**, **hear** these words; **Jesus of Nazareth**, a man **approved of God** among you **by miracles** and **wonders** and **signs**, which **God did by him** in the midst of you, as **ye yourselves also know.**”
- Was raised from the grave by His Father:
 - **Acts 2:24** “Whom **God hath raised up...**”
 - **Acts 3:15** They “**killed the Prince** of life, whom **God hath raised from the dead**; whereof we are witnesses.”
 - **Acts 3:26** “**God, having raised up his Son Jesus.**” Etc...
- Has a God, His Father
 - **Matthew 27:46** “**My God, my God**, why hast thou forsaken me?” (“Simon, Simon,” “Mary, Mary,” “Jerusalem, Jerusalem”—each of these refer to one person or thing, not more.)
 - **John 20:17** “...I ascend unto **my Father**, and your Father; and to **my God**, and your God.”
 - **Revelation 3:12** “...the temple of **my God**, ...the name of **my God**, ...the city of **my God**, ...out of heaven from **my God.**”
- Had glory with the Father before the world was:
 - **John 17:5** “O Father, glorify thou me **with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**”
- Had the glory as of the only begotten:
 - **John 1:14** “The **Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and **we beheld his glory**, the **glory as of the only begotten** of the Father,)”

The Spirit of God

Summary: before God was a Father He had a holy spirit (mind, character, life). When His Son was brought forth, by default He too had a holy spirit. When the angels were created through the Son, they also were holy. There then came up in the mind of Lucifer a different way of thinking, a different spirit—one which was unwilling to serve the Father in His kingdom. After Satan was cast out of heaven we are told, “There are two spirits in the world, the **Spirit of Christ** and the **spirit of antichrist**.” RH June 10, 1890, par. 2

- **1 John 4:4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you**, than **he that is in the world**.

Why the Spirit of Christ?

- **James 1:13** "God cannot be tempted with evil," so His begotten Son, in "the counsel of peace... between them **both**" (**Zechariah 6:13**) chose to become a man. (Inspiration does not say it was the counsel between three.) When Christ became a man, He became the "one mediator between God and men, the man **Christ Jesus**" (**1 Timothy 2:5**).
- It's Christ in you:
 - **Galatians 2:20** "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the **Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me."
 - **Galatians 4:6** "Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the **Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."
 - **Ephesians 3:17** "That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith...**"
 - **Colossians 1:27** "To whom **God would make known** what is the **riches of the glory** of this mystery among the **Gentiles**; which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory."
 - **Revelation 3:20** "Behold, **I stand** at the door, and knock: if any man hear **my voice**, and open the door, **I will come in** to him, and will sup with him, and **he with me**."
- **Christ does not leave Heaven each time we pray**, but "sends" His spirit into the world through the instrumentality of His angelic ministry. **Jacob dreamed** about God the Father standing on top of (higher than) the ladder (which Christ said represented Himself [in that it reaches from Heaven to earth as both divine and human], in **John 1:51**). The angels (Hebrew and Greek for "messengers") ascended and descended upon that ladder, bringing the mind, thoughts, feelings, instructions, plans, purposes, providences of God to the sleeping prophet.
 - **Genesis 28:12-13** Jacob "dreamed, and behold a **ladder set up on the earth**, and the top of it **reached to heaven**: and behold the **angels of God ascending and descending** on it. **28:13** And, behold, the **LORD stood above it**, and said, I am the **LORD God of Abraham** thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed." (The "God of Abraham" has a Son in **Acts 3:13**.)
- The **spirit** of God and His **mind** are **synonymous** in His word. Paul quoted Isaiah and interchanged spirit with mind:
 - **Isaiah 40:13** "Who hath directed the **Spirit of the LORD**, or being his **counsellor** hath taught him?"

- **Romans 11:34** “For who hath known the **mind of the Lord**? or who hath been his **counsellor**?”
- Jesus said His “**words are spirit and life.**”
 - John 6:63 “It is the spirit that quickeneth [gives life]; the flesh profiteth nothing: the **words** that I speak unto you, they **are spirit**, and they **are life.**”
- The Spirit hovering over the waters in creation (**Genesis 1:2**) was God’s word, otherwise we may end up with God the Holy Spirit, which the Bible never describes:
 - **Psalms 33:6** “By the **word** of the LORD were the **heavens made**; and **all the host** of them by the **breath** of his mouth.”
 - **Psalms 33:9** “For he **spake**, and it was done; he **commanded**, and it stood fast.”
 - **Psalms 29:3** The **voice** of the LORD is **upon the waters**: the God of glory thundereth: the **LORD is upon many waters.**
- The idea of God’s word being spirit helps make sense of the baptism:
 - **Matthew 3:16-17** “**Jesus**, when he was **baptized**, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the **heavens were opened** unto him, and **he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove**, and lighting upon him: **3:17** And lo a **voice** from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.”
 - Romans 1:21-23 “When they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became **vain in their imaginations**, and their foolish **heart was darkened. 1:22** Professing themselves to be **wise**, they became **fools. 1:23** And **changed the glory of the uncorruptible God** into an image made like to corruptible man, and **to birds**, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.”
- When Jesus Christ on earth was at His most difficult times, in the wilderness of temptation and in the garden of Gethsemane, God sent angels. He would do the same for us today:
 - **Matthew 4:11** “The devil leaveth him, and, behold, **angels came and ministered** unto him.”
 - **Luke 22:43** “There **appeared an angel** unto him from heaven, **strengthening** him.”
- **Philippians 2:5** “Let this **mind** be in you, which was **also in Christ Jesus.**”