

Who Is Omnipresent?

- “The whole room seemed to be filled with the atmosphere of heaven. A holy, sacred presence seemed to be in my room. I laid down my pen and **was in a waiting attitude to see what the Spirit would say unto me.** I saw no person. I heard no audible voice, but a heavenly Watcher seemed close beside me. **I felt that I was in the presence of Jesus.** The sweet peace and light which seemed to be in my room it is impossible for me to explain or describe. A sacred, holy atmosphere surrounded me, and there was presented to my mind and understanding matters of intense interest and importance. A line of action was laid out before me **as if the unseen presence were speaking with me.**” Ellen White: Manuscript Releases, Vol. 11, p. 326, par. 3, 4
- “I arose early Thursday morning, about two o’clock, and was writing busily upon the True Vine, when I felt a presence in my room, as I have many times before, and I lost all recollection of what I was about. I seemed to be in the presence of Jesus; He was communicating to me that in which I was to be instructed. Everything was so plain that I could not misunderstand. I was to help one whom I thought I should never be called upon to be troubled with again. I could not understand what it meant; but at once decided not to try to reason about this, but follow the directions. Not an audible word was spoken to my ear, but to my mind. I said, Lord, I will do as Thou hast commanded. —Letter 36, 1896, p. 2. (To Elder S. N. Haskell, April 26, 1896.)” Ellen White: Manuscript Releases, Vol. 5, p. 147.1

Remark: Jesus was personally present as the Holy Spirit, i.e. in His spiritual form.

- “While He extends to all the world His invitation to come to Him and be saved, He commissions His angels to render divine help to every soul that cometh to Him in repentance and contrition, and **He comes personally by His Holy Spirit into the midst of His church.**” Ellen White: Letter 2d, December, 23 1892
- “**Christ walks unseen** through our streets. With messages of mercy He comes to our homes. With all who are seeking to minister in His name, He waits to co-operate. **He is in the midst of us,** to heal and to bless, if we will receive Him.” Ellen White: Ministry of Healing, p 107.2
- “Cumbered with humanity, **Christ** could not be in every place personally; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His Father, and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. **The Holy Spirit is Himself, divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof.** He would represent *Himself as present in all places* by **His** Holy Spirit, as the *Omnipresent.*” Ellen White: Letter 119, 1895, par. 18

Only Jesus had the personality and nature of humanity from which He could be divested, not the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the One who is omnipresent through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit couldn’t be the One who was omnipresent through the Holy Spirit, for then there would be two Holy Spirits. The word “divested” means “stripped of,” or “deprived of,” and connotes the idea that what was formerly possessed is no longer.

Some will claim that “divested” means that the Holy Spirit does not possess a human nature, and that the above quote is not talking about Jesus. The Holy Spirit does not have a human nature from which it could be divested! Only Jesus can be described by the word “humanity”, because He came in human form to die for us, and He returned in that same form to heaven in the heavenly sanctuary.

There are quotes by Ellen White in chapter 2 which fully substantiate the claims in the above quote!

The sentence, "The Holy Spirit is Himself, divested of the personality of humanity..." recently (about a few years ago) was officially released completely in its original form. The comma was missing after the word "Himself", in order to clearly emphasize the identity of the Holy Spirit.

The enemy of souls is making his greatest efforts to reduce and stultify the prophetic word. God allows deceptions to happen, for reasons unclear to us, but He also gives light to those sincerely searching for truth.

- "The greatness of God is to us incomprehensible. "The Lord's throne is in heaven" (Psalm 11:4); yet by **His Spirit He is everywhere present**. He has an intimate knowledge of, and a personal interest in, all the works of His hand." Ellen White: Education, p. 132.2 1903
- "Yes; **in giving the Holy Spirit, it was impossible for God to give more**. To this gift nothing could be added. By it all needs are supplied. **The Holy Spirit is the vital presence of God**, and if appreciated will call forth praise and thanksgiving, and will ever be springing up unto everlasting life. The restoration of the Spirit is the covenant of grace." Ellen White: Signs of the Times, August 7, **1901**, par. 4
- While Jesus ministers in the sanctuary above, He is still by His Spirit the minister of the church on earth. He is withdrawn from the eye of sense, but His parting promise is fulfilled, "Lo, I am with you always, even **unto** the end of the world." Matthew 28:20. While He delegates His power to inferior ministers, **His energizing presence is still** with His church. Ellen White: Desire of Ages, p. 166.2
- "The Lord encourages all who seek Him with the whole heart. He gives them His Holy Spirit, the **manifestation of His presence and favor**." Ellen White: Testimonies for the church, Vol. 9, p. 230.3

And the verse below shows us that truth, for it does not say "God the Holy Spirit" but rather "the Spirit **of God**," which is His presence. God as the ruler of the universe is everywhere present, even before the creation of life on the earth:

- "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters." Genesis 1:2
- "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, **there am I in the midst** of them." Matthew 18:20

Who is in the midst of us after Jesus' ascension to heaven? The Holy Spirit. Who is, according to Jesus, in the midst of them, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter? According to the verse above, it's Jesus! What does the Holy Spirit do? It speaks to our minds. Who is He? According to the Prophet of God, it's Jesus Himself!

The Lord is in His earthly temple personally present by His Spirit, while in heaven He is sitting on His throne at the same time. Ellen White explains very clearly, that the Comforter sent from Jesus is the omnipresence of God, in our hearts, when we accept Him.