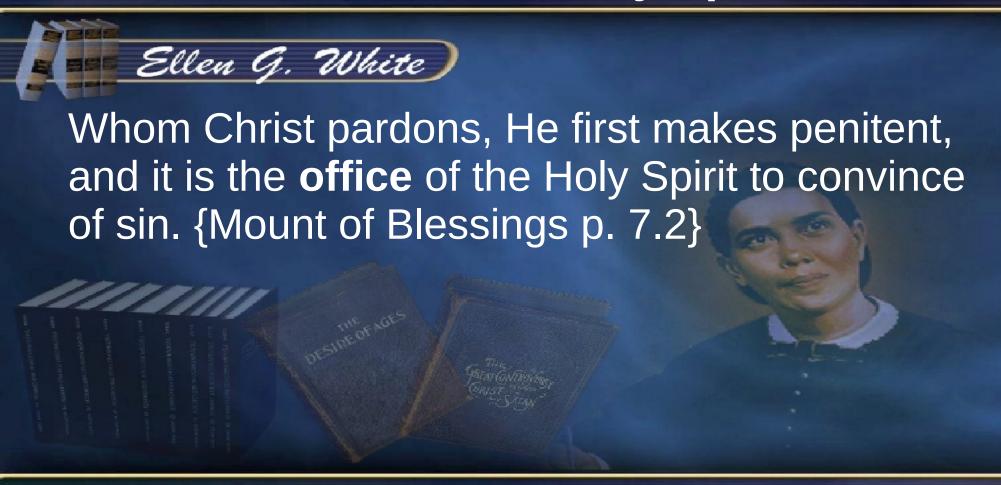
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# The Office of the Holy Spirit



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The incarnation of Christ His divinity, His atonement, His wonderful life in heaven as our Advocate, the **office of the Holy Spirit**, all these living, vital themes of Christianity are revealed from Genesis to Revelation. . . {Spalding and Magan p. 12.1}

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The **office** of the Holy Spirit is distinctly specified in the words of Christ: "When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." John 16:8 {AA 52.2}

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It is the **office** of the Holy spirit to bring to mind in clear, distinct lines the words and works of Christ, that those who teach concerning the Redeemer of the world, may have power to lift up Christ before the minds of their classes. {CSW 160.1}

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It is the **office** of the Holy Spirit to reveal to the mind the character of the consecration that God will accept. Through the **agency** of the Holy Spirit, the soul is enlightened, and the character is renewed, sanctified, and uplifted. {1SM 134.1}

#### Noah Webster 1828 - Dictionary



• 1. A particular duty, charge or trust conferred by public authority and for a public purpose; an employment undertaken by commission or authority from government or those who administer it. Thus we speak of the office of secretary of state, of treasurer, of a judge, of a sheriff, of a justice of the peace, etc. Offices are civil, judicial, ministerial, executive, legislative, political, municipal, diplomatic, military, ecclesiastical, etc.

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- 2. A duty, charge or trust of a sacred nature, conferred by God himself; as the office of priest, in the Old Testament; and that of the apostles, in the New Testament.
- 5. Business; particular employment.
  - Hesperus, whose office is to bring twilight upon the earth.

### One of Paul's offices was Apostle to Gentiles

Insomuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify my **office**. Romans 11:13.

#### **Collins - Dictionary**



- 7. a position of trust, responsibility, or duty, esp in a government or organization
  - the office of president
- 8. duty or function
  - the office of an administrator

#### Webster's New World College Dictionary, 4th Edition.



- 1. something performed or intended to be performed for another; (specified kind of) service
- done through someone's good (or ill) offices
- 2. a function or duty assigned to someone, esp. as an essential part of his or her work or position
- 3. a position of authority or trust, esp. in a government, business, institution, etc.
- the office of president

#### Webster's New World College Dictionary, 4th Edition.



- 4. a. any of the branches of the U.S. Government ranking next below the departments
- b. a governmental department
  - the Foreign Office
- 7. a religious service or set of prayers; esp., Divine Office

### Saul turned into "another man"

**1Sam 10:6** And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

Note: Saul held the offices of King and prophet

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 In describing to His disciples the office work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. . . . Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, . . . Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church. {DA 671.2}

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- 6. Character of Office.
  - "How different is the same man from himself, as he sustains the Person of a magistrate and that of a friend."

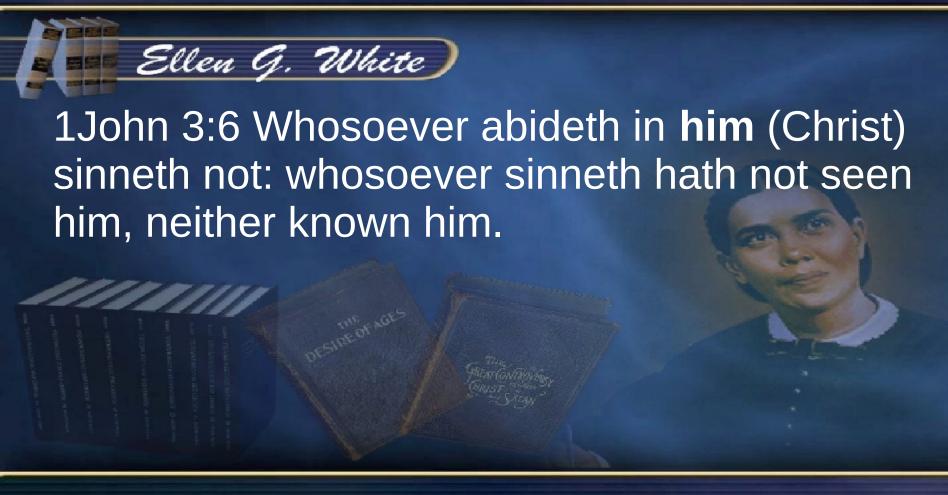
## Third person is the indwelling Christ

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The <u>only</u> defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness. ... {DA 324.2}

### Abiding in Christ keeps us from Sinning



### Christ is the minister of the church on earth



While **Christ** is the minister in the sanctuary above, **he** is also, through his delegates, the **minister of his church** on earth. {GW92 11.1}

## Christ by His Spirit Minister of Church

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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 alway, 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. {DA 166.2}

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By night the **angel** of the Lord opened the prison doors and **said** to the disciples, "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." {AA 80.1}

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The command given by the Holy Spirit, "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life," was obeyed by the apostles; "they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. {TM 71.1}

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The heavenly angels are waiting to unite with the human agent, that many souls may hear and be impressed by the Holy Spirit, and be converted. RH, May 16, 1893 par. 11

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Christ, our Mediator, is the one who gives the Holy Spirit... A measure of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. Through the ministry of the angels, the Holy Spirit is enabled to work upon the mind and heart of the human agent... Through the agency of the Holy Spirit, man becomes the agent through which souls are brought into the kingdom of heaven. {YI, July 5, 1894 par. 5, 6}

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The church of Christ, every individual disciple of the Master, is heaven's appointed channel for the revelation of God to men. Angels of glory wait to communicate through you heaven's light and power to souls that are ready to perish. Shall the human agent fail of accomplishing his appointed work? Oh, then to that degree is the world robbed of the promised influence of the Holy Spirit! MB 40.2

# The Angels are not the Spirit

Wherever God's children are, there is the Spirit - not an individual person as we look upon persons, but having the power to make present the Father and the Son. That Spirit is placed upon God's messengers, the angels; but the angels are not the Spirit. That Spirit is placed upon God's servants, His human messengers, but the human messengers are not the Spirit. They are possessed by the Spirit, and used by the Spirit, and have within them the power of the Spirit; but they are not the Spirit. The Spirit is independent of all these human or material agencies. Why not leave it there? Why not know that the Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Deity, goes out into all the earth, bringing the presence of God to every heart that will receive it? M. C. Wilcox, Questions and Answers Vol. 11, 1919