

When you are riding on the cars, visiting, conversing with your neighbors—wherever you are, let your light shine forth. Hand out the papers and tracts to those with whom you associate, and speak a word in season, praying that the Holy Ghost will make the seed productive in some hearts. This work will be blessed of God [I keep some literature in my car, and I recommend you do the same. I recently was able to get the lady who cuts my hair to read two publications and a lady at a furniture store to read a truth-filled book. Both told me their husbands are also reading what I gave them. And last week a man came to my door to sell me some special “green” cleaning solution, which I do not need but bought anyway upon his agreement to read a booklet I offered. For a mere \$20 I was able to buy that guy’s attention to read that publication. What a deal! And the green stuff isn’t too bad.]” (*The Publishing Ministry*, p. 57).

“The [publishing] machinery may be run by men who are skillful in its management; but how easy it would be to leave one little screw, one little part of the machinery, out of order, and how disastrous might be the result! Who has prevented casualties? The angels of God have supervision of the work. If the eyes of those who run the machinery could be opened, they would discern the heavenly guardianship. [Just recently we had a part going bad on our web press and the technician who would replace the part would not come for a period of a few months, but we had deadlines to meet to keep the literature going out steadily. So we kept on running the press and watched the bad part keep working. And guess what: the day before the technician arrived, the part ceased to operate. The timing was very impressive, thanks to angelic intervention we are inclined to believe, and you would be too if you could have seen that bad part.] In every room in the publishing house where work is done, there is a witness taking note of the spirit in which it is performed, and marking the fidelity and unselfishness revealed” (*The Publishing Ministry*, p. 60).

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## BOOK OF THE BOOKS

3ABN SCHEDULE

MONDAY—10:00 AM (PST)

TUESDAY—12:30 PM (PST)

WEDNESDAY—12:00 AM (PST)

FRIDAY—11:00 AM (PST)

SATURDAY—6:00 PM (PST)

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## Events Schedule

- **June 6-8**  
Leoni Meadows Retreat, CA  
Ty Gibson—☎(530)626-3610
- **June 13-15**  
Better Life Broadcasting Network Camp Meeting  
Milo Academy, OR  
James Rafferty—☎(541)474-3089
- **June 16-21**  
Pennsylvania Conference Camp Meeting  
Blue Mountain Academy, Hamburg, PA  
Ty Gibson—☎(610)374-8331
- **June 21**  
Fall Creek SDA Church, OR  
James Rafferty—☎(541)937-2257
- **June 23-27**  
Washington Conference Camp Meeting  
Auburn Academy  
James Rafferty—☎(253)681-6008 x4225
- **June 26-29**  
Lassen Creek Camp Meeting, OR  
Ty Gibson—☎(541)261-9787
- **July 8-12**  
Light Bearers' Annual Convocation  
☎(541)988-3333
- **August 30**  
Fall Creek SDA Church, OR  
James Rafferty—☎(541)937-2257
- **September 8-13**  
Papatoetoe SDA Community Church  
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Our purpose is to help proclaim the gospel  
of our Lord Jesus Christ through the spoken and published word.*

# MISSION UPDATE

*The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry*



## The Person of the Holy Spirit

By James Rafferty

Comfort, conviction, understanding, and power—these are only a few of the promised blessings we receive through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead. The term “person” as applied to the Spirit infers such a distinction in the Godhead as demonstrates a separate mode of existence to which belong personal attributes; and yet, this distinct intelligent Agent coalesces in union with the Father and the Son, the one God. Because of His union with the Godhead, we ascribe to Him divinity; and because of His personal properties and acts, we ascribe to Him personality.

The Bible offers us a clear and generous insight into the person and work of the Holy Spirit. “It is the Spirit Himself” that bears “witness with our spirit that we are the children of God” (Romans 8:16, RSV). The Holy Spirit is described as “a witness” (Acts 5:32). He has the power to “reveal” (Luke 2:26)

and engages in the personal action of speaking (Mark 13:11; Acts 13:2; I Timothy 4:1; Revelation 2:7).

Knowledge is ascribed to the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 2:10-11). He is also the agent of miracles (Romans 15:19). The Spirit sends forth (Acts 13:4), designates to an office (Acts 20:28) and exercises His own pleasure (Acts 15:28).

In addition the Holy Spirit can be “vexed” (Isaiah 63:10), “grieved” and “resisted” (Ephesians 4:30; Acts 7:51). Even the attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit. He is eternal (Hebrews 9:14), Omniscient, and searches “all things” (I Corinthians 2:10). The Holy Spirit is Omnipresent—continuously and simultaneously present throughout the whole of creation (Psalm 139:7), and Omnipotent—all-powerful (Romans 15:18-19). He is Sovereign—doing as He wills (I Corinthians 12:11).

Jesus Himself directs our attention to His being sent to this earth both by the Father and the

Holy Spirit (Isaiah 48:12, 16).

Our hearts can be greatly blessed when we embrace the biblical truth that the Holy Spirit is a distinct person from, yet coessential, co-equal and co-eternal with, the Father and the Son. This brings us the comforting assurance that the experience of the truth in the heart, of which He is the Author and we the subjects, is a supernatural work—the work of God the Holy Ghost. And this assurance gives stability to the soul.

Deeper views of sin’s exceeding sinfulness, a more thorough knowledge of self, more enlarged discoveries of Christ, a more simple and habitual resting upon His finished work, increasing conformity to the Divine image, the daily victory over indwelling sin, and a constant preparation for the inheritance of the saints in light—all these are the work of the one and the self-same Spirit who first breathed into our soul the breath of spiritual life. Amen.

## CONSIDER THIS . . .

The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God.

Ellen G. White,  
*Evangelism*, p. 617

The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fullness of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour.

Ellen G. White,  
*Evangelism*, p. 615

The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. 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.

Ellen G. White,  
*Desire of Ages*, p. 671

We need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds.

Ellen G. White,  
*Evangelism*, p. 616

The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, in Christ's name. He personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality.

Ellen G. White,  
*Manuscript Releases*,  
vol. 20, p. 324

The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not ascended on high.

Ellen G. White,  
*Desire of Ages*, p. 669

# GOD'S DISTINCT CALL



By Ty Gibson

Twenty years ago (seems like it was just a few years ago) my wife Sue and I and our friend James Rafferty were new converts to Christ when God gave us an urgent conviction to start a publishing work. Looking back it is clear that the Lord impressed our minds along these lines: "The whole world is your field of labor. Think global. I want you to reach millions of people. Take a special interest in those who need the gospel in the poorest nations."

As I think about it now I am amazed that God could get our attention in this way. Our scope of vision was so narrow and limited. Our world was small. We could scarcely imagine communicating to millions of people in far away countries. But somehow the Lord caused us to actually venture out and do it without any fear of failure.

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How did God move us to think we could do such a thing? Here's what I want to share with you: this conviction and vision was formed in our hearts through the ministry of Ellen White. The fact is, we didn't really think much at all about it in the above terms. That's all in retrospect. We were just reading Ellen White's writings and as we encountered one statement after another regarding the importance of publishing, we felt a distinct sense of calling to do that very thing. It was as if God pointed His finger right at us and said, "Publish!" So we did. This month I want to share with you a little of what Ellen White has to say about the importance of the publishing ministry. I trust you will feel, as do we, how vital this work is. I will add a few comments interspersed in [brackets].

"Now, as never before, the great and wonderful work of this message is to be carried on. The world is

to receive the light, and many will gain their knowledge of the truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and papers. Our periodicals are to be distributed by men and women of all stations and walks in life. Young and old are to act a part. These publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand.

"We have, as it were, been asleep regarding this matter. Let us now send forth the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the messages that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos. [She has much to say about creating publications that explain the book of Revelation. We have followed this counsel by publishing three sets of studies on Revelation: Preludes of Hope, God's Last Message to the World and Unlocking Revelation, as well as a 48-page magazine-style publication that explains the major prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

These are not only placed in containers for the mission field, but are also available for you to share and use in Bible study groups.]

"Let everyone professing the name of Christ act a part in sending forth the message, 'The end of all things is at hand;' 'prepare to meet thy God.' Our publications should go everywhere. The circulation of our periodicals should be greatly increased. The third angel's message is to be given through gospel literature, and through the living teacher. [We find that the most effective use of literature is made when it is distributed in connection with the work of a living teacher of truth. An upcoming example is the meetings by Mark Finley in South Africa, for which Light Bearers is supplying a shipment of literature.] You who believe the truth for this time, wake up. It is our duty now to employ every possible means to help in the proclamation of the truth.