

Holy Spirit V/S Holy Ghost

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This paper is being written to show how the adversary, the devil, Satan himself has disrupted, deceived, changed and convinced, some of the very elect, to believe in changes to the scriptures that pollute and pervert them. This happened in the very early beginning of the Church as revelation was given for our instruction and edification, and as a result we as a church have been led down paths that are forbidden by our Heavenly Father. This has brought sorrow to the saints and differences in the church which has at times separated the saints and caused them to walk away from the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To clarify some terminology of this paper, look at Mosiah 1:120 and see written "*through the atonement of Christ, the Lord.*" In this we have establish that Christ is Lord. The next three scriptures would ascertain that the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit are one and the same. From II Nephi 1:122 "*And now, my sons, I would that ye should look to the great Mediator (Jesus Christ) and hearken unto his great commandments; and be faithful unto his words and choose eternal life, according to the will of his Holy Spirit,*" from I Nephi 1:49 "*And I spake unto Sam, making known unto him the things which the Lord had manifested unto me by his Holy Spirit.*" and from Moroni 8:27 "*But is mockery before God, denying the mercies of Christ, and the power of his Holy Spirit, and putting trust in dead works.*" That the Holy Ghost is of God will be established in other parts of this paper

To give you an example turn to Section 36 of the D&C Paragraph 1, Verse 1, "*And he gave unto me a commandment that I should baptize in the name*

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to speak after this manner, according to
the holy order of god, which is in christ
Christ Jesus.*

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of the Father and the Son, which is full of grace and truth, and the Holy Spirit, which bears record of the Father and the Son." Now if you turn to Genesis (7th) Chapter (13th) verse it reads "And he gave unto me a commandment, that I should baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, who is full of grace and truth, and the Holy Ghost which beareth record of the Father and the Son." Following the Inspired translation of the Scriptures, this text from Genesis was kept hidden and pure without man tampering with or perverting it. It was held in Emma Smith's possession until it was brought forth in the Reorganization. The word of God as delivered to the church in December of 1830 through Joseph Smith and recorded on page 103 chapter 70, 1st verse of the book of Commandments and Covenants, (this book was used at Kirtland before the D&C was printed) shows that in our D&C 36:1L the words Holy Ghost have been changed to read Holy Spirit. Isn't God the same yesterday and today and forever? So why would He give it to us one way in the D & C and a different way in the Bible?

From the very beginning, starting with Genesis it speaks of the Holy Ghost as the communicator for God as he spoke to the people and gave them the law and commandments that would bring them back to Him after their pilgrimage here on earth. The Holy Spirit is never mentioned in Genesis or the Old Testament until the Melchisedec priesthood was taken from the earth. And again, the Holy Ghost is never mentioned again until an angel speaks to Zacharias to tell him that his son (John the Baptist) would be filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb and also to the Virgin Mary to declare that the birth of Her Son, was of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Spirit, or the Spirit of Christ, is given to every man that cometh into the world that they may know good from evil as stated in Moroni 7:14 as well as in John 1:9. In John 14:28 you will see that God is much greater than Jesus Christ. "If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father; for my Father is greater than I." Also find in the 26th verse that God and not Christ is to send the Holy Ghost. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and

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bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

The question arises, if we have the Holy Spirit with us when we are born as shown in the above reference, why should it be given to us again upon being baptized? The instructions from Christ are very clear and concise from the Holy Scriptures, Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants that the Holy Ghost is to be bestowed upon us after baptism of water at the time when hands are laid on our head for that purpose. It is God's gift to all those who make a covenant with Him and are baptized both of water and then of the Spirit, and it comes from God through Jesus Christ as previously quoted from John 14:26 and also found in the Book of Mormon, in III Nephi 9th chapter, 20th through the 22 verses. *"And it came to pass that Jesus departed out of the midst of them, and went a little way off from them and bowed himself to the earth, and he said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast given the Holy Ghost unto these whom I have chosen; and it is because of their belief in me, that I have chosen them out of the world. Father, I pray thee that thou wilt give the Holy Ghost unto all them that shall believe in their words. Father, thou hast given them the Holy Ghost, because they believe in me, and thou seest that they believe in me because I am with them."* Christ thanks His Father in Heaven for sending to them the Holy Ghost, again a gift from God.

Now a few words about the D&C. There are errors in it, due to man's carelessness, of those things which God spoke to Joseph Smith. For example if you look at Section 76 you will find that all of the phrases, Holy Ghost, that were originally given by God to Joseph Smith have all been changed to Holy Spirit by men and not by God. You can find the original in the book of Commandments and Covenant that was used in the Church at Kirtland. I believe that the Devil very early in the Restoration was able to do his evil works in trying to water down the most precious gift God has given us. If you will search, you will find many other instances where it speaks incorrectly of the Holy Ghost, as the Holy Spirit. For further proof of this, I again refer you to D&C Section 36, Paragraph 1, Verse 1.

In the Book of Mormon, Alma 8:104, it talks about Christ the Son, and

God the Father and the Holy Spirit. This is the only place in the Book of Mormon that this reference is given, but in this case they are talking about who will judge the nations, which is the Christ the Holy Spirit according to Revelations Chapter 5 verse 1,5-14 and chapter 6:1,9,10 as follows:

1. *“And I saw in the right hand of him that sits on the throne a book written within and on the back side, sealed with seven seals.”*

5. *“And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof.”*

6. *“And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having twelve horns and twelve eyes, which are the twelve servants of God, sent forth into all the earth.”*

7. *“And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.”*

8. *“And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.”*

9. *“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation;”*

10. *“And hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.”*

11. *“And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;”*

12. *“Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing.”*

13. *“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and*

under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever."

14. *"And the four beasts said, Amen, And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshiped him that liveth forever and ever."*

1. *"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, one of the four beasts, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder saying Come and see."*

9. *"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held;"*

10. *"And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, Holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"*

From this you can see that in Alma he was talking about the one who would judge the world, not the The Holy Ghost which is to reveal to us the Father and the Son.

In Luke 12th Chapter, 12th verse it says; *"Whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, and repenteth, it shall be forgiven him; but unto him who blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him."* Only through the Holy Ghost can man truly say that Jesus is Lord as we are told in 1 Cor 12:3 *"...no man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost."*

The Holy Ghost is a gift from God and if you should deny or blaspheme the Holy Ghost you have denied your Creator who made you. Can the house say to the builder, you did not make me, but I made myself? or the book say to the writer you did not write me, I wrote myself? If the House denied the builder it would not be a house and if the book denied the writer it would not be a book. So if we were to deny the Holy Ghost, God and Christ would deny us.

From Jacob 4:13 we find these words, *"Will ye reject the words of the prophets and will ye reject all the words which have been spoken concerning Christ, after so many have spoken concerning him? and deny the good word of*

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Christ, and the power of God, and the gift of the Holy Ghost, and quench the Holy Spirit? and make a mock of the great plan of redemption, which hath been laid for you?" In this verse we find that if the Holy Ghost is denied—the Holy Spirit is quenched. It would seem that two entities are discussed here, one having a direct bearing on the other, if you say it is all one Spirit, is not that the same as saying that Christ and God are only one person?

Turning to D&C 83:7b,c,d,e we find the following,

b. *For the word of the Lord is truth, and whatsoever is truth is light, and whatsoever is light is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus Christ.*

c. *And the Spirit giveth light to every man that cometh into the world; and the Spirit enlighteneth every man through the world, that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit.*

d. *And every one that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit cometh unto God, even the Father.*

e. *And the Father teacheth him of the covenant which he has renewed and confirmed upon you, which is confirmed upon you for your sakes, and not for your sakes only, but for the sake of the whole world.*

The Holy Spirit guides us to the the Father, as quoted above and the Father confirms the covenant upon you with the Holy Ghost. That is why we have been commanded to confirm upon them the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, not the Holy Spirit, which it states very plainly above that the Father gives this to us. It says this in all three books, should we not follow the commandments to the letter.

✕ From II Nephi 12:5 "*And they shall contend one with another; and their priests shall contend one with another; and they shall teach with their learning, and deny the Holy Ghost, which giveth utterance. Wo be unto him that crieth, All is well; yea, wo be unto him that hearkeneth unto the precepts of men, and denieth the power of God, and the gift of the Holy Ghost*"

If you were to study this subject all your life, you would not exhaust all the possibilities and functions of the Holy Ghost, for if you were to understand all

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the functions of the Holy Ghost you would understand all of the mysteries of God, for the Holy Ghost is given of God, even as He has given us His Son, so has he given us, the Holy Ghost.

This is only a portion of the studies of the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit. The more it is studied, the more one is convinced of the identity of each one having their own part to play in the creation and redemption process that has been laid out for us to obtain the goal that Christ has given us. If we start writing our own scripture as many others have done, then we are the loser and we have nothing to pass on to the next generation but polluted history that will not be understood by our children.

This paper has not been written to offend anyone, nor to say that other views are wrong. Its only purpose is to share some deep personal feelings of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which has been taken away from us by the adversary, whom from the very beginning of time has tried to destroy the works of God and has tried again very early in the Restoration and caused us to err in the treatment of the Holy Ghost. And it is hoped it will cause others to dig into the scriptures to learn for themselves of the blessings that God has in store for them as they embrace the truth.