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God is carrying out His great master plan of salvation for mankind and this requires that He be able to influence the direction of events in the world. How can God, an invisible spirit being, do so?

Preamble

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

The Holy Spirits of the God Family

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

God the Father

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Php 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Ghost

The expression "Holy Ghost" used in the Bible is in error as there are no ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Joh 4:24 **God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., *nothing* existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

Col 1:15 **[Christ]** Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no bib-

lical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit” who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

God is a Family

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God’s called, chosen and faithful.

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but o to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God’s Kingdom.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he [\[God’s Son\]](#) might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Col 1:18 And he [\[the glorified Christ\]](#) is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

Bible Writing Convention

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression “the Holy Spirit” without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the expression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or group of verses in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of

God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

Making Things Clearer

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliff Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)

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In order to understand how God is working out His master plan of salvation both in His Church and in the world, it is critical to realize what **is** the principal means used by God in His interactions with mankind both converted and unconverted.

God is a spirit being while humans are mortal flesh-and-blood beings whose ability to acquire knowledge is limited to what can be perceived by their five senses in the physical-material world. Human beings have no ability to see, hear, taste, smell or touch spiritual beings. It is impossible for humans to perceive the existence of spirit beings unless they specially manifest themselves in a form visible to human beings.

In most cases, God has communicated with His prophets through visions and dreams. However, angels carrying out a mission for God, did at times, take on a material form visible to human beings. This was the case with the angels that were going to Sodom and Gomorrah and who Abraham saw and recognized (Gen. 18).

In the days of ancient Israel, God, in this case the Logos or Spokesman of the God family, spoke directly with Moses though not in His glorified state and not face to face.

Num 12:5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood *in* the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

Num 12:6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him [in a vision](#), and will speak unto him [in a dream](#).

Num 12:7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

Num 12:8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude [\[a visible likeness\]](#) of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

God the Word or Spokesman spoke directly to Moses not through visions and dreams as he does for prophets; He spoke to Moses mouth-to mouth i.e., in a conversation between the two of them but not face to face .

Exo 33:20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

Exo 33:21 And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

Exo 33:22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

Exo 33:23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

But for very few and isolated instances, God and the spirit beings making up His kingdom do not appear to men in visible form.

Satan the devil currently sits on the throne of the earth ruling over the physical earth which was his first estate along with the angels he had been allocated to assist him in doing so.

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not [their first estate](#), but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

At that time, there were no human beings in existence as their creation came only after his rebellion and attempt to overthrow God on the throne of the universe. After the creation of man, he acquired the power to deceive them as to what is the truth of God when Adam and

Eve chose as he suggested to decide for themselves right and wrong based on their own ideas of right and wrong rather than putting their trust in God to do it for them.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called **the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

However, nowhere in the Bible do we read of Satan, or his demons being allowed to make themselves visible to human beings or to physically interfere with their lives unless being given special permission by God to do so as occurred in the case of Job (Job 1:12; 2:6).

Job 1:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Job 2:6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

Satan is more powerful than men and would easily overwhelm them if he were given the permission to do so. Satan and his demons do however have, as spirit beings, the ability to influence men's minds (see Eph 2:2 quoted below) and to sometimes take possession of them when men persistently do not control their thoughts, but they do not have the power to force men to sin against their will.

If they did, they would be more powerful than God and God's plan of salvation would be impossible.

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince** of the power of the air, the **spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**

The existence of spirit beings has remained a mystery to mankind since the days of Adam and Eve. However, and here is the point I want to highlight, it is not necessary for God to manifest Himself in a visible form to human beings for Him to be able to effectively influence human beings nor is it necessary for Satan to do so.

The Spirit in Man

Man is the only one of all the living beings (animals) created by God in whom God has placed a spirit essence which the Bible refers to as the spirit in man.

Ecc 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Job 32:8 But *there is a spirit in man*: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them *[men]* understanding.

This spirit essence gives man's animal brain mind power; otherwise, men's animal brain would be just like that of all the other animals created by God. It would not be able to acquire knowledge in any significant amount and it would not be able to think and make decisions. Man's existence would be driven by instinct as it is for all the other animals created by God who have no mind power.

This spirit essence is not a part of the man; it is like a marble that someone has ingested; it is in him, but it is not part of him.

Also, this spirit essence is not a self-aware, conscious entity that dwells in human bodies. This spirit essence in man is what allows God, a spirit being, to have contact with men; it is THE means whereby men can know the truth of God when God chooses to reveal it to them as it gives man's animal brain, mind power.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart *[mind]* of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

The spiritual truth of God is not knowable by man's 5 physical senses. So how does God communicate with men.

1Co 2:10 But *God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit*: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save *[but for]* the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but *[by]* the Spirit of God.

What this last verse is saying is that men can know and understand other men because they have the same spirit in them i.e., the human spirit. In the same way, men can only know and understand the things of God through the holy spirit God the Word who is the Spokesman to the Father's called and chosen ones, when it dwells in them. God's Spirit in men's mind is the means used by God to give men knowledge of who and what He is, what He is doing, etc. In fact, it is the principal and only means whereby humans can come to know the things of God.

1Co 2:12 Now we [the Christians to which Paul was speaking and all Christians through the ages] have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God [the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman]; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God [the holy spirit God the Father].

Christians receive a spirit which is not the spirit of the world (Satan's spirit working in the children of disobedience (Eph 2:2).

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past [before your conversion] ye [truly converted Christians] walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

They receive the holy spirit God the Word which enables them to know the truth of the holy spirit God the Father.

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [I, Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [Christ Himself after His resurrection and glorification.]

Jesus was the spirit of truth that dwelt with the disciples and after His resurrection and glorification (John 7:39) He would be in them (their minds) as the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman who will teach them and all true Christians throughout the ages, all things (John 14:26).

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

God works in converted men's minds through the holy spirit God the Word not through manifesting Himself in a visible form to them and teaching them.

He sometimes also works in the minds of the unconverted as necessary to bring about the fulfillment of prophecies or to ensure that certain events will occur as needed for the fulfillment of different elements of His plan of salvation for mankind as we will see in the following section.

Cyrus King of Persia

Judah went into captivity under the Chaldeans who were subsequently conquered by the Persians. The Jews then found themselves in captivity under the King of Persia as we will see in the verses quoted below.

In these verses we read how God stirred up the mind of Cyrus, king of Persia through the human spirit in his animal brain. God planted the idea in his mind to let those of Judah who wanted to, to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild it and the temple.

Cyrus was a carnal-minded, unconverted man but still this did not make it impossible for God to influence his mind. As a rule, God is not dealing with unconverted humanity, but He will do so exceptionally to bring about events that have been prophesied by the mouth of His holy prophets.

2Ch 36:22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, [the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia](#), that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

God, through the spirit in man in Cyrus king of Persia, put the idea in Cyrus' mind to issue a proclamation in writing allowing the Jewish captives to go back to Jerusalem if they wanted to, and to be sure there would be no misunderstanding after his death, his successor could refer to the written version of the proclamation as could the Jews if anyone questioned what they were doing.

2Ch 36:23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; [\[the Persian Empire was one of the 4 world ruling empires that has existed in the history of mankind\]](#) and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? The LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

God can and does influence unconverted men's minds as needed to ensure the fulfillment of prophecies.

The main point I wish to emphasize though is that God who is a spirit being works with His creation, mankind, [converted and unconverted](#), through the human spirit which gives men's animal brains mind power.

God, like Satan who is also a spirit being, does not have to manifest Himself in a way that can be perceived by human beings' five physical senses to be able to influence their behavior when there is a need to do so.

Satan's Rule over Mankind

We know that Satan, a spirit being, is the ruler of this world. He sits on the throne of the earth and along with his demons, he deceives all of mankind about the correct difference between right and wrong except God's elect.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, [which deceiveth the whole world](#): he was cast out into the earth, and his angels [\[demons\]](#) were cast out with him.

How does Satan deceive the whole world? Is he and his demons taking on human forms and walking among the nations to deceive them? What do the Scriptures say?

Eph 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience](#):

Satan is a spirit being and it is with his spirit that he causes mankind's spiritual blindness. It is through his spirit that he acts in the minds of those who are disobeying God. However, it should be noted that Satan only has the power to influence men's minds, he does not have the power to force anyone to obey him. Recall that Lucifer was to administer God's government over the earth created by God; he was not given the power to rule over mankind which did not at that time exist; this is the "world" over which Satan rules, NOT MEN'S MINDS.

You will also recall that in the book of Job Satan needed God's permission to physically afflict Job; he does not have the power to cause physical harm to men. He was given power to rule over the physical/material earth not over the minds of men except to deceive them about the correct difference between right and wrong. Satan nor his demons have the power to compel men to engage in evil or to sin.

How effective is the power of a spirit being to influence men's minds?

Satan's influence on mankind through his spirit effectively blinds mankind to the truth of God (Rev 12:9). Though Satan cannot force men to obey him he is fully able to deceive them about the true difference between good and evil. The veil of Satanic deception over men's minds can only be taken away by God and He does it at the time of their calling.

The Holy Spirits of the God Family

God has the power to work in the minds of men but for the time being He doesn't do so in a general way as the time has not yet come for salvation to be opened up to all of mankind. Presently God is only active in the minds of His called out ones in accordance with the working out of His great master plan of salvation.

How does God work in the minds of converted human beings?

Does He appear to them to teach them, counsel them, comfort them, reassure them, etc.? Yet the Scriptures says that He does all of those things. What was to be the role of the holy spirits of the God family with God's Church?

During the time leading up to the Feast of the Passover and during the Passover celebration, verses are read from the book of John. In John 14 the time setting is the evening that Christ was to be taken by the mob to be tried by Pilate and ultimately crucified. Christ wanted to reassure His disciples and comfort them by explaining to them how He would continue to be with them after His death and following His eventual return to His Father.

If we want to know and understand [how](#) Christ will continue to be in His church guiding and leading it until His 2nd Coming, then the following verses of the book of John allow us to do so.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Christ was the Comforter that was with them. He was with them as a flesh-and-blood human being but after His ascension to His Father, Christ would be in their minds. After His glorification, Christ would go back to being the holy spirit being called the Word who along with the holy spirit being called God, would dwell with the truly converted.

Joh 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father,
and ye in me, and I in you.

God the Father and God the Word dwell in all truly converted Christians.

It would be another Comforter but yet the same Comforter; it would be Christ returned to the glory that He had with His Father before He was born as a man, and He would be with the disciples through His Spirit being with their human spirit.

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [I, Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Something of very great importance to understand here.

Christ says that He is the Spirit of truth and that the world doesn't know this Spirit BECAUSE it can't see it; it is not something that can be perceived by any of man's 5 physical senses.

But Christ tells the disciples that they know the Spirit of truth because he dwells with them (Christ is the spirit of truth that dwelt with the disciples as a physical human being). And it, the Spirit of truth whom they know, would in the future, be in them.

On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them. Christ as a glorified spirit being would then again be the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman who would dwell in their minds guiding and leading them and all true Christians throughout the ages.

Christ makes plain how He will rule over His Church. He would do so through His in-dwelling presence in the minds of the converted; not by being physically present with them.

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father,
and ye in me, and I in you. [Christ is in the Father and the
believers are in Christ and Christ is in them or in other words,
God the Father and Christ are in true Christians.]

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth
them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall
be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest
myself to him.

Another very important point to notice here. Christ says that He will **manifest** Himself to those that keep God's commandments. How would He **manifest** Himself to converted members of God's church? Let's read on.

Joh 14:22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. [God the Father and Christ will come to those that keep God's words and dwell with them.]**

Joh 14:24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Joh 14:25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, **[Spirit]** whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things,** and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

So what will this Comforter that the Father will send do? IT SHALL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS. It shall teach the disciples and bring into their remembrance all things Christ taught them. These are the foundational truths of God's Church whom the disciples after becoming apostles would teach to God's Church of their days these truths were partially restored to God's Church by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (HWA) the former Pastor General of the organization called the Worldwide Church of God (WCG).

So how does God teach His Church and make it possible for true Christians to have growth all through their Christian lives? Would it be by appearing to them in a humanly visible form and teaching them? No it would be through the Comforter, the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman.

In the past, God spoke to Israel by prophets but since the glorification of Christ, He speaks to truly converted Christians by his Son, the holy spirit being who dwells in the truly converted and teaches them all things.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 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;

Since, the First Coming of Christ and His ascension to His Father, we have been in the last days of God's 7,000 year master plan of salvation for mankind where a day in fulfillment is 1,000 years.

In New Testament times, there are no more prophets to come but God's Two Witnesses. Their message will be to the world who will hate them and kill them. So, a word of caution to those who call themselves true prophets of God and whose organization they call "church of God." They are not prophets as the OT prophets were.

Now going back to the topic under discussion. The Comforter or the holy spirit being called the Word would teach Christians the foundational truths of the Church as well as truth not given the apostles, but which could be discovered by Christians as they study God's holy Bible. True Christians are to add to the truths given them at the time of their calling by careful and continuing study of their Bible.

God is not saying, and nowhere can it be found in the Bible, that He would send angels, cherubs or archangels to teach His Church; He would do it Himself through the agency of the holy spirit God the Word dwelling in the mind of individual Christians.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

The Bible speaks of there being no other way.

The holy spirits of the God family are immeasurably stronger than our spirit, but they do not compel us, they merely lead and it is up to the individual Christian to follow their lead. God will not force anyone to obey Him.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

God's presence in His Church is through the holy spirit God the Word dwelling in the minds of the truly converted who collectively though located in the many different nations of the world and most of the time

not knowing each others, are the temple in which the holy spirit God the Father and the holy spirit the Word dwell.

God the Father teaches true Christians through the holy spirit God the Word and gives them understanding of the things of God which otherwise are a totally unknowable mystery and foolishness to men.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. [by means of the holy spirit the Word revealing it to them.]

In NT times, God teaches His called and chosen ones by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 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;

The practical consequence of Heb 1:2 is that apostles, prophets, and evangelists are not to be found in God's Church anymore. Christ personally made the disciples apostles and evangelists assisted them in doing their work. But God in NT times works in the minds of true Christians by the holy spirit God the Word. He is not appearing to any man to appoint him as an apostle, an evangelist or a prophet. Large congregations of God's truly converted Christians do not exist because Christians are spread all over the world and in most instances, do not know each other. Conversion is something that occurs in the mind and is therefore not something that is visible to others. In a given crowd it is impossible to know who are the truly converted Christians among them, if any.

The understanding of the spiritual truth of God is by, and only by, the holy spirit the Word and Spokesman in the mind of every truly converted Christian.

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase [in understanding].

God rules in the affairs of converted and unconverted men by the holy spirit the Word acting in their minds as is needed to ensure the carrying out of His master plan of salvation for mankind.

God is Spirit

The essential nature of God is to be a spirit being and how He communicates with men is through the mind power given their animal brains by the presence of a spirit essence the Bible refers to as the “spirit in man.”

Job 32:8 But there is **a spirit in man**: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

Joh 4:24 **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

I Cor's 2:10-12 tells us that the truth of God is unknowable through man's 5 physical senses which limits his ability to learn to what his 5 physical senses can perceive i.e., the physical-material world.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1Co 2:10 But **God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

1Co 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God **[the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman]**; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. **[the Father]**

Man's mind was created incomplete in that its ability to learn is limited to the material world; for men's minds to be able to know the spiritual things of God, it needs to have another spirit added to its human spirit essence, the holy spirit called God the Word and Spokesman.

They Shall be all Taught of God

In the book of John we read of the Jews struggling to try to understand what it was Jesus meant when He said He was the bread of life.

Joh 6:34 Then said they [the Jews] unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. [they wanted the eternal life that came from eating this bread.]

Joh 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Up to that point they thought Jesus was talking about physical bread but now He tells them that He is that bread of life and they become totally confused as to what He is really talking about. Notice that Jesus says that it is “he that cometh to me” that shall never hunger and never thirst. But as He says in John 6:37; 44, it is not just anyone that can come to Him; it is not a choice that the individual makes, it is the holy spirit God the Father who calls.

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me [Christ], except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

All of those called to conversion by the Father will come to Christ to be taught and Christ says He will surely teach them, and they will understand but the Jews were not being called and couldn't come to Christ for Him to teach them and consequently, they could not understand the spiritual message in what Christ was telling them.

In the following verses (John 6:38-40), Jesus tells them what his mission is. He came to do the will of the Father and the will of the Father is that He was to teach **only those** whom the Father would call. Let's read on.

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. [Christ came to do the Father's will and what is His Father's will; the next verse tells us.]

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. [The holy spirit God the Father calls men and upon their committing themselves to obey Him they are given over to God the Word who will teach them, and

if they remain faithful until the end of their physical lives, none shall be lost, they will all be resurrected to glorified spirit life.]

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, [is given to know the truth taught by Christ] and believeth on him, [change their lives to be in obedience to the truth] may [God will allow them] have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.[Those that are called and believe Christ's teachings and abandon their former lives to follow the truth will be resurrected to eternal life.]

Joh 6:41 The Jews then murmured [disbelieved and criticized Jesus in low voices among themselves] at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. [They could not understand the spiritual aspect of what Christ was telling them; they could only understand what Christ told them in a literal fashion i.e., that Christ was somehow a piece of bread that one could eat.]

Joh 6:42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? [Another thing that made them incredulous was that they couldn't understand how Christ could have come down from heaven when they knew his parents; those coming from heaven to their minds are not born of women.]

Joh 6:43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, **Murmur not among yourselves.**

So Jesus said, don't be unbelieving and critical of what I have said and He tells them why but in a way that they cannot understand but which should be plain to us.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

No one can believe that Jesus is the Christ who before His incarnation as a man born of woman subject to the law and the 2nd death, was God the Word, Spokesman and Logos who dwelt in eternity with God the Father unless God the Father draws him i.e., calls him to conversion to be taught by Christ. Christ after His ascension to His Father would resume His glorified state (Joh 17:5) as God the Word and be the holy spirit being that would be God the Father's Spokesman to His chosen ones (Joh 14:26).

Joh 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things**, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Christ is God, He is holy, and He is a spirit; Christ is a holy spirit as is God the Father. Christ is God's Spokesman; He is the holy spirit of the God family that works in the minds of those the Father calls to conversion once they have accepted their calling. The Father calls men by giving them knowledge that brings them to the point where they have to make a decision on whether to pursue their calling or to go back into the world. If the called out one decides to pursue the Father's calling, then Christ is the one who then becomes responsible for teaching the new convert.

As even more proof of what He was saying, Christ gives the Jews a quote from the OT scriptures which they said they knew very well but which in reality they did not really understand.

Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. **[by the God family, God the Father and Christ the Son of God]** Every man therefore that hath heard, **[who has heard the Father calling them; whom the Father calls]** and hath learned of the Father, **[and who have been taught by the Father who gives them knowledge that brings them to the point where they have to make a decision; once they commit to obeying God, Christ then continues the teaching process; the Father begets and Christ provides the spiritual growth]** cometh unto me.

Christ, the Spokesman, is the holy spirit of God's family that will dwell in the minds of those whom the Father calls and who will teach them all things. And, since Christ is in the Father and the Father is in Christ, they both dwell in the minds of the truly converted and therefore, all those called and chosen are taught of God.

In John 6:45 Jesus was quoting them Isa 54:13 as proof that what He was telling them was fully supported by the Scriptures they studied and held to be true.

Isa 54:13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Of course, it was impossible for them to understand what Christ was telling them as they didn't have the mind to be able to do so. They had Christ with them, but He was not sent to teach them, only those God the Father gave Him, His disciples and, in the future, all those whom God the Father would call during the remaining years of His 7,000-year administration of His great master plan of salvation.

We also have the same truth repeated in the epistles as we can see in the following verse from I Thess.

1Th 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are **taught of God** to love one another.

Conclusion

We started off this study seeking to show how God rules over mankind, converted and unconverted and we have seen how through the spirit in man He can act in the minds of both the converted and the unconverted. God only acts in the minds of the unconverted of the world as needed to ensure prophetic events occur as prophesied and as necessary for his great, master plan of salvation to occur as planned. God the Father and God the Word and Spokesman are the holy spirit beings who teach God's truth to truly converted Christians; they teach them all things.

As we have seen, God is quite able of effectively influencing mankind without ever having to show Himself in a form visible to human physical senses.

The God family teaches God's Church through the holy spirit God the Father who begets men spiritually and by the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman who continues the teaching process started by God the Father with those who accept their calling. In this way, all true Christians are taught of God as stated by the Scriptures.

This is how Christian understand the spiritual message of the truth of God as they study their Bible.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 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;

There is no evidence in the whole Bible that God has ever allowed spirit

beings or that He will use glorified spirit beings (God's saints in the first resurrection) to teach those that are to be called to salvation after Christ's 2nd Coming during the Millennium and the Last Great Day.

The saints to come in the days of the Millennium and of the Last Great Day will be taught in the same manner as today's saints and past saints since the beginning of God's New Testament Church. They will be taught by the holy spirit God the Father and the holy spirit the Word and Spokesman who teaches them all things.

Much more to come on this topic in the following study: [Administration of God's Plan of Salvation During the Millennium](#)

