

## **CHRIST'S ABIDING PRESENCE**

### **Notes for the Instructor**

**Purpose of Lesson 9:** The name of the Holy Spirit has entered into the discussion in lessons 1-8 a number of times. Now, it is our purpose to introduce the subject more fully. Two points need to be made especially clear. First, that it was the Holy Spirit's presence and working that led the student to Christ. Second, that a consciousness of the every day presence of the Holy Spirit will lead the student to dependence on His teaching, keeping, and empowering work each day--thus, to experience clarity in Bible study, growth in the Lord, and influence on the lives of others. Patriarchs and Prophets, page 217 adds this important truth: "If we were to cherish an habitual impression that God sees and hears all that we do and say, and keeps a faithful record of our words and actions, and that we must meet it all, we would fear to sin."

**During the study itself:** Briefly summarize the texts in 2(a) and 2(b). At the close of question 3, you might introduce to your student the value of a good Bible concordance for further study. (The American Bible Society has an excellent hardback concordance available for around \$2.00.) Simply read over question 4 with the student and encourage him to look them up later and underline them in his Bible. Question 5 demands your help. The SDA Bible Commentary is adequate for a good explanation. Overall in the lesson, encourage further private study.

**Appeal:** The text in question 7 is challenging. Tie in the questions that were asked in paragraph 2 of the introduction to the lesson.

**Illustration:** A very simple locating of the points of questions 3, 4, and 5-6 in terms of Old Testament times, days of the gospels, and since then, will help the student to see the eternalness of the Holy Spirit as well as His continued ways of working with mankind.

(1) Holy Spirit, Spirit of God, Christ

(2) All-wise, All-powerful, Everywhere present

**The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament:**

(3a) Involved in Creation of World & Mankind

(3b) Man Filled with the Spirit



**Since the Ascension of Christ:**

(5b) Another – like Christ

(6a) Reproves sin

(6b) Guides into All Truth

(6c) Glorifies, leads to Christ

(7) Helps us be Witnesses

**(4) During the Life of Christ:**

John the Baptist filled with H.S.

Mary Conceived by Holy Spirit

Present at Christ's Baptism

With Christ in the Wilderness

Empowered Christ