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[excerpt]

"From 1844 to 1888 almost all the emphasis was upon our structural doctrines wherein we differed from others—the Sabbath, the sanctuary, the Spirit of prophecy, the law, and the like. Men were completely free to hold what they would on the Godhead, Christology. The personality of the Holy Spirit was likewise not understood, either an impersonal influence or the totality of the angels. The atonement was completely separated from the transaction of the cross. Their constricted view to the work of the judgment hour in the Most Holy place.

As men like J.H. Waggoner and Uriah Smith, who were Arian in belief, pressed their viewpoints, opposition arose that came to issue in 1888. Then, when E.J. Waggoner presented Righteousness by Faith in Christ as the fullness of the Godhead, without beginning and on complete equality with God, Sister White stated that her whole being was thrilled as she heard for the first time from human lips that which was in accord with what God had shown her. She never took these erroneous positions in her writings, but she did not come out with any fullness until the issue came up, then God gave her added light and messages to correct error and to confirm the truth being presented.

We went from 1888, with some accepting and some rejecting and some undecided, slowly along, with Mrs. White first traveling for a couple of years

with Jones and Waggoner, and then going to Australia and for nine years writing, writing, writing and producing those marvelous books in which this thought of Christ in whom was life original, unborrowed, and underived, and there was never a time when He was not with the Father, the personality of the Holy Spirit, the atonement on the cross, his sinlessness during the period of incarnation, accepting, receiving, having imputed to Him our sins, but Himself spotlessly without sin. Then coming to 1931 we find the Statement of Seventh-day Adventist belief, in which these essential beliefs were adopted, and from there on to the present, and, of course, on into the future, when the full and complete acceptance and experiencing of the power of the Holy Spirit in the Loud Cry and the Latter Rain will prepare a people to meet God and will warn the world and be not a side issue, not a thing apart from the Third Angel's message, but the Third Angel's message in verity."

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