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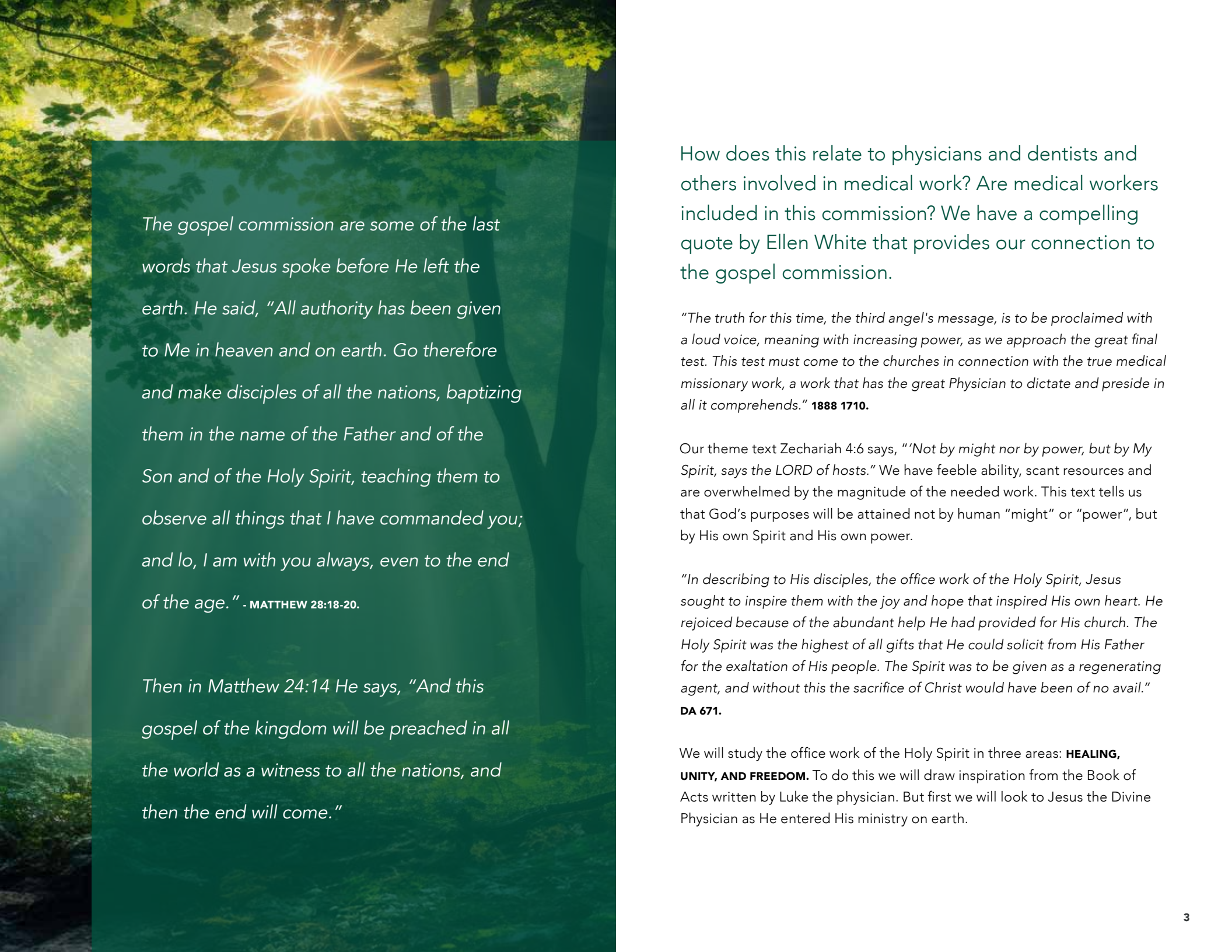
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*Healing, Unity, Freedom*



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*The gospel commission are some of the last words that Jesus spoke before He left the earth. He said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." - MATTHEW 28:18-20.*

*Then in Matthew 24:14 He says, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."*

How does this relate to physicians and dentists and others involved in medical work? Are medical workers included in this commission? We have a compelling quote by Ellen White that provides our connection to the gospel commission.

*"The truth for this time, the third angel's message, is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, meaning with increasing power, as we approach the great final test. This test must come to the churches in connection with the true medical missionary work, a work that has the great Physician to dictate and preside in all it comprehends." 1888 1710.*

Our theme text Zechariah 4:6 says, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts." We have feeble ability, scant resources and are overwhelmed by the magnitude of the needed work. This text tells us that God's purposes will be attained not by human "might" or "power", but by His own Spirit and His own power.

*"In describing to His disciples, the office work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. He rejoiced because of the abundant help He had provided for His church. The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people. The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail." DA 671.*

We will study the office work of the Holy Spirit in three areas: **HEALING, UNITY, AND FREEDOM.** To do this we will draw inspiration from the Book of Acts written by Luke the physician. But first we will look to Jesus the Divine Physician as He entered His ministry on earth.

# Healing

1. "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. We must have the holy unction from God, the baptism of his Spirit; for this is the only efficient agent in the promulgation of sacred truth. It is the Spirit of God that quickens the lifeless faculties of the soul to appreciate heavenly things and attracts the affections toward God and the truth." **GW92 370.**

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing." **1SM 121 (1887).**

Consider the above two quotes. They start out with the identical first sentence but continue with different emphases. First, what is each saying and then how would you apply the truths in the passages to yourself as a physician, dentist or busy medical professional?

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2. Read the following passages and describe how they relate to the quotes above. Additionally, discuss the healing Jesus saw necessary for His disciples. (Acts 1:4-8, Matthew 3:11, Acts 1:12-14).

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3. Read Matthew 3:13-17. Why was Jesus baptized?

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"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee unto Jordan, to be baptized of John. And John forbade Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." In fulfilling "all righteousness," Christ did not bring all righteousness to an end. He fulfilled all the requirements of God in repentance, faith, and baptism, the steps in grace in genuine conversion. In His humanity Christ filled up the measure of the law's requirements. He was the head of humanity, its substitute and surety. Human beings, by uniting their weakness to the divine nature of Christ, may become partakers of His character." **21MR 196**

What are some things that surprised you about this quote? How can we apply this to our own Christian experience? What do we learn from this quote about the first work of the Holy Spirit that must be done in our lives especially as medical professionals?

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*“When he came up out of the water, he knelt down on the banks of the Jordan, and offered a prayer such as had never before entered heaven. While he was praying, the heavens opened, and the glory of God, in the form of a dove of burnished gold, rested upon him, and from the highest heaven was heard the voice of the infinite One, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”* **GCB APRIL 4, 1901.** In your group, discuss the events recorded in this quote and their relationship to the quote above?

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Jesus “fulfilled all the requirements of God in repentance, faith, and baptism, the steps in grace in genuine conversion”, and then the Holy Spirit descended very much like Pentecost.

4. Read Acts 2:36-38 and Galatians 2:20 and describe how these texts heal and transform our lives? As we consider our theme text, Zechariah 4:6, how does confession, repentance and faith prepare us for the mighty working of the Holy Spirit? What does it mean to be crucified with Christ?

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“Put away all doubt. Dismiss your fears, obtain the experience that Paul had when he exclaimed, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20. Surrender everything to Christ, and let your life be hid with Christ in God. Then you will be a power for good.” **GW92 371**

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# Unity

*"My brethren, the Lord calls for unity, for oneness. We are to be one in the faith. I want to tell you that when the gospel ministers and the medical missionary workers are not united, there is placed on our churches the worst evil that can be placed there. Our medical missionaries ought to be interested in the work of our conferences, and our conference workers ought to be as much interested in the work of our medical missionaries."*—**MANUSCRIPT 46, 1904. MM 241**

5. Read aloud together Acts 1:14, Acts 2:1, 46, and Luke 24:27, 44-45. What does "one accord" mean? How do the verses in Luke give us insight into what produces "one accord"? \_\_\_\_\_

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*"The disciples prayed with intense earnestness for a fitness to meet men and in their daily intercourse to speak words that would lead sinners to Christ. Putting away all differences, all desire for the supremacy, they came close together in Christian fellowship. They drew nearer and nearer to God, and as they did this, they realized what a privilege had been theirs in being permitted to associate so closely with Christ. Sadness filled their hearts as they thought of how many times they had grieved Him by their slowness of comprehension, their failure to understand the lessons that, for their good, He was trying to teach them."* **AA 37**

6. What aspects of the quote above speak to you personally as a physician, dentist or healthcare worker?

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7. What deeper insights do the following verses give us regarding the foundation of true unity: John 16:13, John 17:11-17, 22-23 (special attention to verse 17, 22-23), Ephesians 4:11-14? What is the work of the Holy Spirit? What is the basis of unity? What is the purpose of unity?

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*"The Comforter is called "the Spirit of truth." His work is to define and maintain the truth. He first dwells in the heart as the Spirit of truth, and thus He becomes the Comforter. There is comfort and peace in the truth, but no real peace or comfort can be found in falsehood. It is through false theories and traditions that Satan gains his power over the mind. By directing men to false standards, he misshapes the character. Through the Scriptures the Holy Spirit speaks to the mind and impresses truth upon the heart. Thus, He exposes error, and expels it from the soul. It is by the Spirit of truth, working through the word of God, that Christ subdues His chosen people to Himself."* **DA 671.**









