

Christian World View

Truth

God's institutions

God's institutions for man

the God of creation

God

**“In the
beginning,
God created
the heavens
and the earth.”
Genesis 1:1**

the created universe

God's institutions for man

the God of truth

God

God is truth

God is
the source
of all truth

God designed
human institutions
according to
His own image

the created universe

God's institutions for man
the God of design

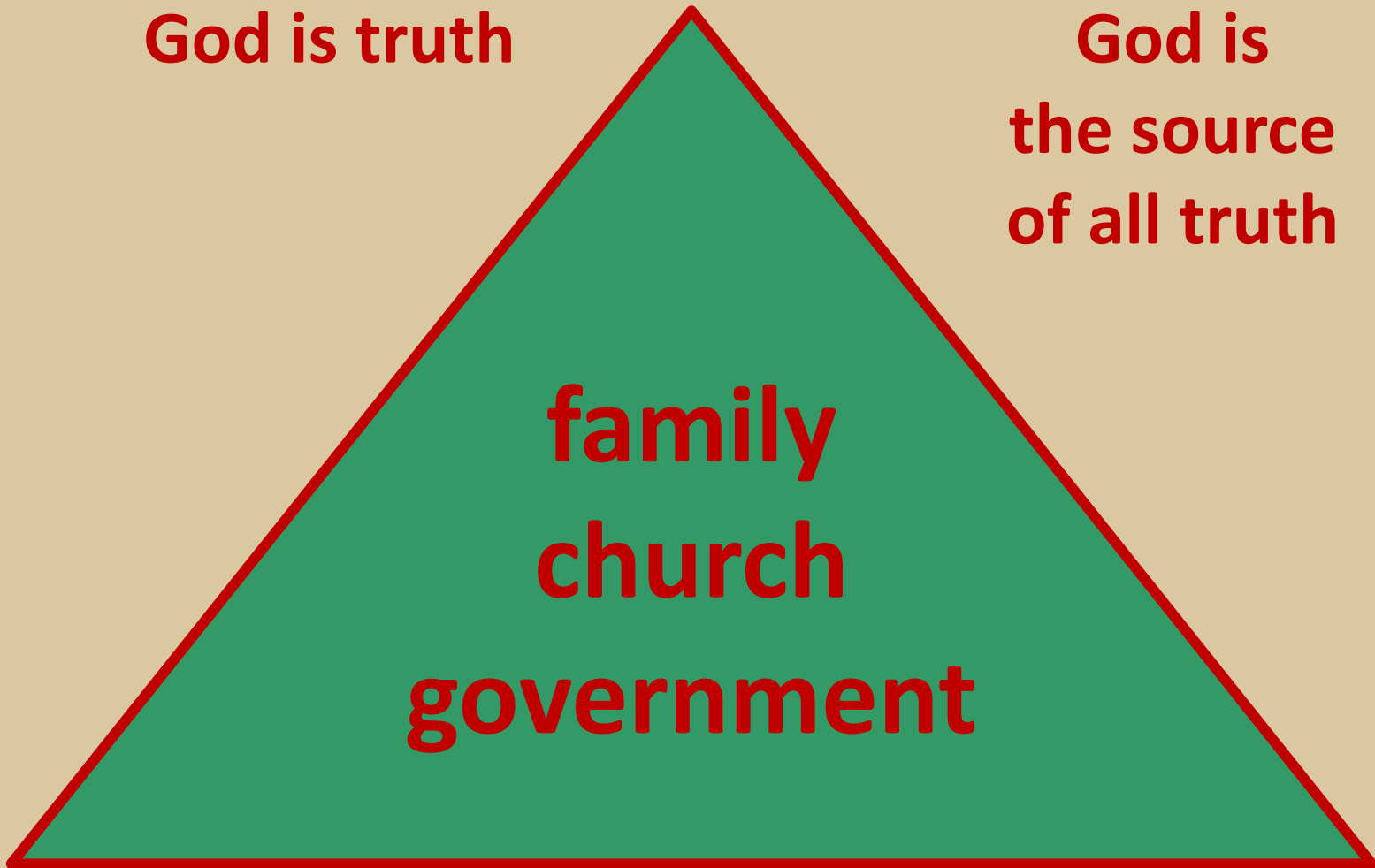
God

God is truth

**God is
the source
of all truth**

**family
church
government**

the created universe



God's institutions for man

the relational God

God is one · **Monotheism**

God is one essence

one "heart" · affections

one "mind" · intellect

one "will" · volition

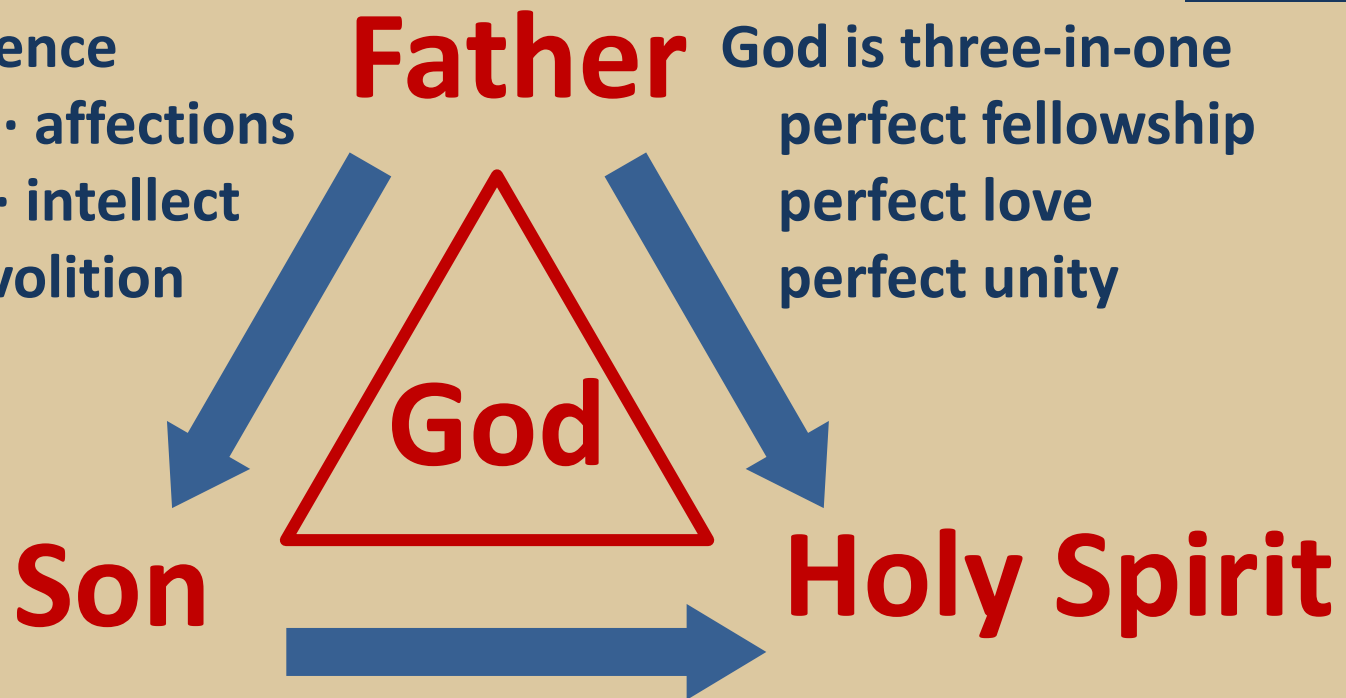
the **Triune** God is relational

God is three-in-one

perfect fellowship

perfect love

perfect unity



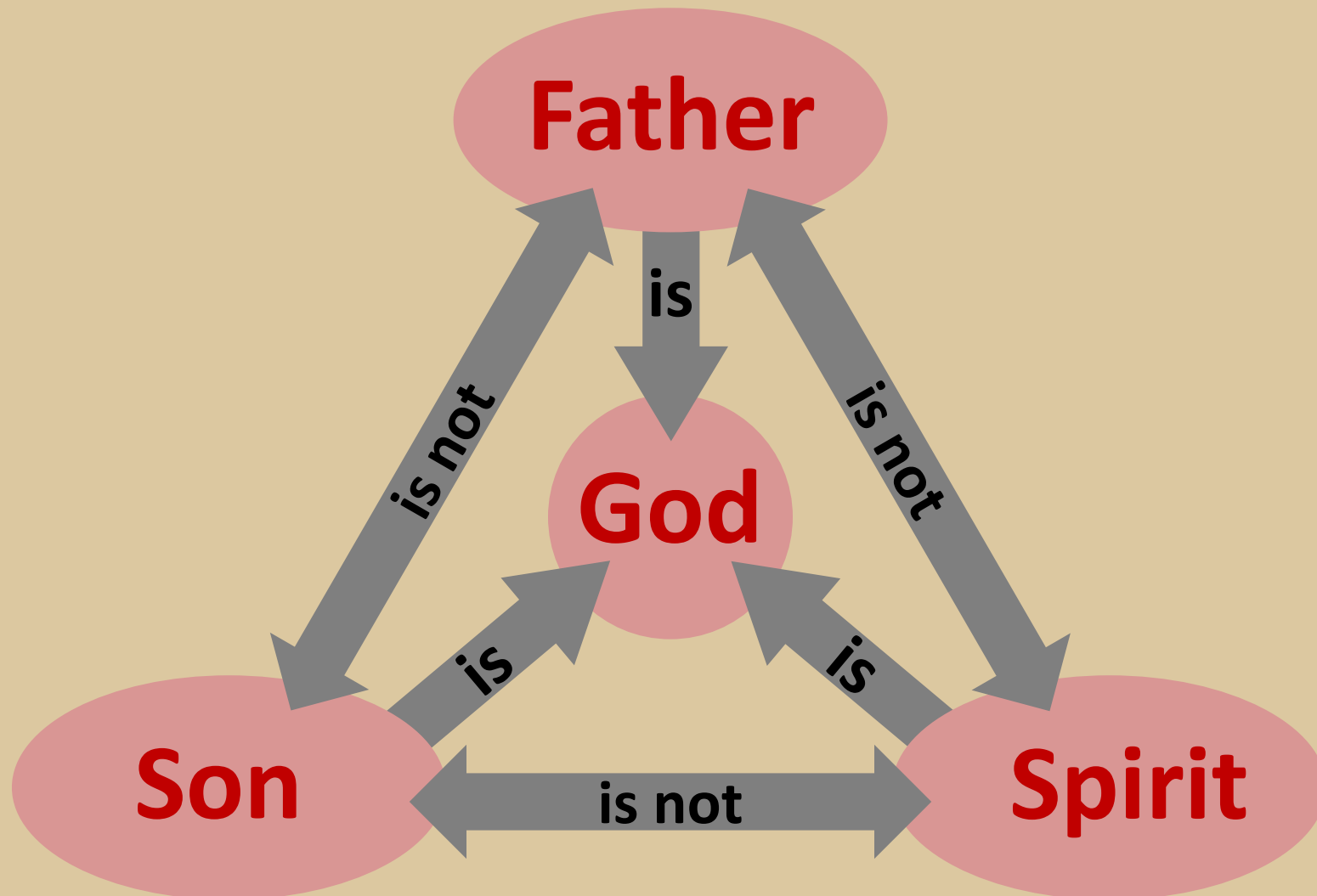
God is "three-in-one" = **Triune**

God is Father, Son & Holy Spirit = **Trinity**

God is three persons · infinite · eternal · co-equal
each person not the other · each fully God

God's institutions for man

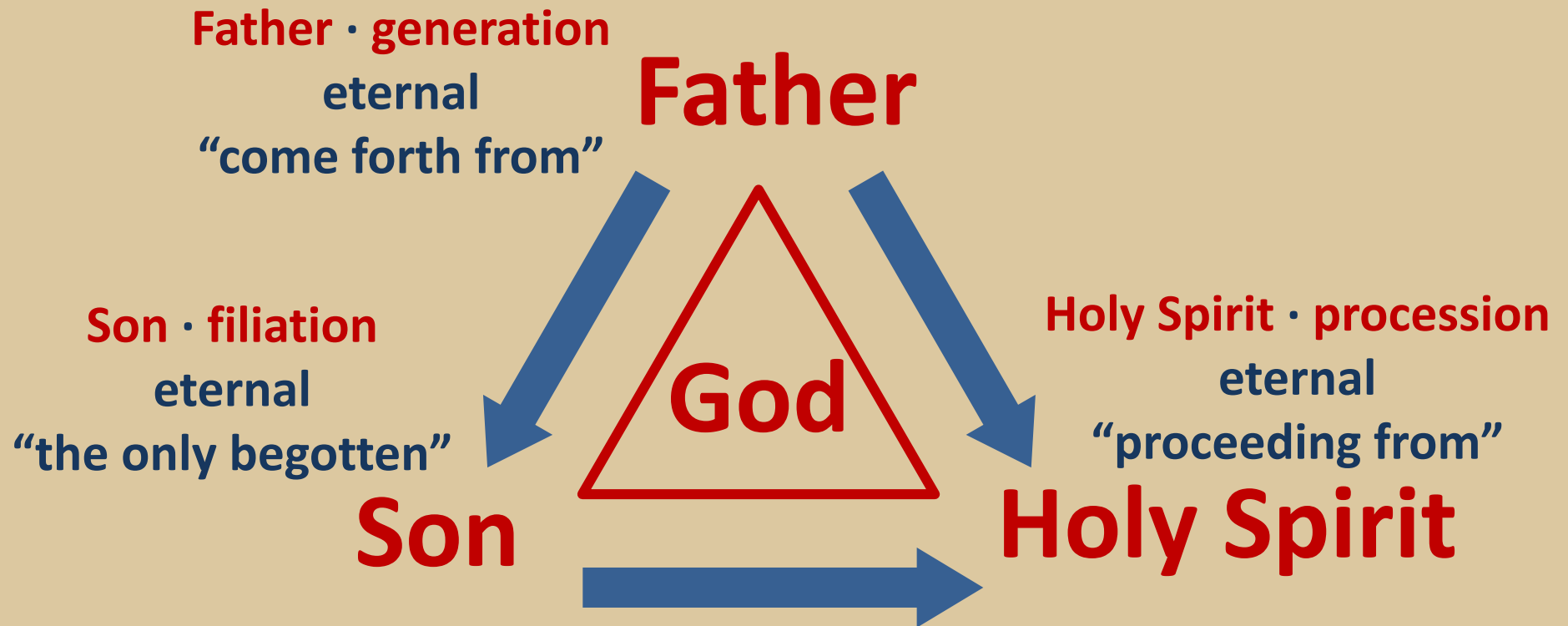
the relational God



Scutum Fidei = "Shield of Faith"

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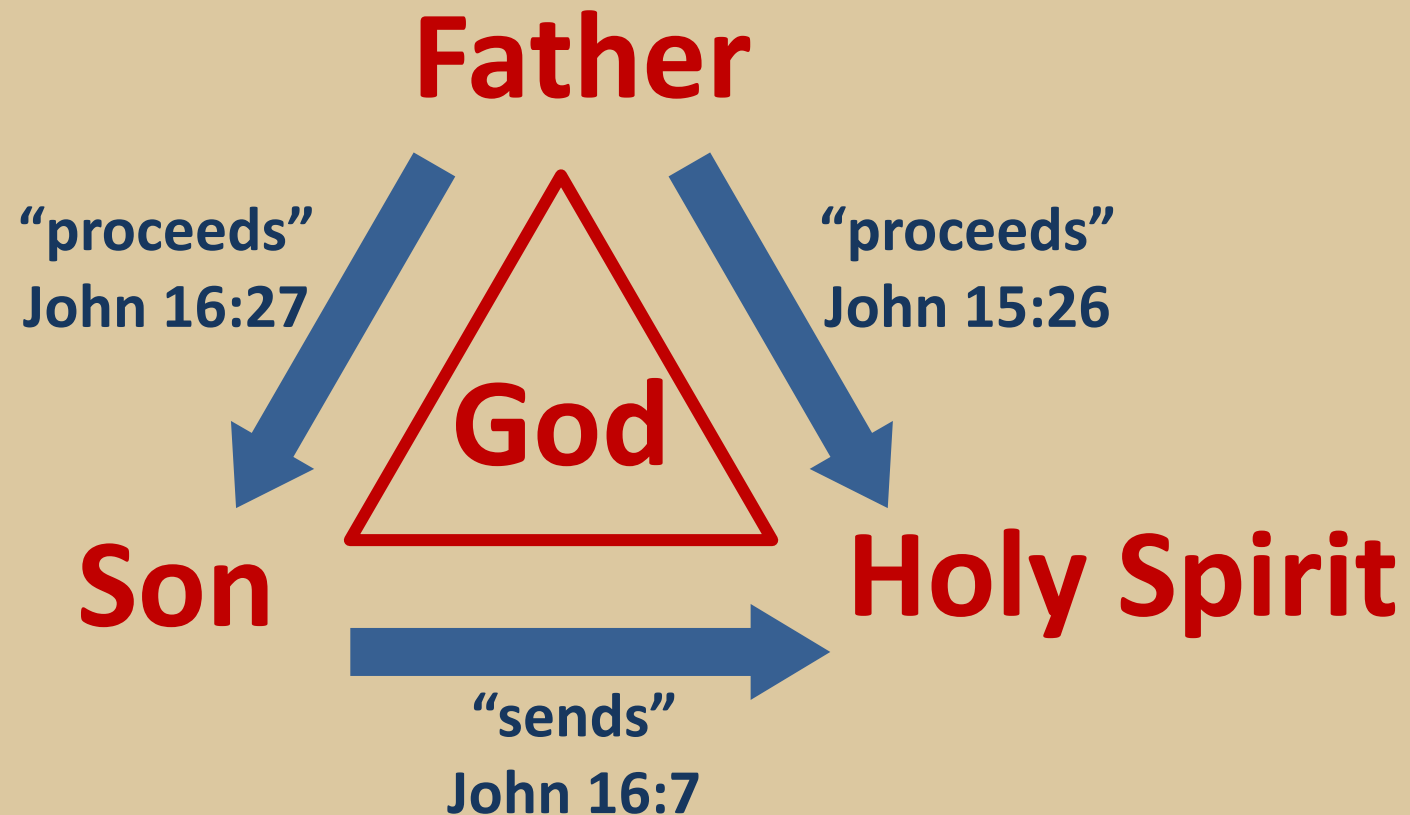
Father = God from whom God exists · not God from God

Son = God from God · God from whom God exists

Holy Spirit = God from God · not God from whom God exists

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the mystery and wonder of the Triune God:
3-in-1 · same essence · union · diversity · co-equal · unity

God's institutions for man

the mark of the Triune God

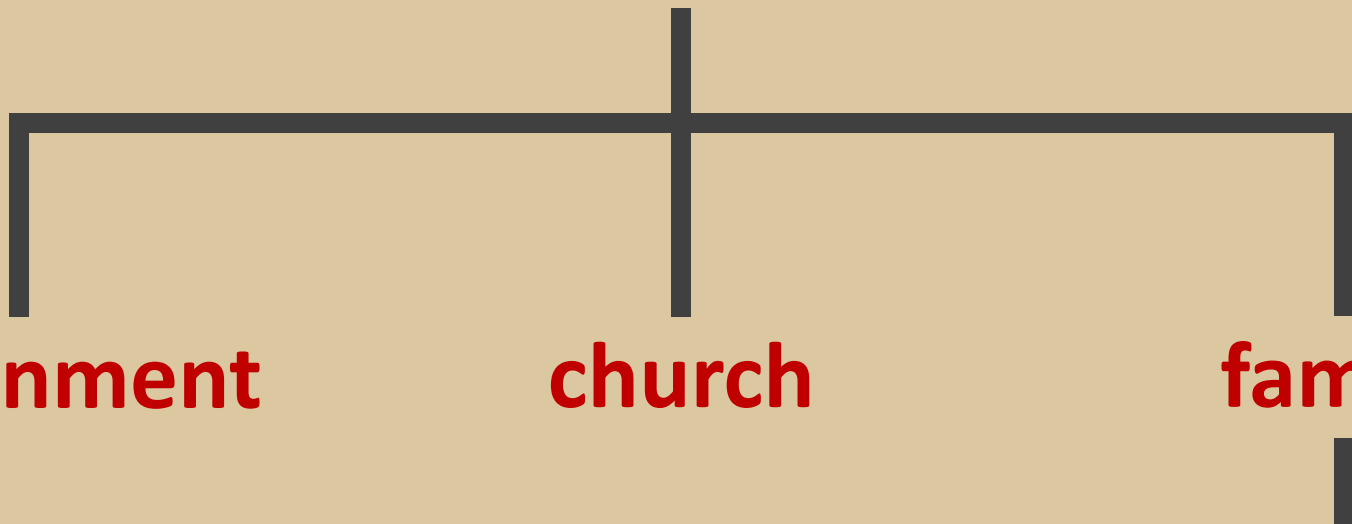
God

government

church

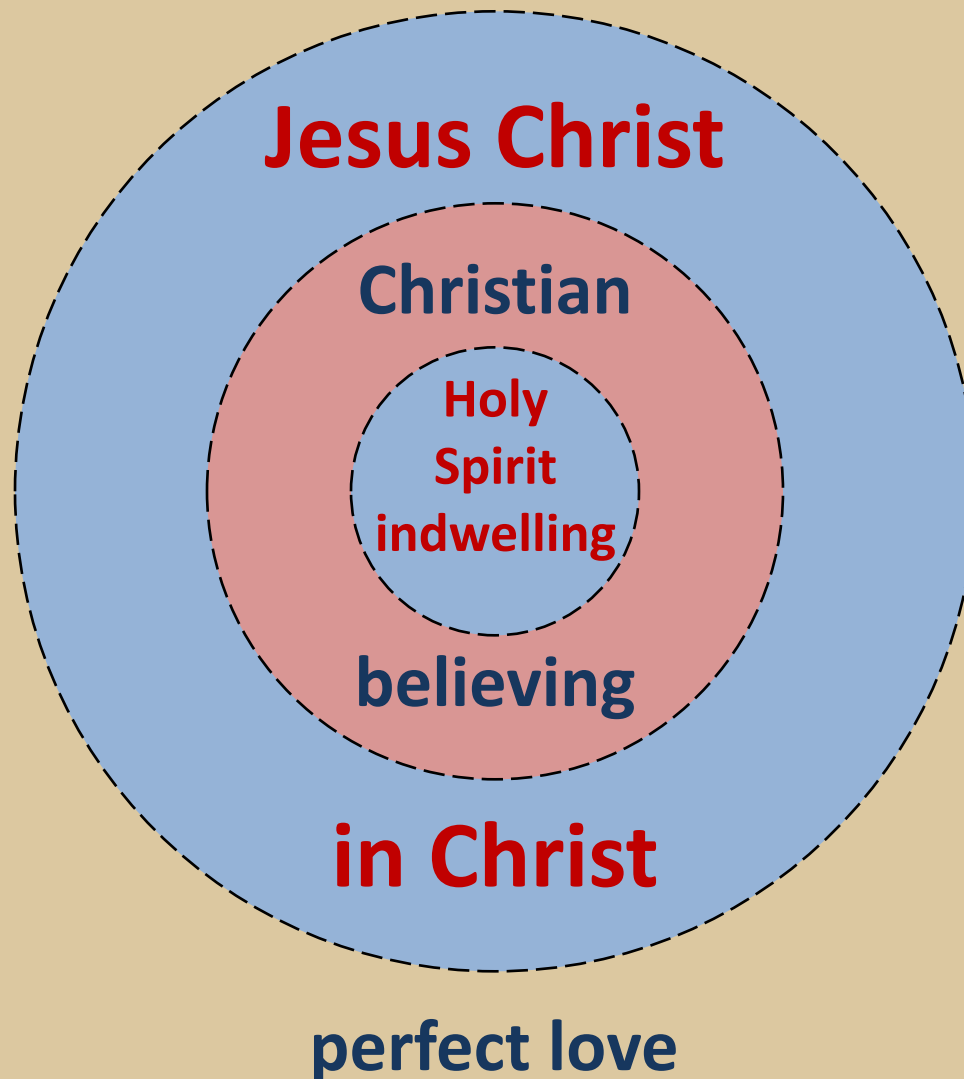
family

business



God's institutions for man

the union in the relational God



unio mystica
mystical union

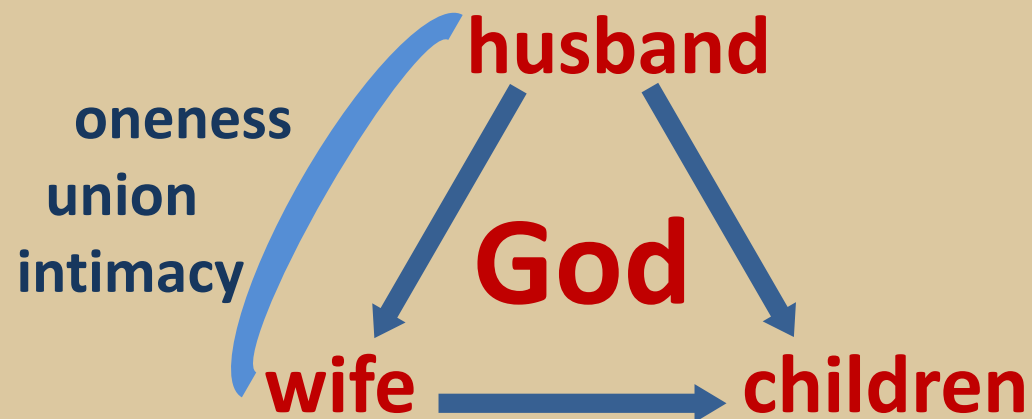
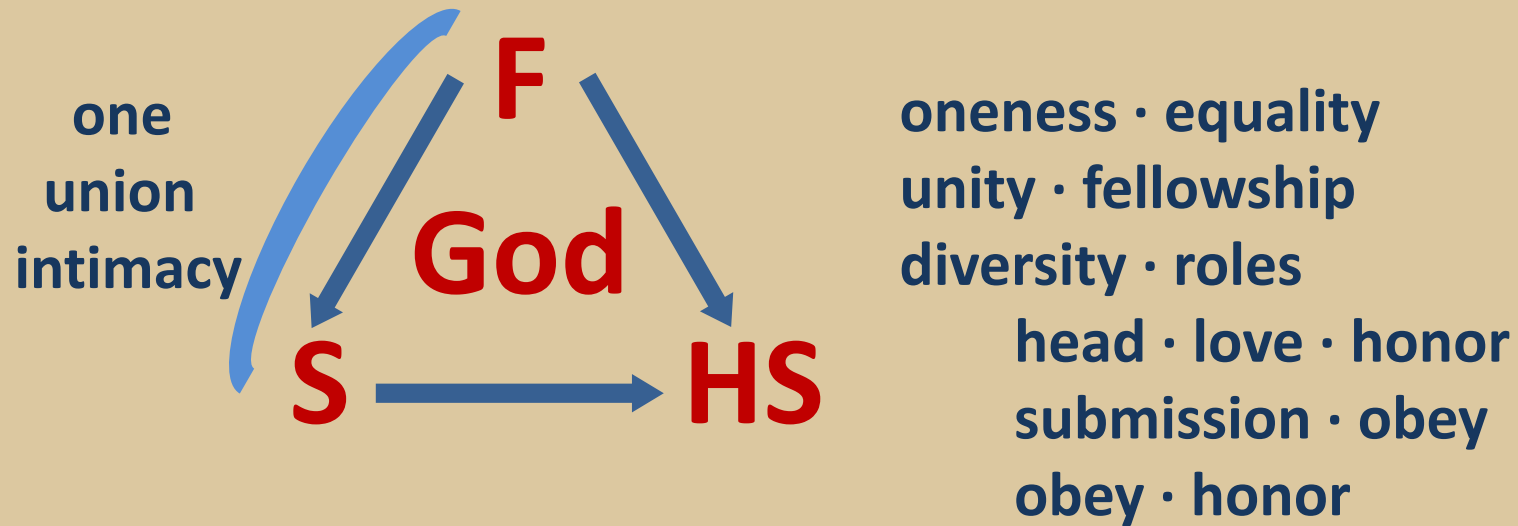
“I am in God”
“God is in Me”

“I am in Christ”
“Christ is in me”

“the Father in Christ”
“Christ in the Father”
“believers in Us”
“We abide in believers”

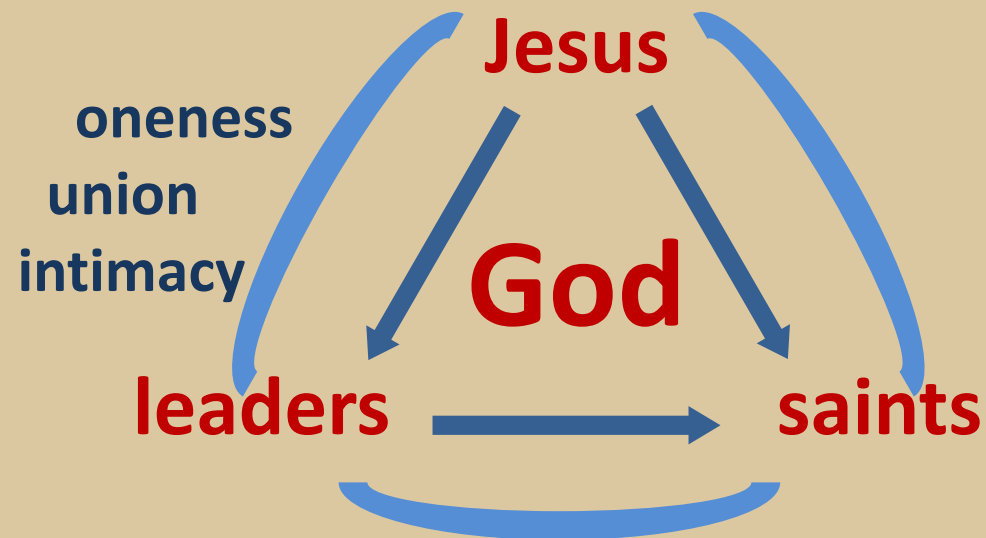
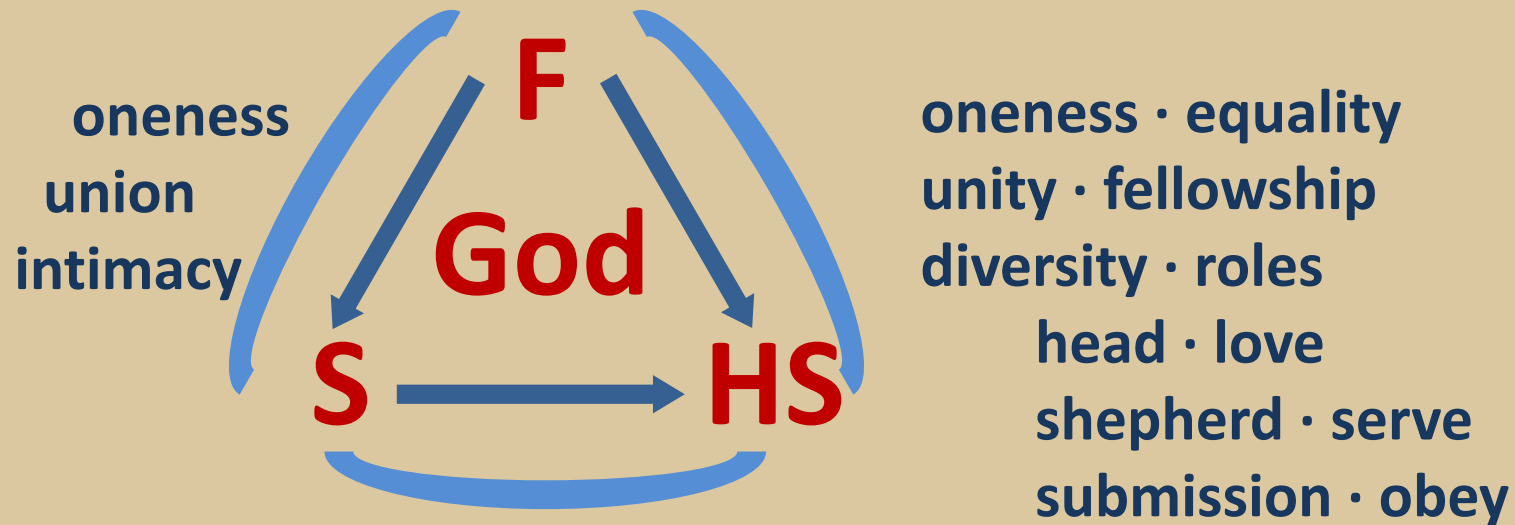
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God → family



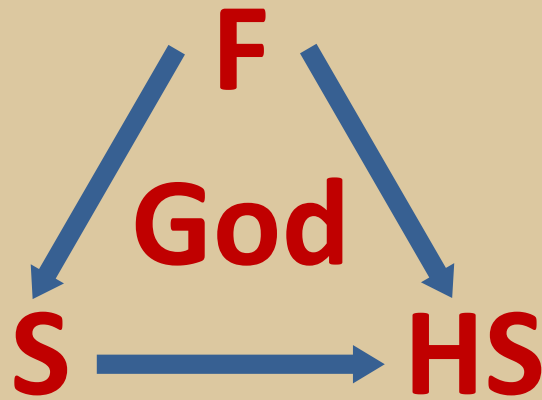
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God → church



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God → government



fellowship

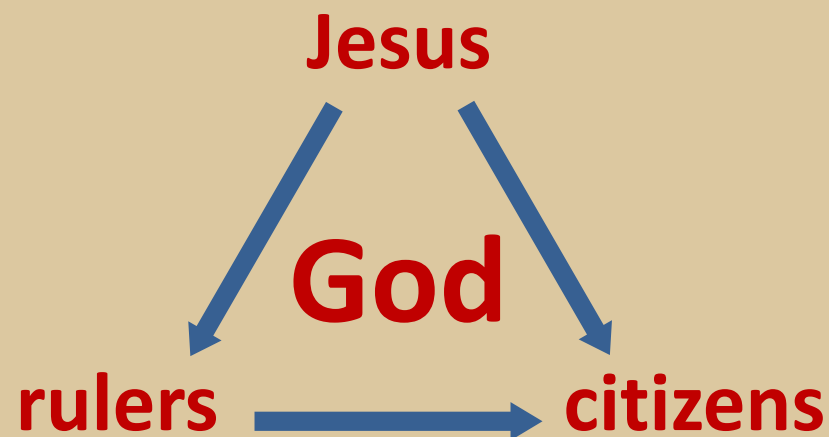
coequal

diversity · roles

authority · dominion

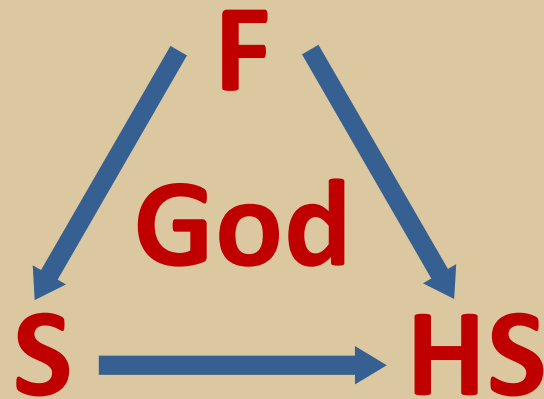
minister of God

fear · honor · obey



God's institutions for man

God → business



fellowship

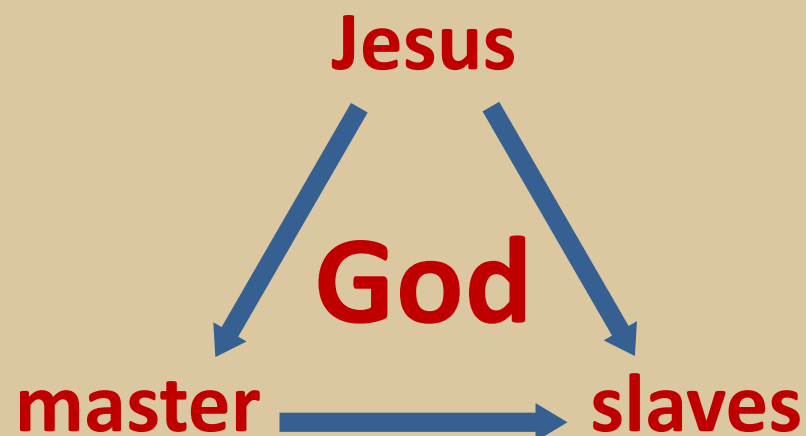
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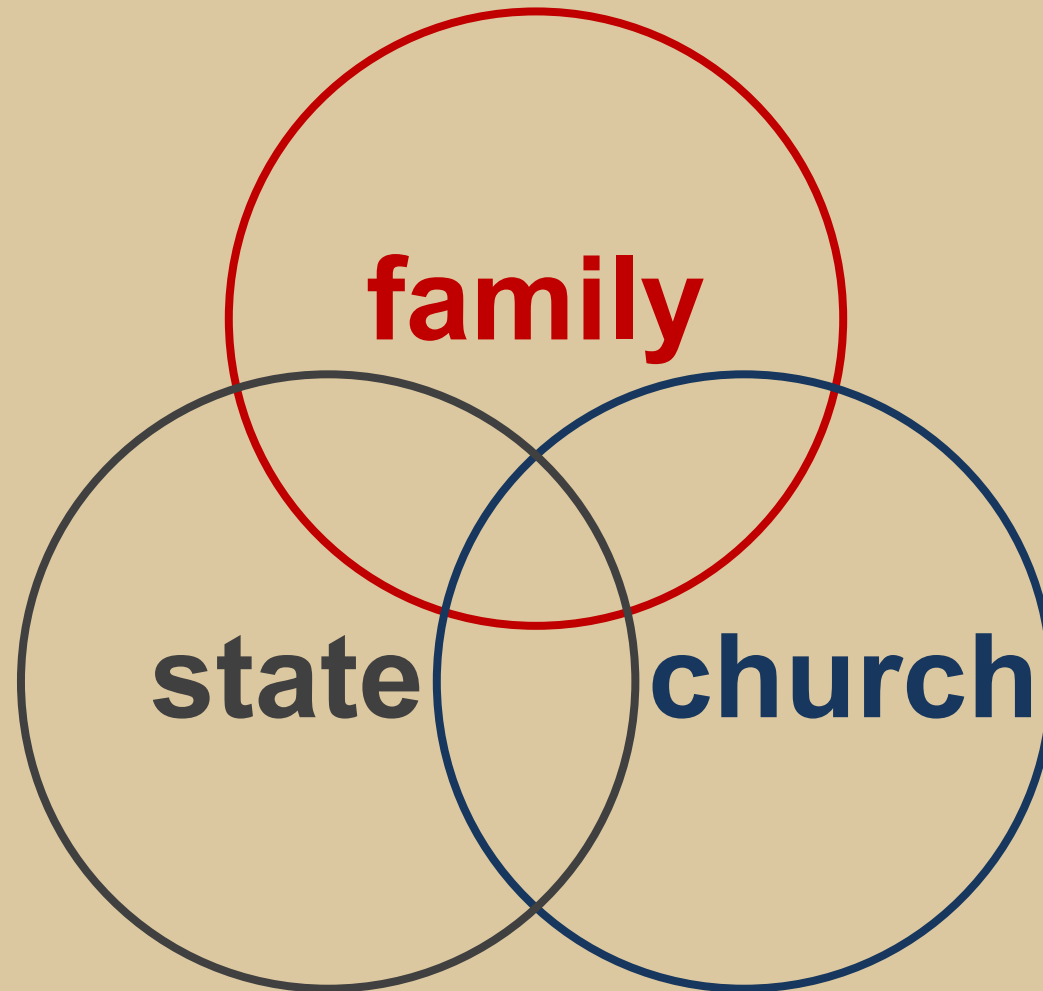
justice · fairness

obey · serve the Lord



God's institutions for man

the function of God's institutions



God's institutions for man

the God of design

God

God is truth ·
and the source
of all truth

God is the
designer of
human
institutions

family
church
government

the created universe

God's institutions for man

God's design for His institutions

the first commandment:

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

the second commandment:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

On these two commandments depend the whole Law and Prophets.

Matthew 22:36-40