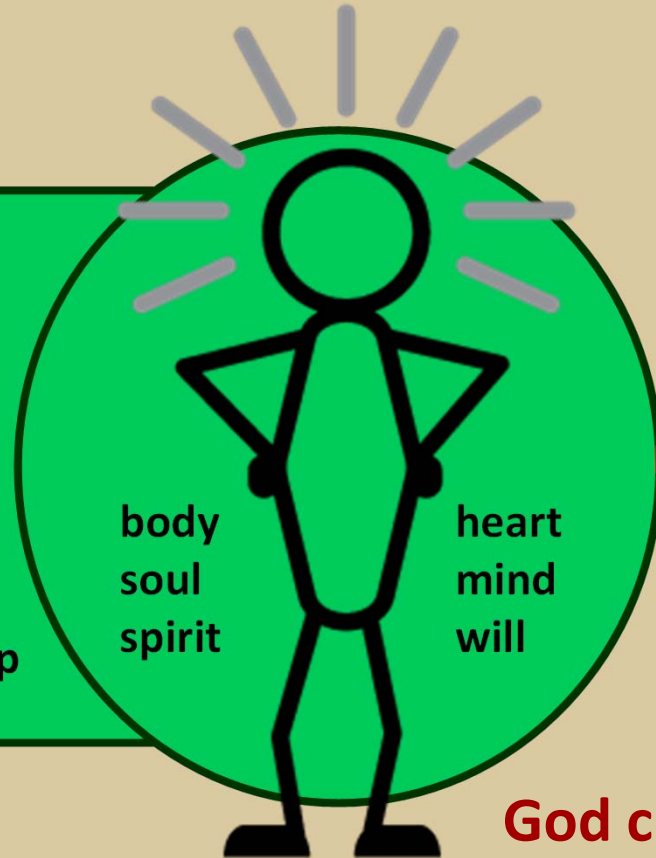
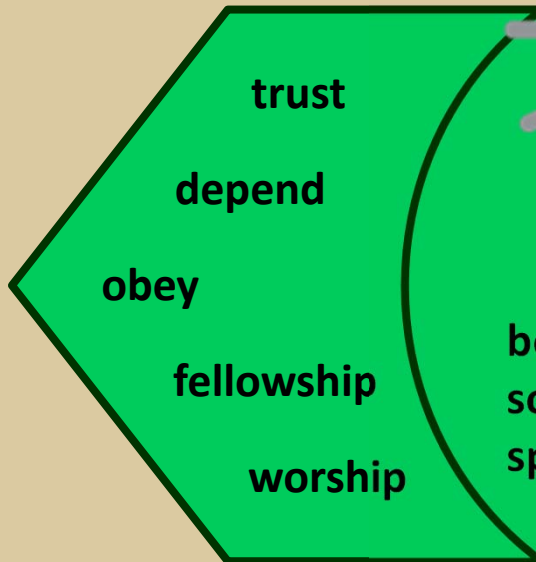


# The Four States of Man

## the nature of man

God created man  
in a state  
of goodness

**God**



Adam's  
contrary choice → **disobey**

God created man  
for relationship  
with Him

God created man  
with the power  
of contrary choice

# The Four States of Man

## the function of the will

### ① The will is a function of the nature.

man's nature was created by God · in a state of goodness  
(+) man was made in the image of God · like God  
(+) man was made secondary to God · less than God

### ② The will is bound by the nature.

man was created with volition · a will  
(-) man is NEVER free to act independently of his nature  
(-) man is NEVER free to act independently of God

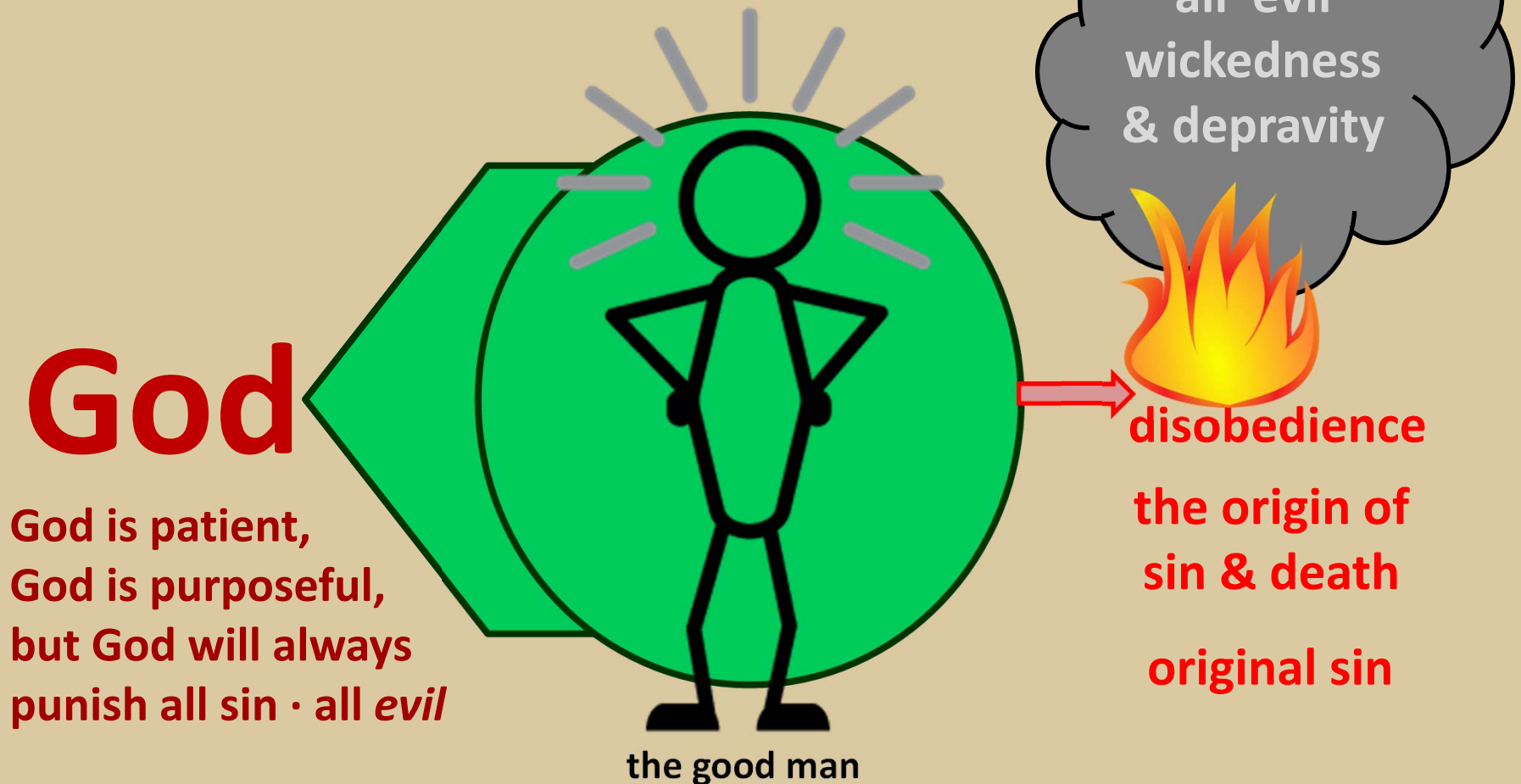
### ③ The will is free to act according to the nature.

man was created with “free agency”  
(+) man was granted the power of contrary choice  
(+) man is FULLY responsible for the function of his will

the biblical mystery  
the sovereignty of God  the responsibility of man

# The Four States of Man

## the origin of evil



**God designed and allowed the departure from Him · *evil*  
as the best way to reveal His attributes for His glory**

# The Four States of Man

## the problem of evil

the argument for the logical impossibility of God

the presence of evil:

*“If God is “all-powerful” – then He cannot be “all-good”.*

*“If God is “all good” – then He cannot be “all-powerful”.*



dualism

the eternal existence  
of good and evil  
in God

dualism

unbiblical  
heresy

# The Four States of Man

## the origin of evil

# God

- God is good · evil cannot exist in God
- evil is the opposite of God · a logical impossibility
- God created angels in a state of goodness
- with the power of contrary choice
- God created man in a state of goodness
- with the power of contrary choice

# angels

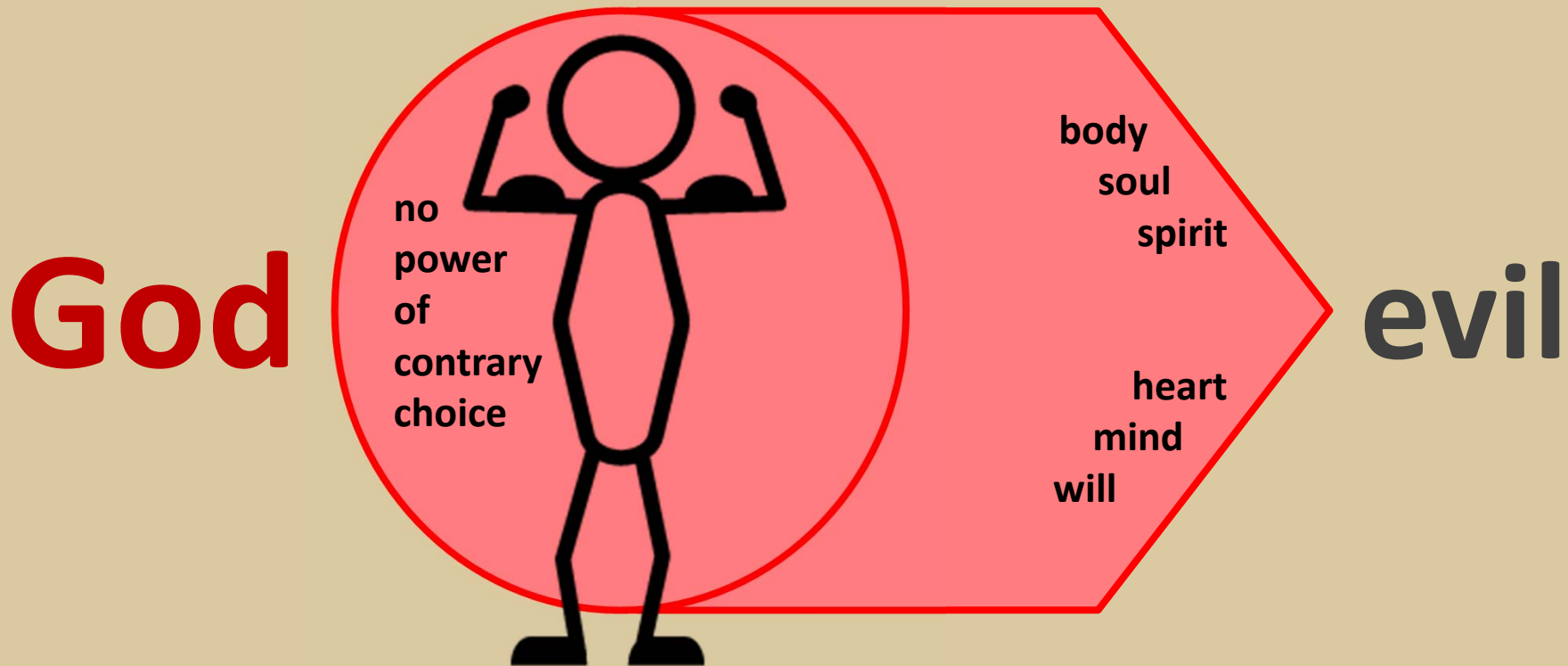
- some of the angels remained faithful to God
- some of the angels chose to disobey God
- Lucifer “HELEL” star of the morning → **Satan**  
Isaiah 14:12-15 / Babylon · Ezekiel 28:11-19 / Tyre
- fallen angels → **demons**
- Satan is the responsible origin of sin in the creation

# man

- God appointed Adam as the “federal head”
- Adam chose to disobey God
- Adam is the responsible origin of sin in mankind
- all mankind are sinners in Adam

# The Four States of Man

## the fallen state of man



the natural man

**sin · death · the curse**

**the nature of the natural man**

*non posse non peccare*

**not able not to sin**

# Christian World View

## THE STATES OF MAN

### 2<sup>nd</sup> • the natural man

# The Four States of Man

the state  
of  
goodness

the state  
of  
depravity

the state  
of  
spiritual life

the state  
of  
eternal life

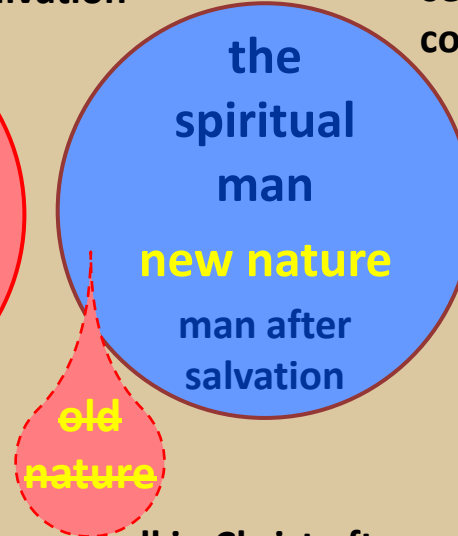
creation

the fall

salvation

the  
second  
coming

eternity



Adam & Eve

all mankind

all in Christ after  
salvation

all in Christ after  
the resurrection

*posse peccare*  
**able to sin**

*non posse non peccare*  
**not able not to sin**

*posse non peccare*  
**able not to sin**

*non posse peccare*  
**not able to sin**



# The Four States of Man

2<sup>nd</sup> · the state of depravity

the fall

salvation



the tree  
of the knowledge  
of good and evil



the tree of salvation  
the cross of Christ

all mankind

*non posse non peccare*

**not able not to sin**

# The Four States of Man

goodness to depravity

the state  
of  
goodness

the state  
of  
depravity

**the fall**

unique creation

- image of God
- good nature
- federal head

responsible creation

free creation

- free agency
- mystery

dependent creation



Adam & Eve



all mankind

# The Four States of Man

## the fall of man

### Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden

**the test** → obedience

**the failure** → disobedience

temptation

lust

sin

**the judgment** → death

spiritual

physical

eternal

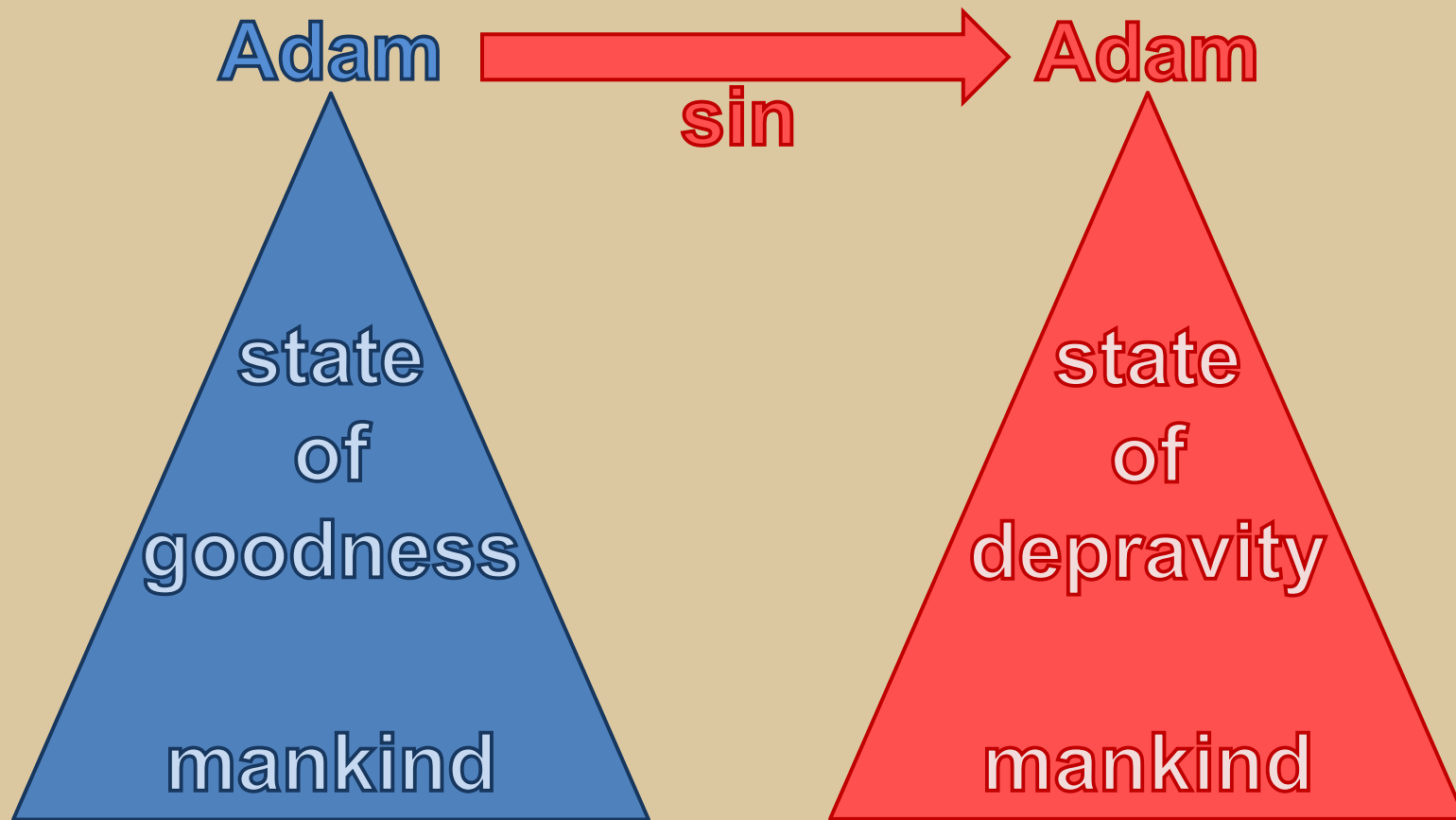


*“...the dragon, the serpent of old,  
who is the devil and Satan...”*

Revelation 12:9 · 20:2

# The Four States of Man

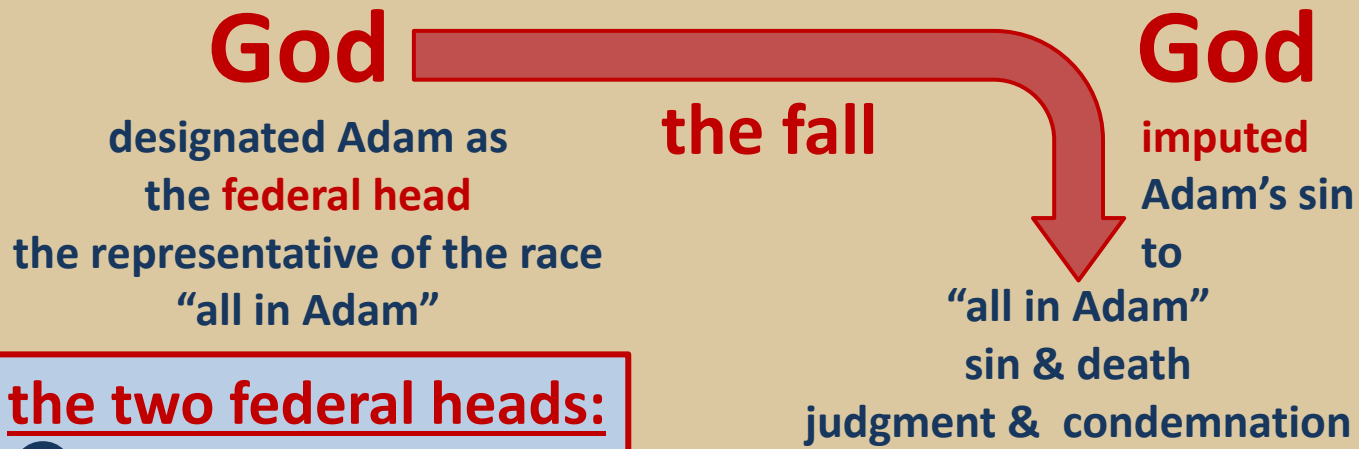
## the judgment of man



natural head = Adam is the father of the human race by generation  
federal head = Adam is the **representative** of the human race  
by divine **appointment** and divine **imputation**

# The Four States of Man

## the judgment of man



### the two federal heads:

- ① Adam → all in Adam
- ② Christ → all in Christ

**imputation** = "to charge to the account of one what rightly belongs to another"

### the three imputations:

- |   |             |                |                          |                |
|---|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| ① | God imputed | · at the fall  | · Adam's sin             | · to mankind   |
| ② | God imputed | · at the cross | · sinners' sin           | · to Christ    |
| ③ | God imputes | · at salvation | · Christ's righteousness | · to believers |

# The Doctrine of Imputation

