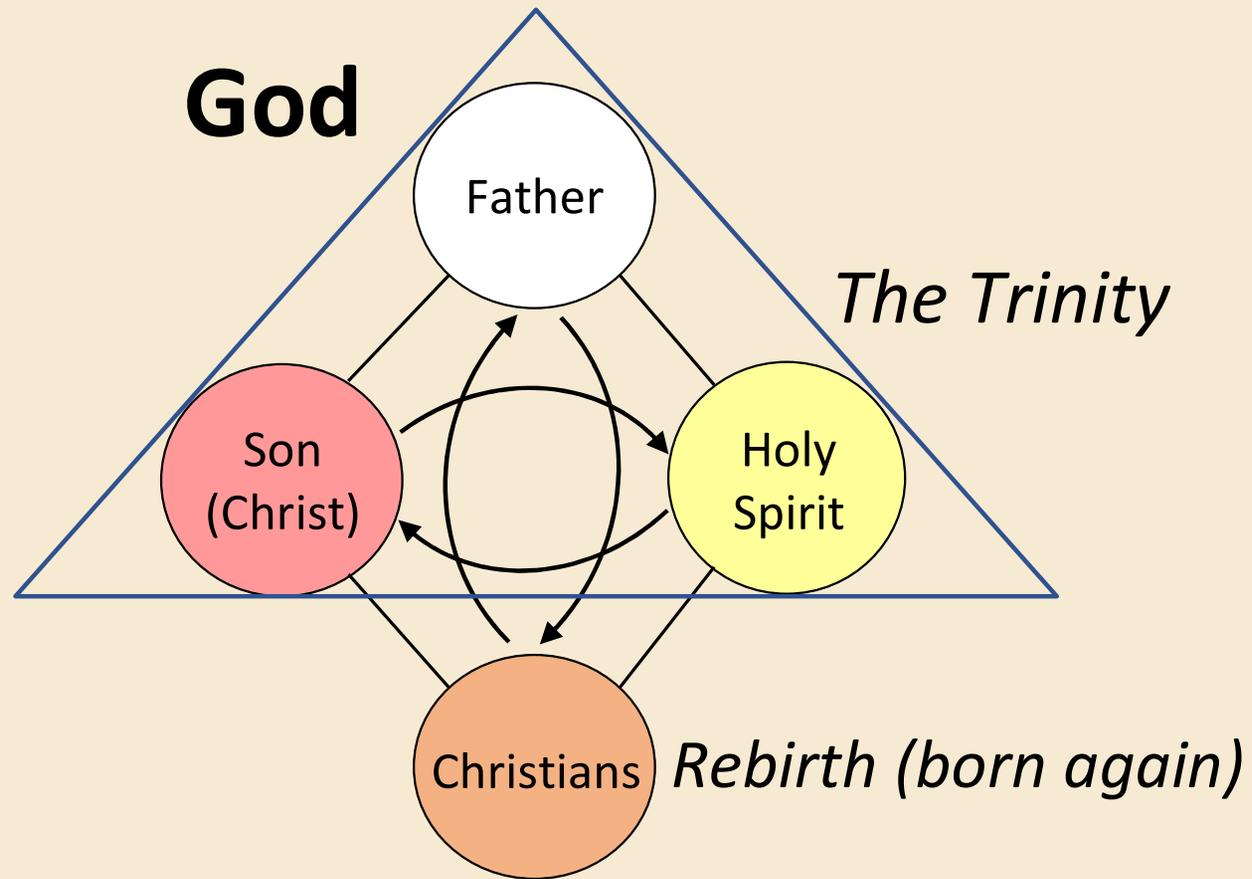


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Christology

Christology = The Study of Christ

Christology Concepts



Understanding Christ

- What is the purpose of the coming of Christ?
- What is the nature of Christ?
- What is the Trinity?
- What is the proper relationship between fallen human beings and Christ?

Why God sends Christ to Fallen Man

- God's purpose of creation is absolute and unchanging.
- Although Adam and Eve failed their portion of responsibility, God's plan to establish His Kingdom (the 3 Blessings) remains.
- God sends the Messiah as the new Adam to fulfill the 3 Blessings, thus restoring God's original ideal of Creation.

Shimjung – The Motivating Force of Creation

- Shimjung is the irrepressible emotional impulse to experience joy through loving.
- God's shimjung motivated Him to create human beings as His children to be the perfect object of His love.
- God created the universe to bring joy to his beloved children.

The Original Value of Human Beings who have Fulfilled their Purpose of Creation

1. Divine Value

2. Unique Value

3. Cosmic Value

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Divine Value

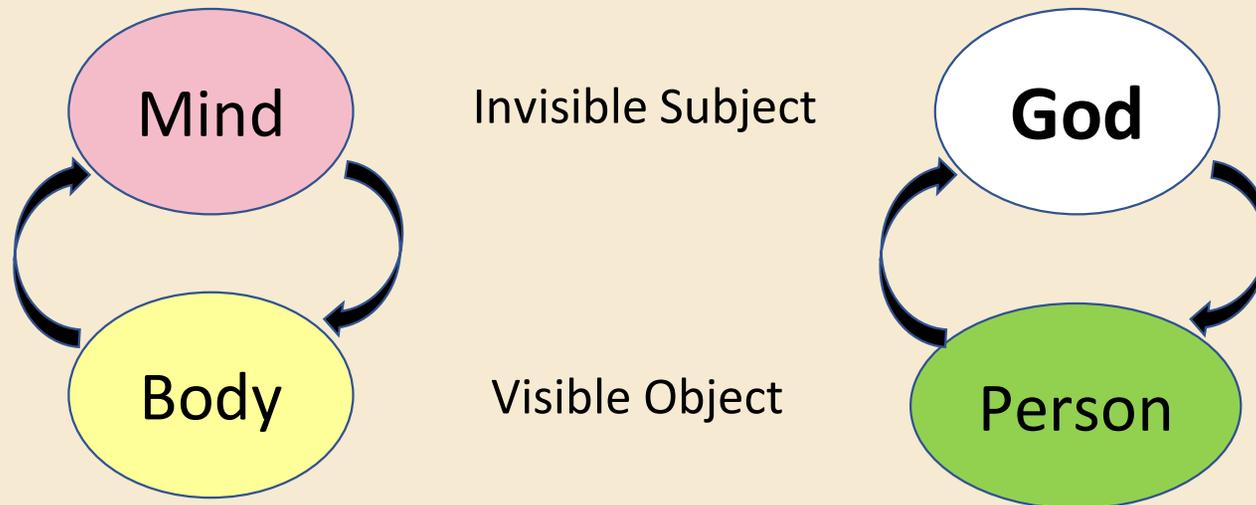
- God created human beings as His children, in His image.
- We were created to reflect God's divine nature of absolute love, goodness and beauty.
- When our loving Heavenly Father would look at His children, He would be filled with pride and joy.

The Original Value of Human Beings who have Fulfilled their Purpose of Creation

Divine Value

- *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Gen 1:27*
- *"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."*
Matt 5:48
- *Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? 1 Cor 3:16*

Divine Value



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Unique Value

- Every human being possesses a unique individual character, manifesting distinctive aspects of God's characteristics.
- Each person is the only one in the entire universe who can stimulate that distinctive aspect of God's nature to bring Him joy.

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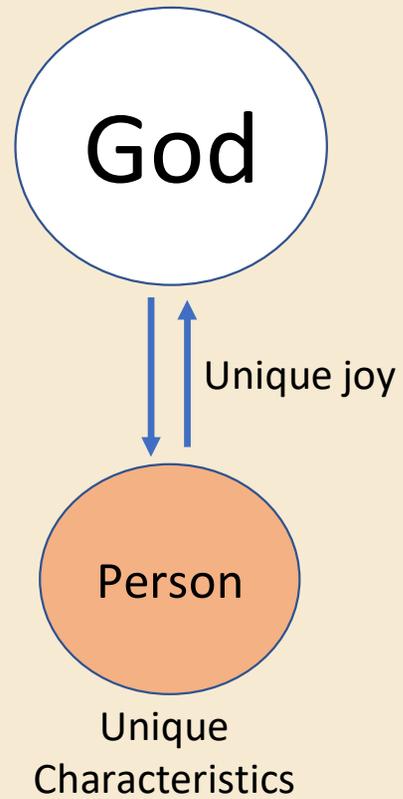
For You formed my inward parts;

You covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

Psalm 139:13-14

Unique Value



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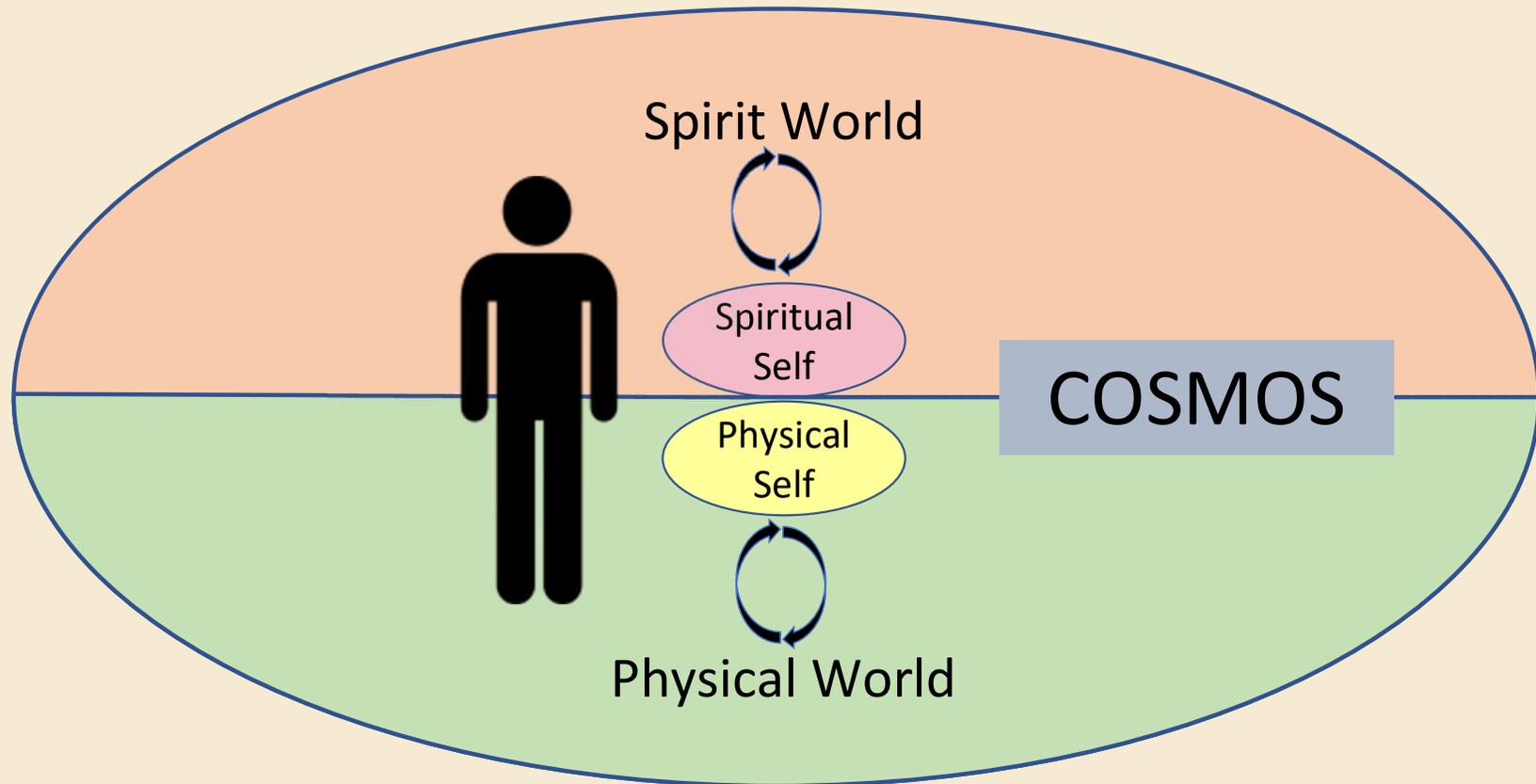
- Man was created to be the Ruler, Mediator, and Microcosm of the Spiritual and Physical worlds, creating harmony between the invisible and visible realms.
- Throughout the Bible, human beings communicated with God, with angels and with the Holy Spirit.

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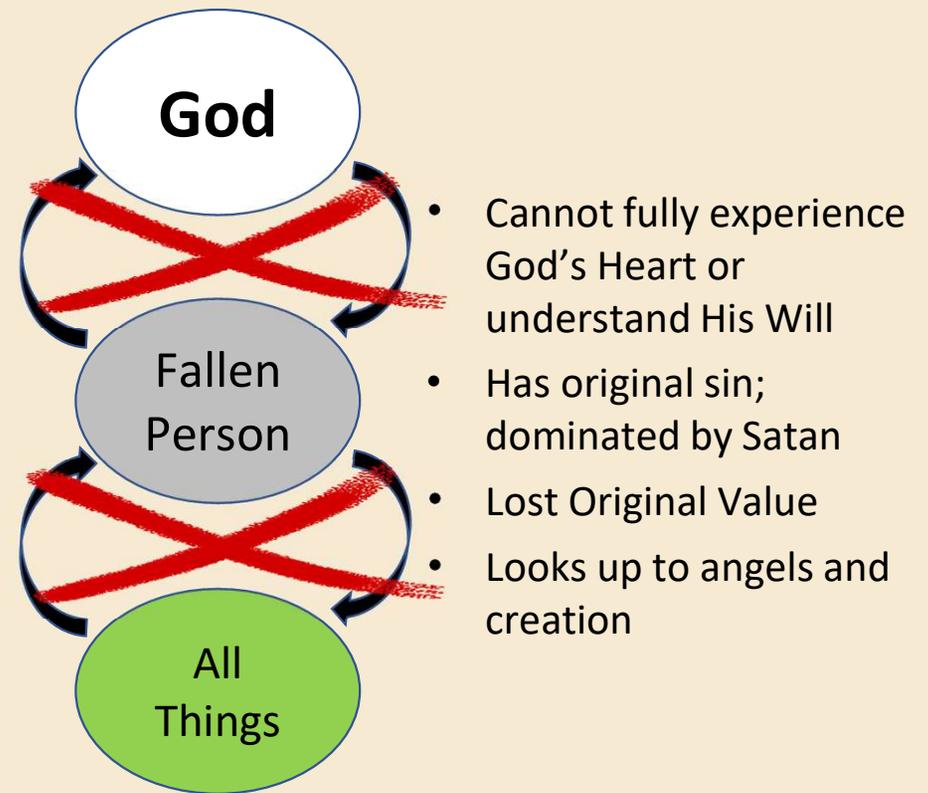
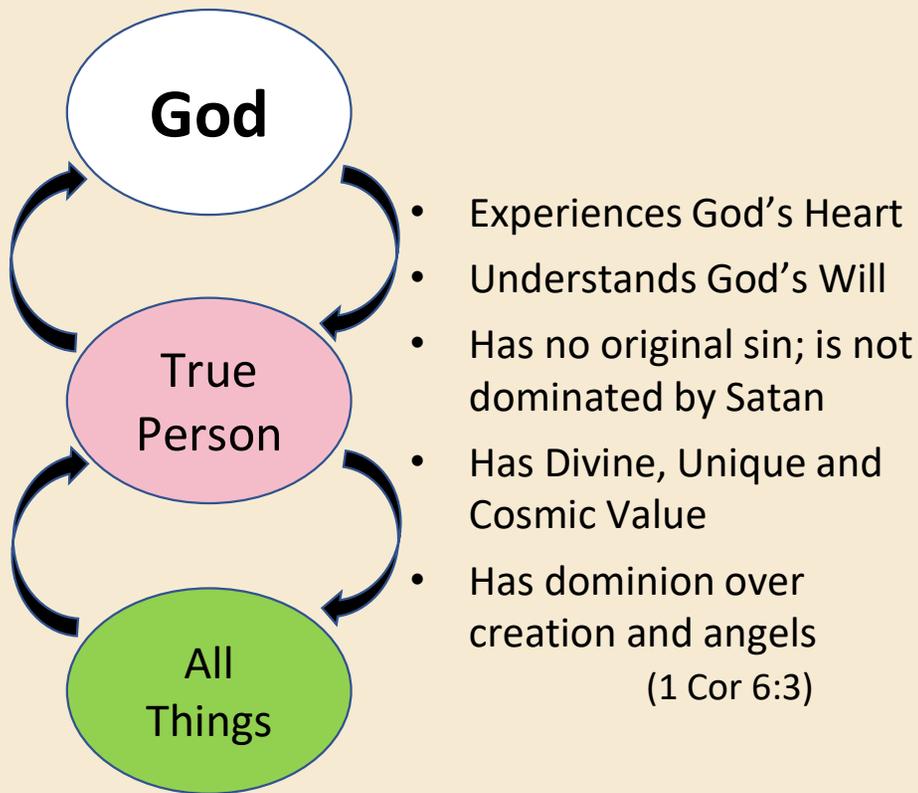
Cosmic Value

- *If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 1 Cor 15:44*
- *Do you not know that we shall judge angels?*
1 Cor 6:3

Cosmic Value



Jesus (True Man) and Fallen People



The Identity of Adam

- The Bible tells us that Jesus came as the Second Adam.
- By understanding the value and purpose of the first Adam, we can understand the value and purpose of the second Adam.

For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

1 Cor 15:21-22

The Sixth Day of Creation

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it ...”

Genesis 1:27-28

God Created Adam First

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2:7,15

God's Purpose for Creating Adam

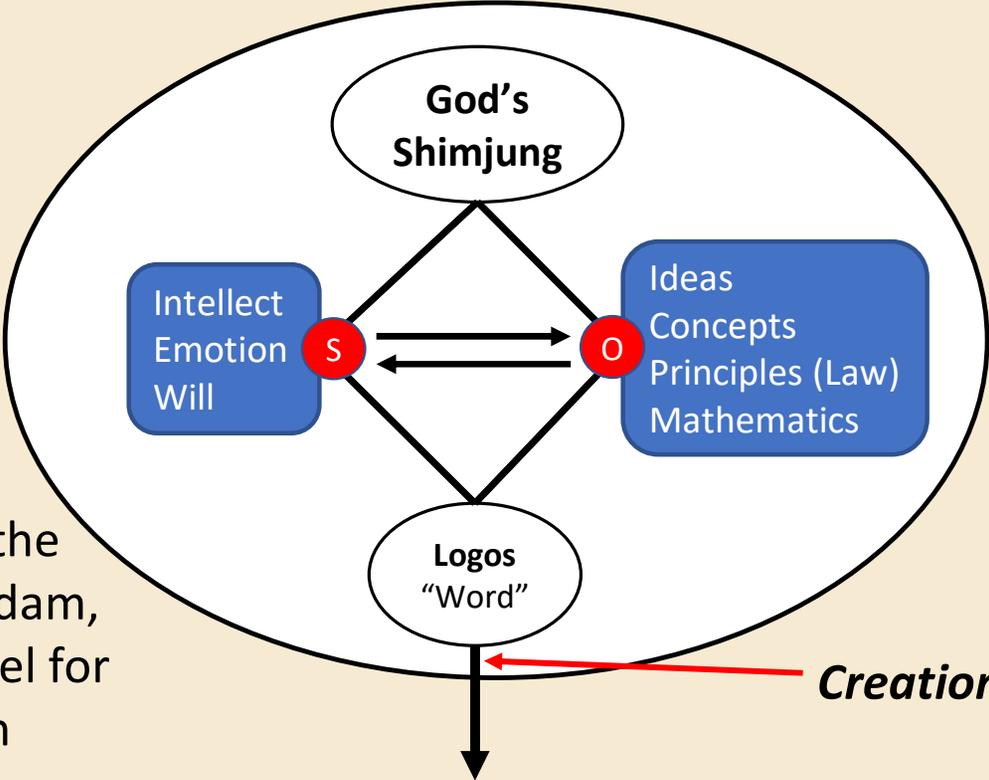
- God Himself is beyond time and space, and invisible in both the physical and spiritual worlds.
- God created the spiritual and physical worlds as the environment where the 3 Blessings could be fulfilled.
- In order to experience giving and receiving love in the created world, God needed to take on a substantial form in the world.
- Adam was created to be the incarnate body of God through whom God would give and receive love with Eve and with the creation.

“Adam, who was to have become God’s body, would have become the progenitor of humanity. In other words, he would have been God incarnate. For the invisible God to exercise dominion over the world of substance, He had to have a substantial form, namely a body, through which he would then be able to see and hear; hence He created Adam to become His embodiment.”

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, p.2241

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. John 1:1-3

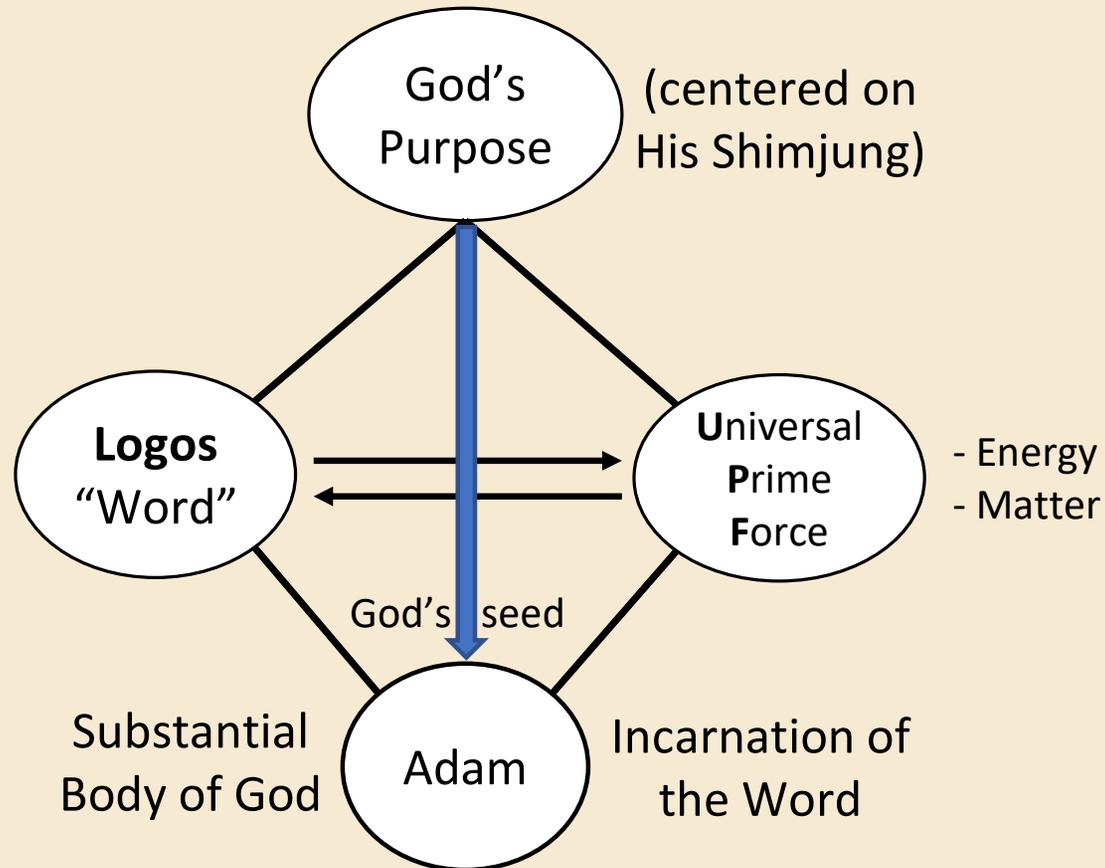
God's Plan for Creation



The Logos is the blueprint for Adam, who is the model for all Creation

Creation Process

The Creation Process



God Created Eve to be the Object of His Love

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."...

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

Gen 2:18, 21-23

God Created Eve from Adam



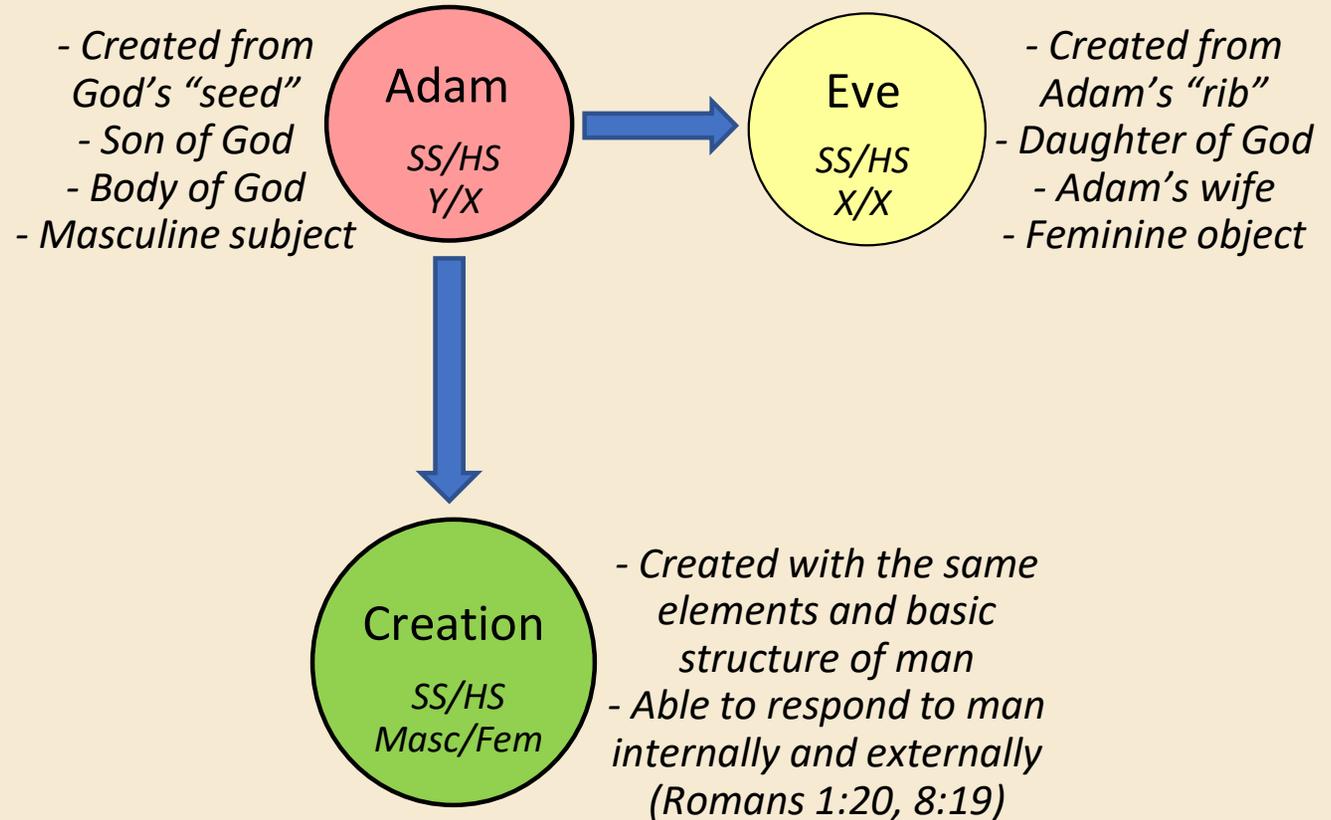
True Adam is the Vertical Center of the Family

Who did God create first, man or woman? (Man.) Man represents heaven. So in the Bible we see the symbolism that God took the rib of Adam and created Eve. This did not happen literally; it only means that Eve was created in the image of Adam...

So when a child is born, it is protected and loved. Who embraces the baby? The mother, who is on the horizontal level, does. Then the mother and all the children are protected by the father. The mother must all the time, day and night, love this vertical love of the father. The whole family must together then turn around the vertical. Mother and children must turn. What makes this? Love.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon - May 24, 1993

Adam was the Model for All Creation (John 1:3)



Adam as the Root of God's Family

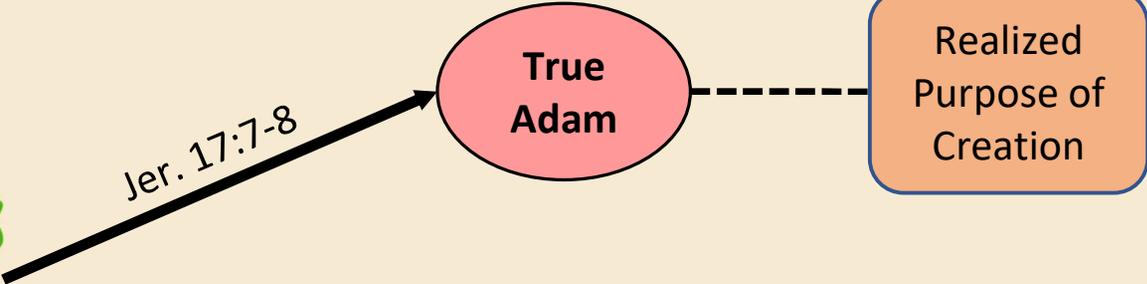
- As the son of God created from God's seed, Adam was created to be the model for creation.
- Had Adam not fallen, all of Adam's descendants would have been born from his sinless lineage.

... For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. Rom 5:15

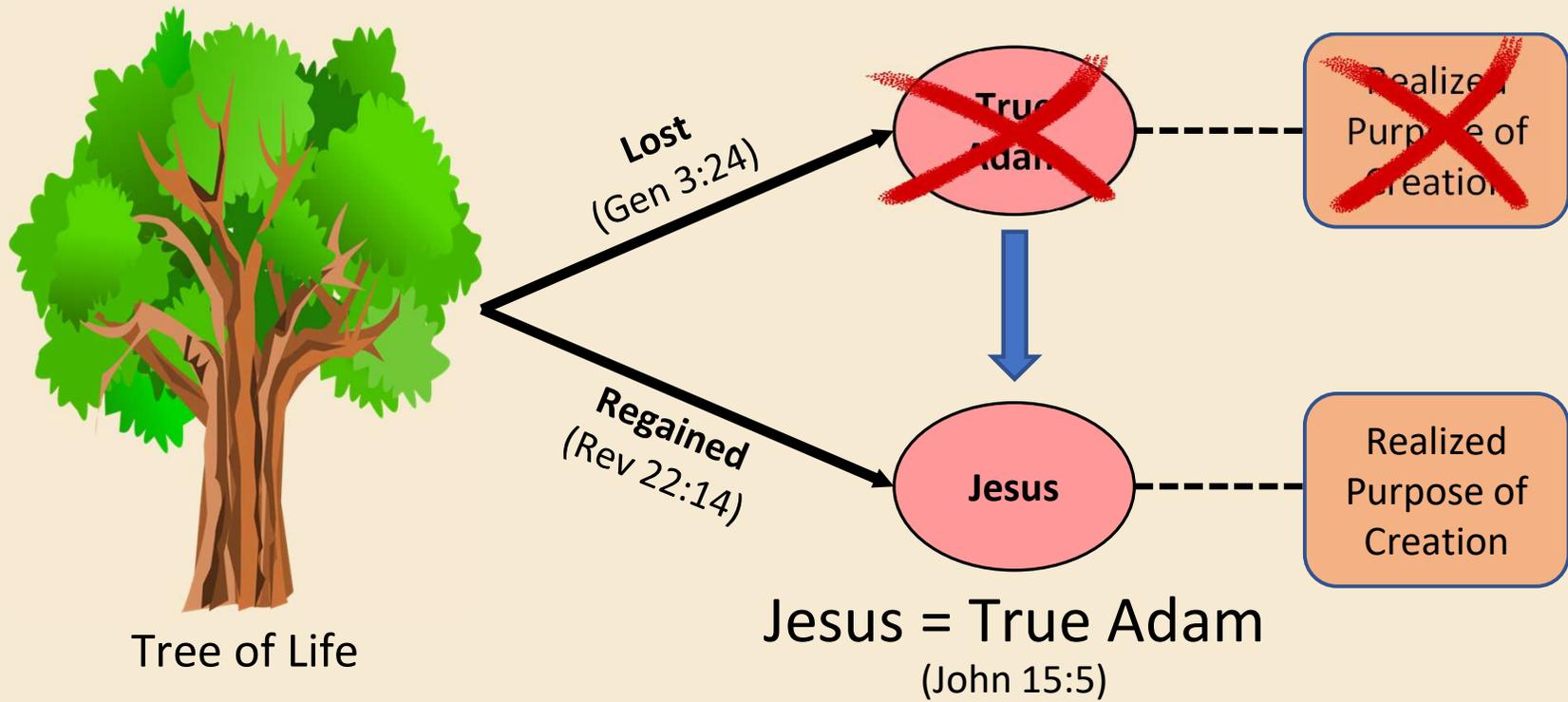
True Adam as the Tree of Life



Tree of Life



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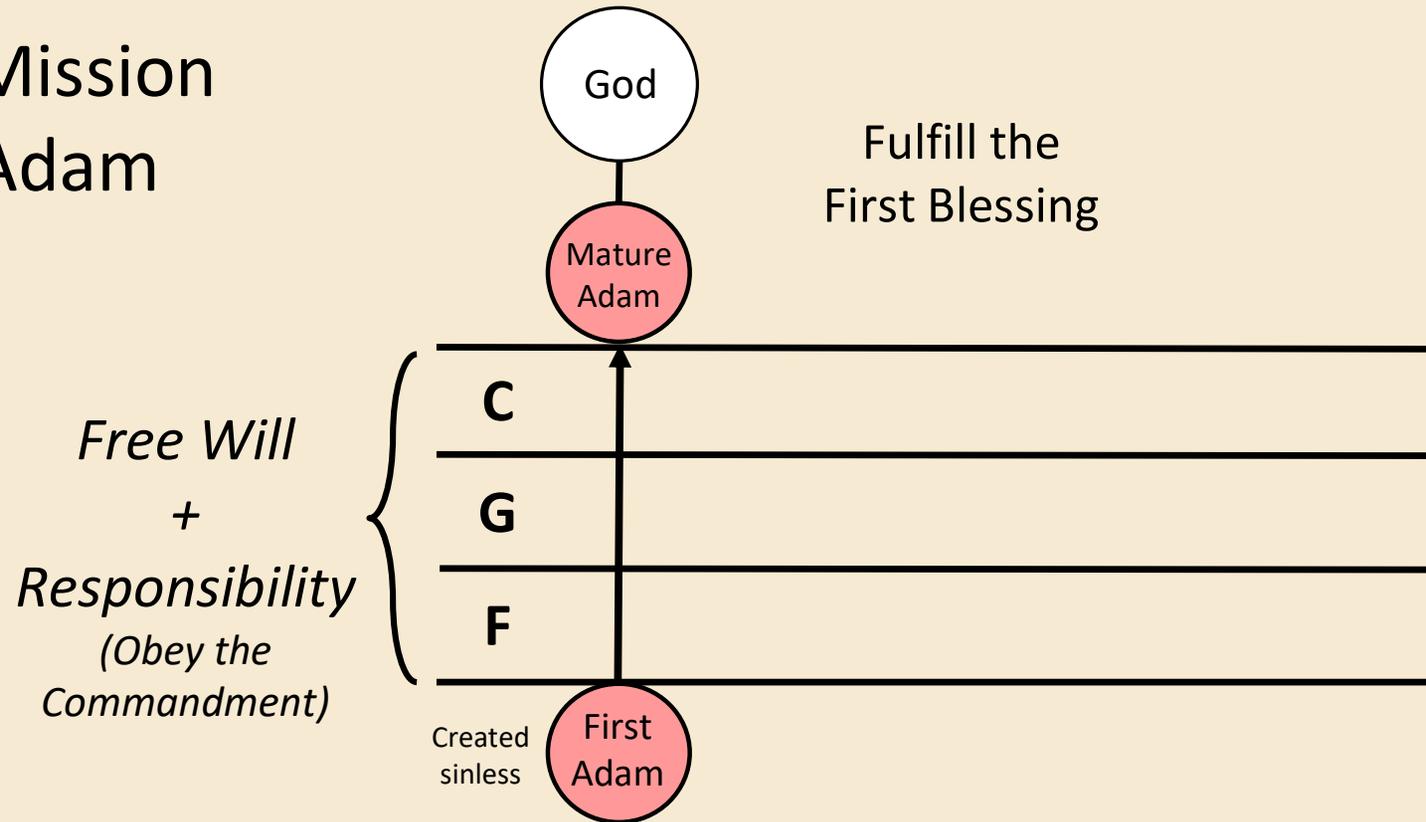
Adam as King of Kings

- Adam was created as the sinless son of God to be the King of Kings – the original ancestor and ruler from whom all God’s sons and daughters would come.
- Each family would be a small kingdom, with the head of the household serving as king and priest on the family level.

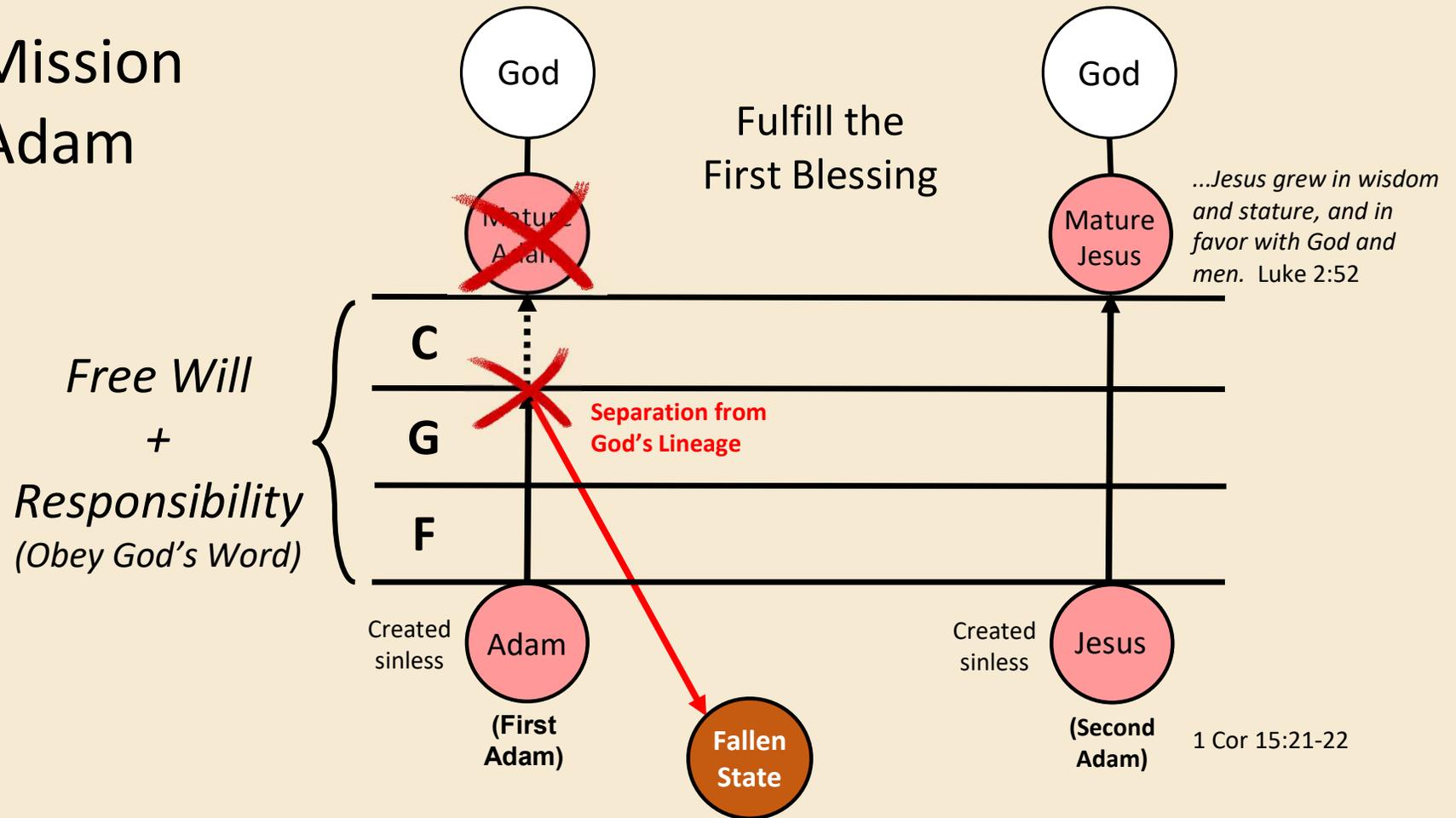
And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5-6

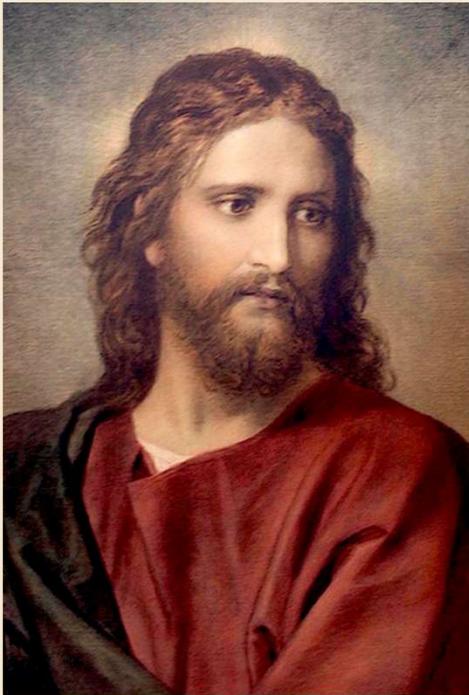
The Mission of Adam



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Christ is Fully God and Fully Human



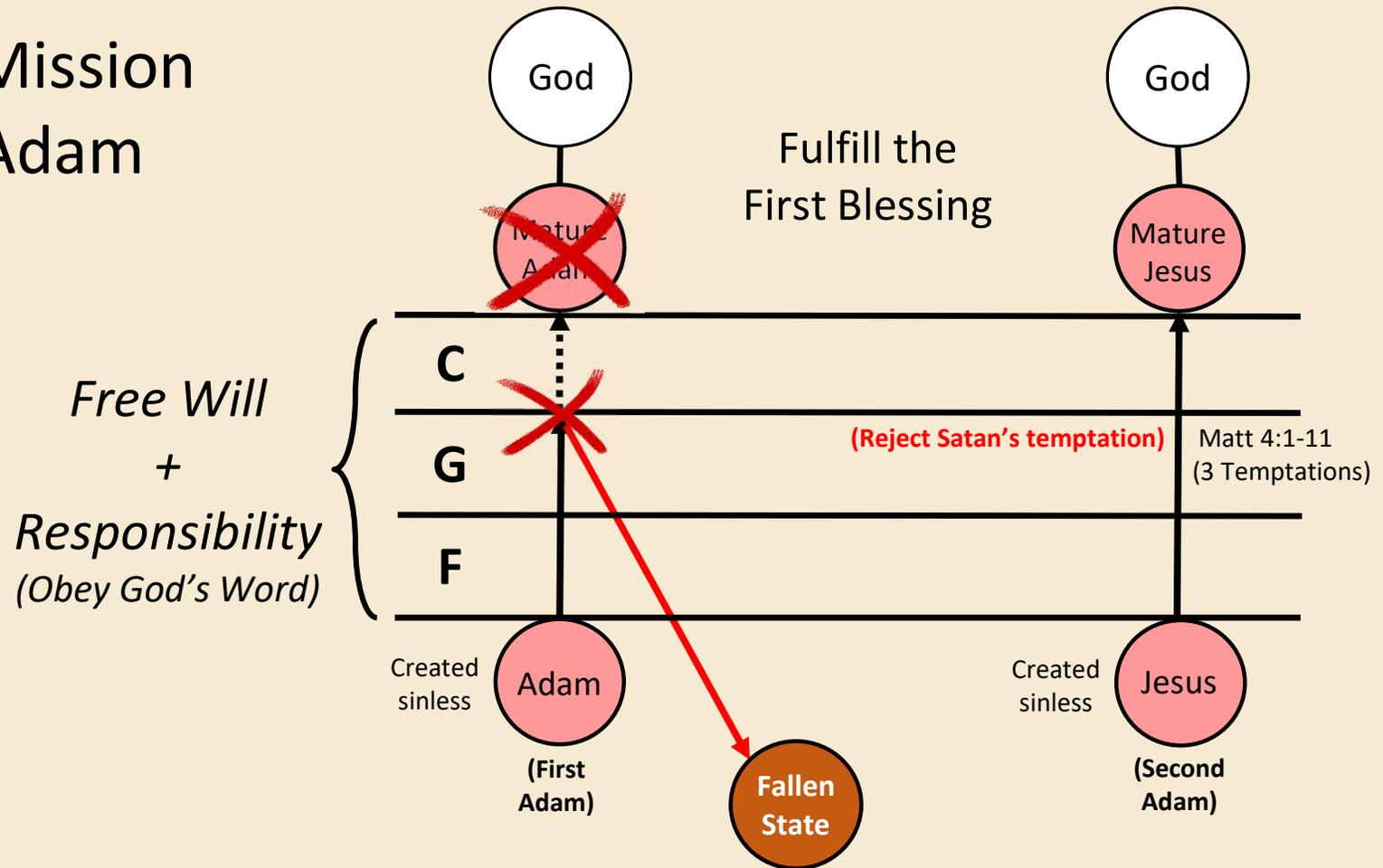
For the entire fullness of God's nature dwell bodily in Christ...

Colossians 2:9

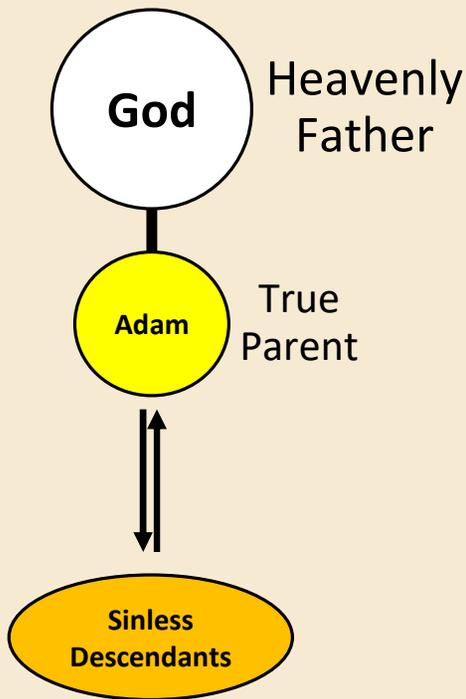
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are -- yet was without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

The Mission of Adam

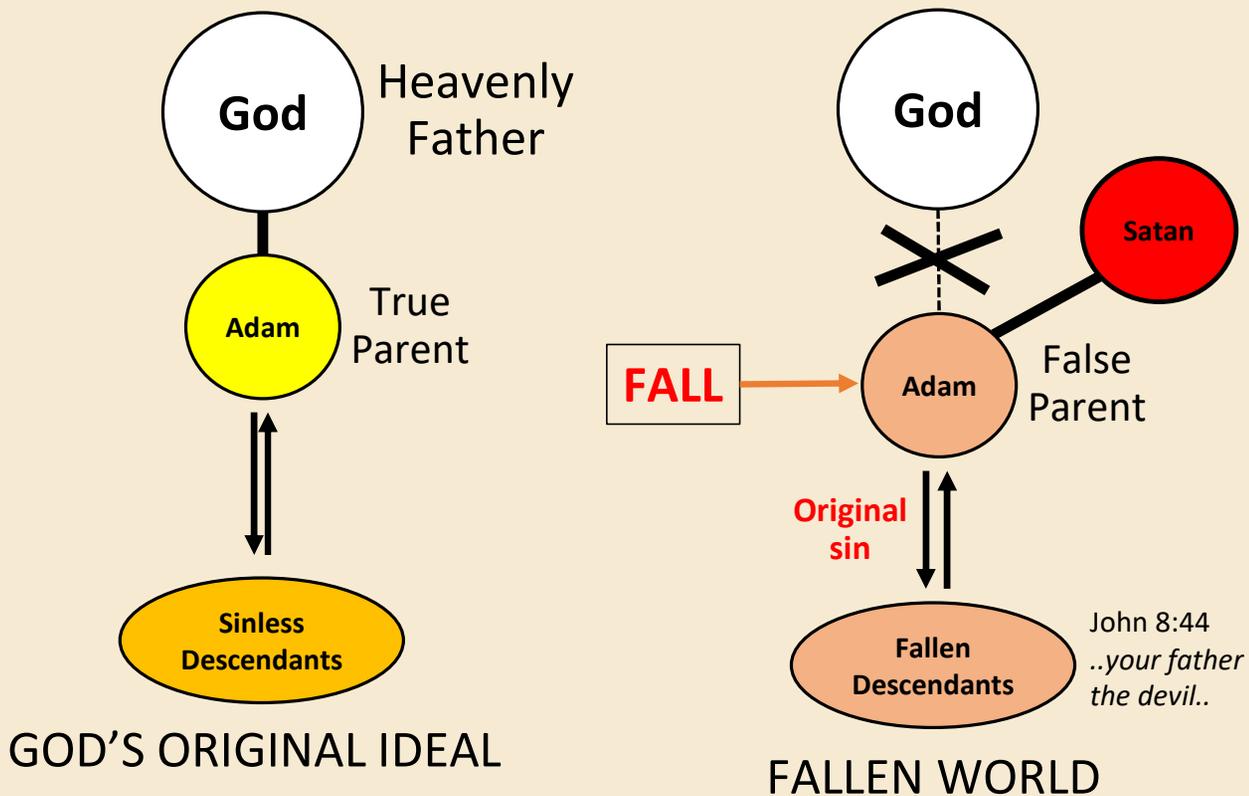


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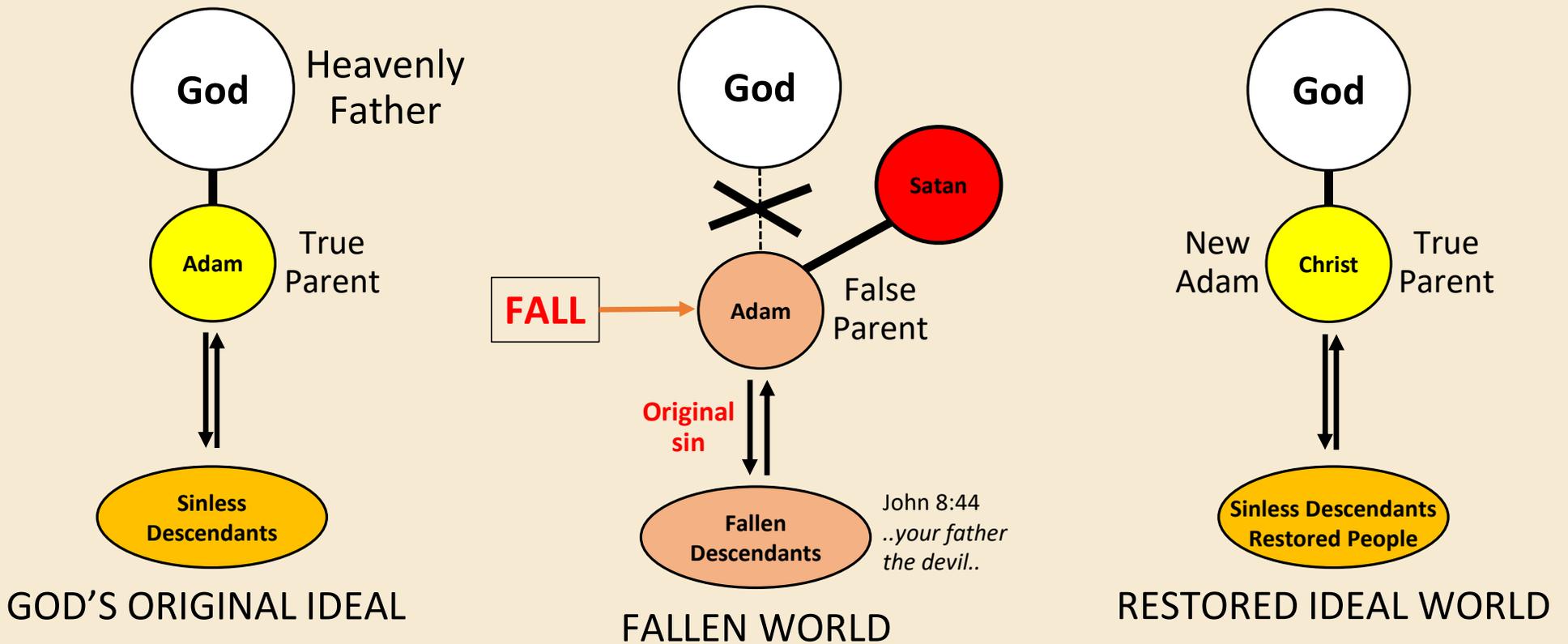


GOD'S ORIGINAL IDEAL

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The Messiah Comes to Restore what Adam Failed to Accomplish

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Restoration of the First Blessing

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Gal 5:22-23

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Eph 4:15

“Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

Matt 5:48

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Restoration of the Second Blessing

“What has God been looking for up until now? He has not been seeking a subject partner; rather He has been looking for an ideal object partner. He has been looking for those who resemble God and possess the inner and outer aspects of the world He created.

What is the starting point that leads to such a result? It is the family. There is nothing that can represent the universe better than the family. To be one with the parents is for past and present to meet. Here, you can love the past by loving your parents, love the present by loving your partner, and love the future by loving your children.”

Rev. Sun Myung Moon – March 17, 1970

*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6,7*

“The only ideology we truly need to know is that centered on Adam. The only language, culture, traditions, way of living and system of government would be those that come from Adam. In fact, everything in this world should have been in accordance with the ideological system of Adam’s nation.” Rev. Sun Myung Moon – May 1, 1968

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Restoration of the Third Blessing

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:15-16

... the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Romans 8:21-22

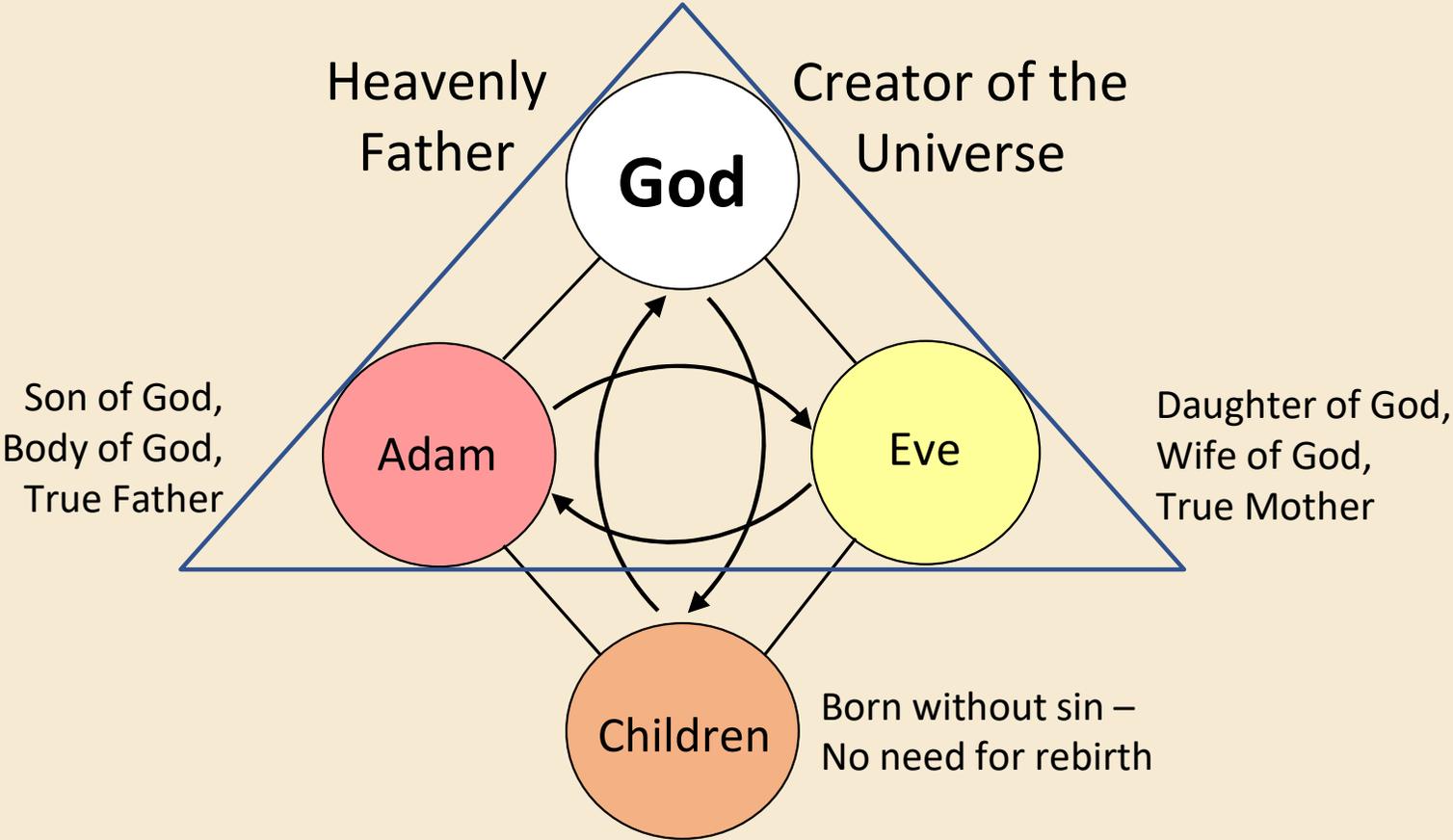
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- By fulfilling his portion of responsibility (which Adam failed to do), Christ must become God's true image - His true son.
- As the new Adam and True Father of mankind, Christ becomes the root of a restored Godly lineage – a lineage free from original sin.
- To accomplish the 3 Blessings, Christ must raise up a woman from the fallen world who can restore the position of Eve and True Mother.
- As True Parents, Christ and His bride are established as the King and Queen of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in the spirit world.

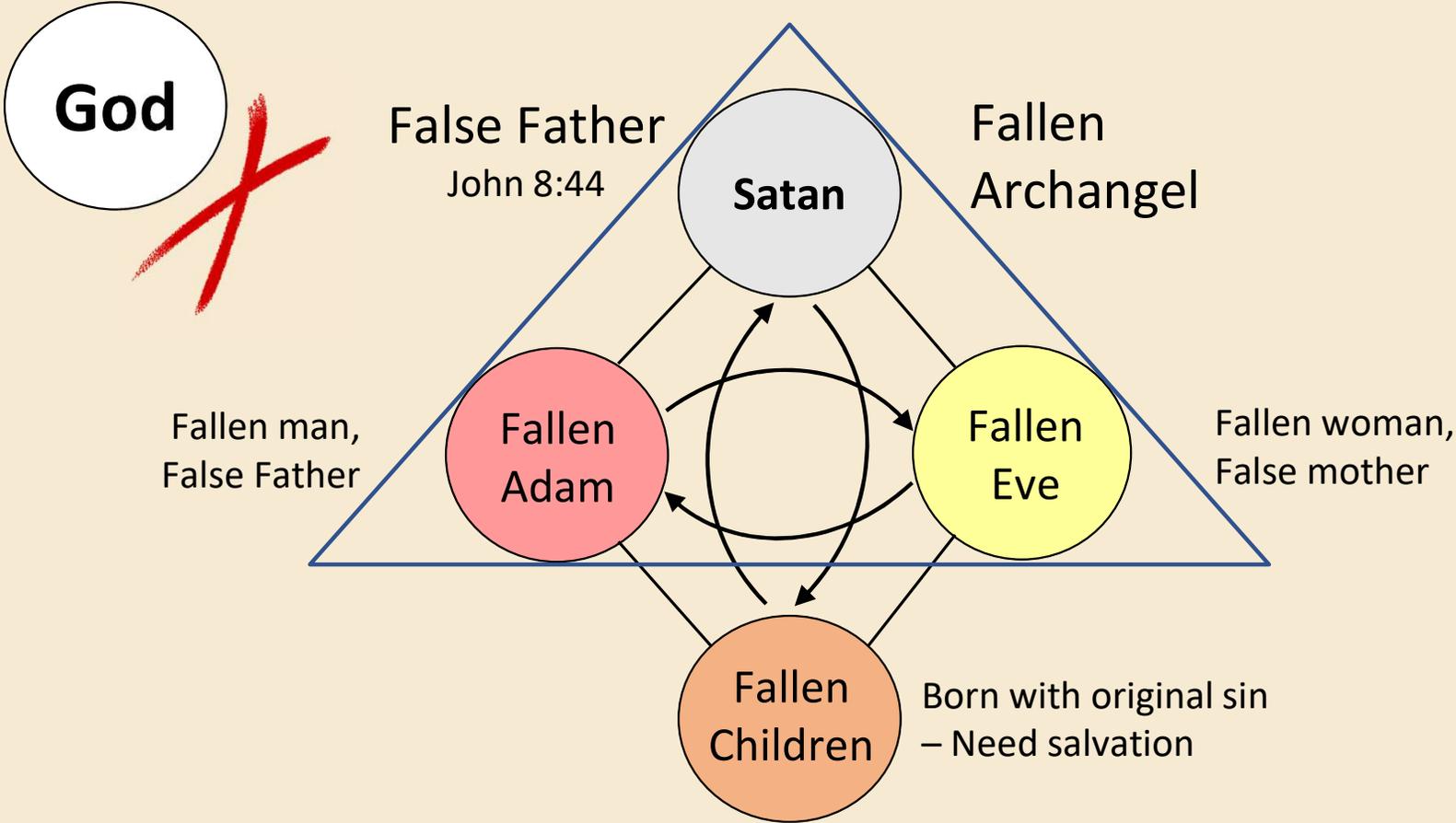
Why Fallen People Need Christ

- Descendants of fallen Adam inherit the original sin – i.e. the condition by which Satan can accuse and dominate fallen human beings, keeping them separated from God.
- Upon the foundation of restoration history, Christ is born from God's seed, having no original sin.
- Christ is the eternal body of God and the center of God's Kingdom.
- Only by being born again - engrafting to Christ and becoming part of His sinless lineage - can fallen man return to God.

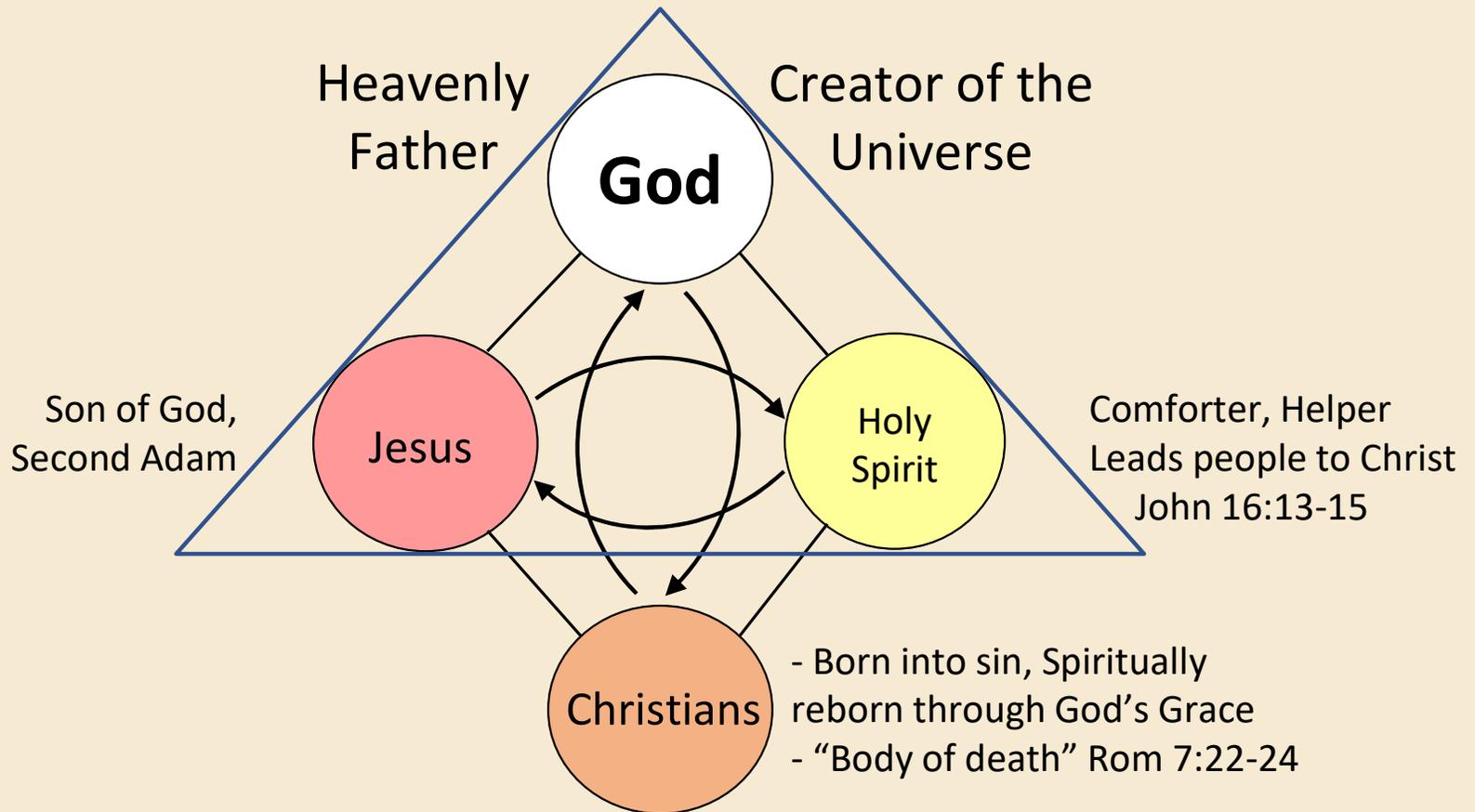
The Original Trinity (God's Original Plan of Creation)



The Fallen Trinity



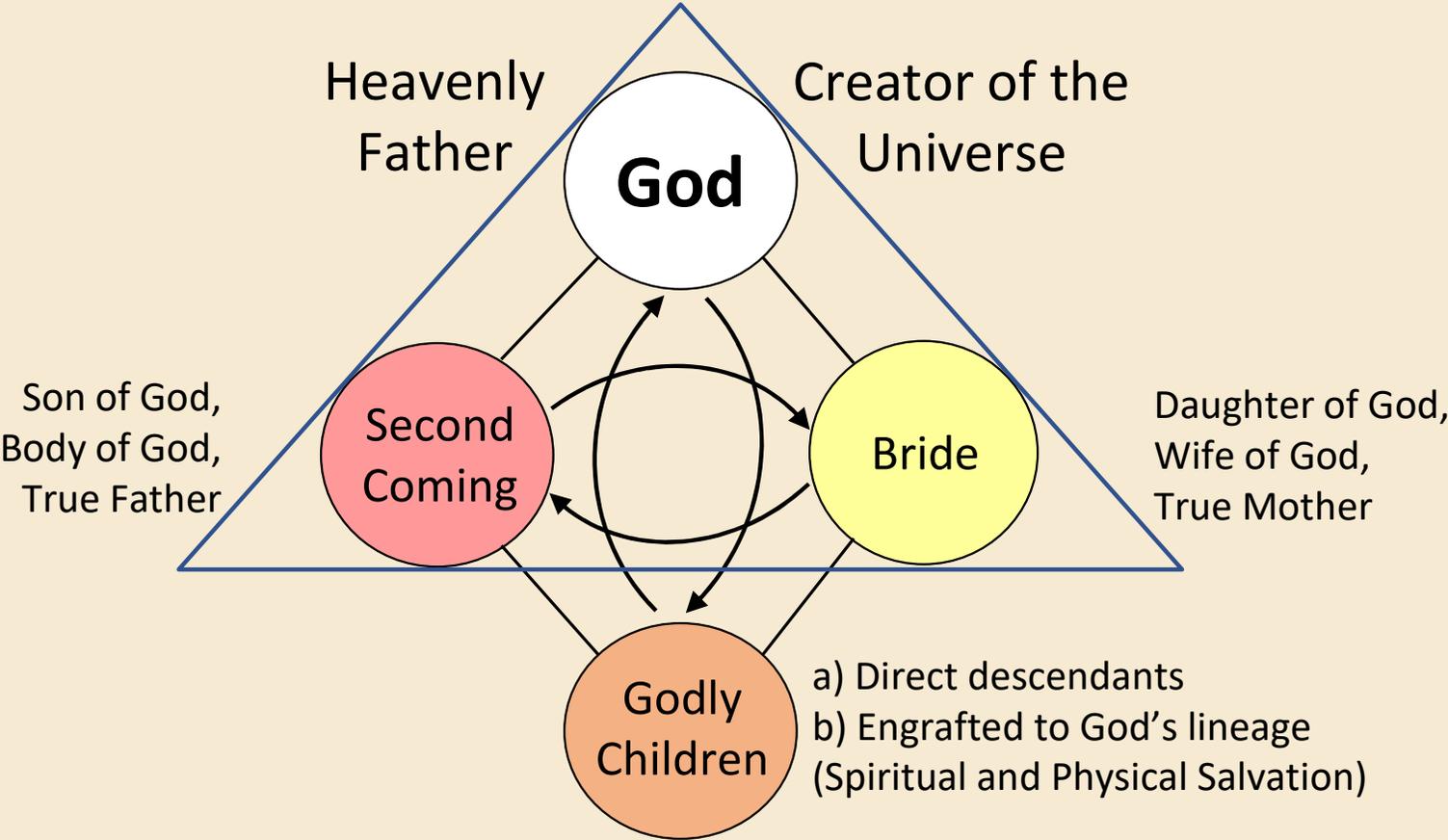
The Spiritual Trinity



The Holy Spirit Testifies to Christ

“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you.” John 16:13-15

The Completed (Restored) Trinity



Thank You Very Much!