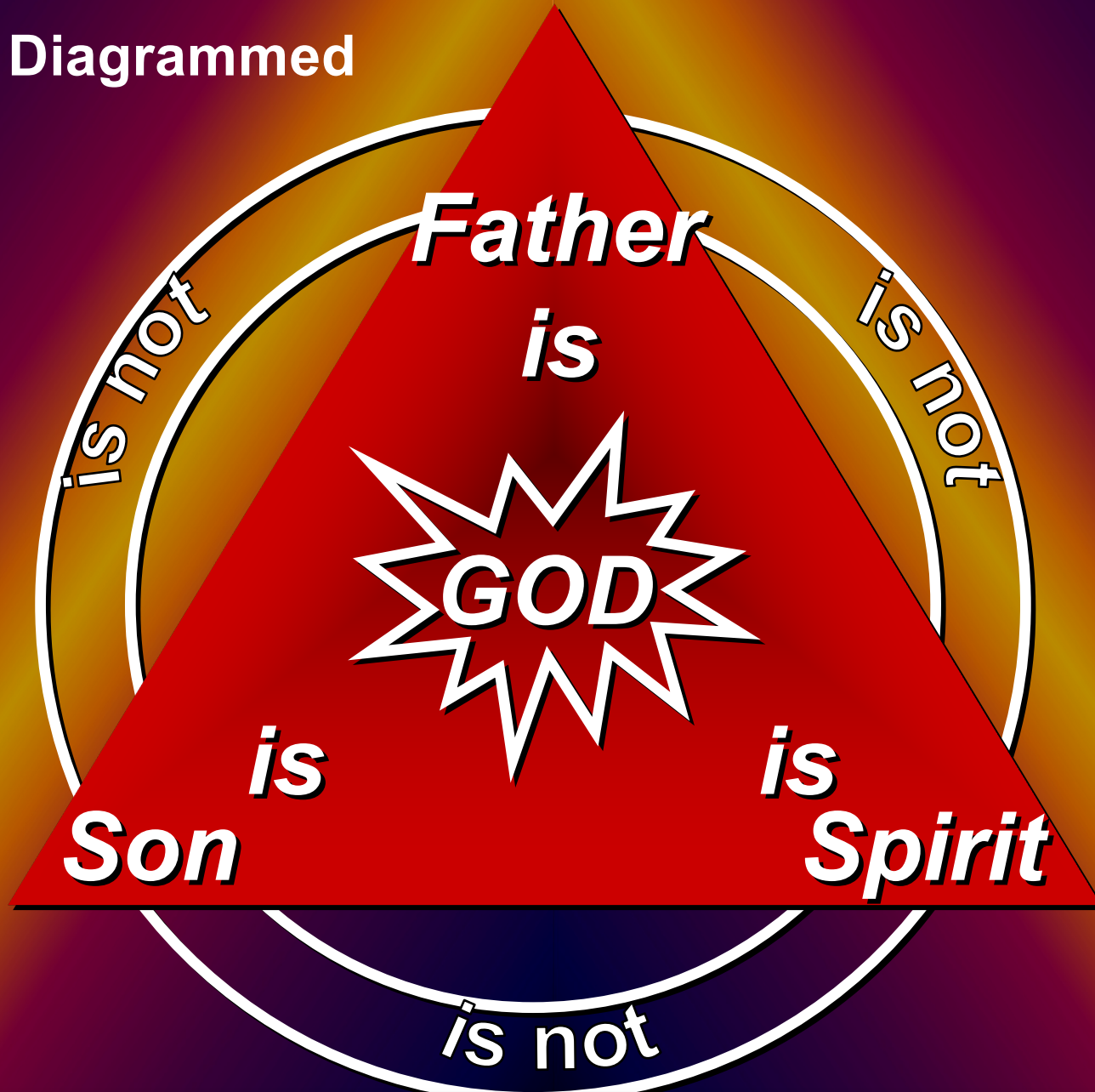


The Trinity Diagrammed



Christology: The Person & Work of Jesus

Biblical Evidence for the Trinity

***How can you prove this
important doctrine?***

How to Prove the Trinity

- 1. Start only with the Bible**
- 2. Show the Bible teaches only one God**

One God



There is Only One God



**“This is what the
LORD says—Israel’s
King and Redeemer,
the LORD of Heaven’s
Armies: “I am the
First and the Last;
**there is no other
God”**
(Isaiah 44:6)**

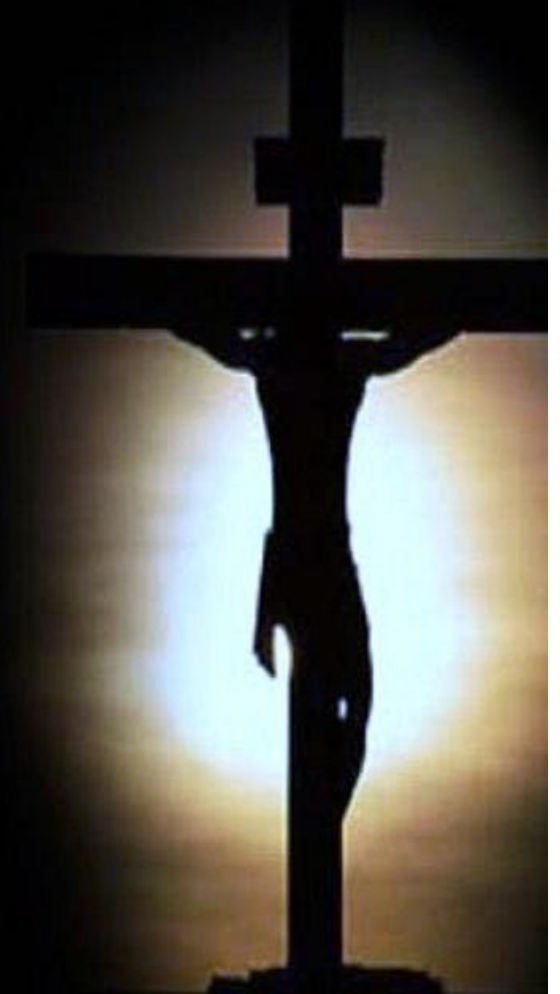
There is Only One God

**“...Understand that
I alone am God.
There is no other
God—there never
has been, and there
never will be”
(Isaiah 43:10 NLT)**



There is Only One God

**“There is but one
God, and one
mediator between
God and man,
Christ Jesus”
(1 Tim. 2:5)**



3. Correctly Define the Trinity

“Within the nature of the one, true God exists **three Person(ages)**: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who share the same **attributes**, are the same **substance** (nature, essence or reality) and are in effect the one, true God.”

Ask, “Do you agree with this definition?”

The Illustration of Light



**A single beam of
white light...**

**...breaks into three
beams of red, yellow,
and blue**

4. Decide who Jesus is

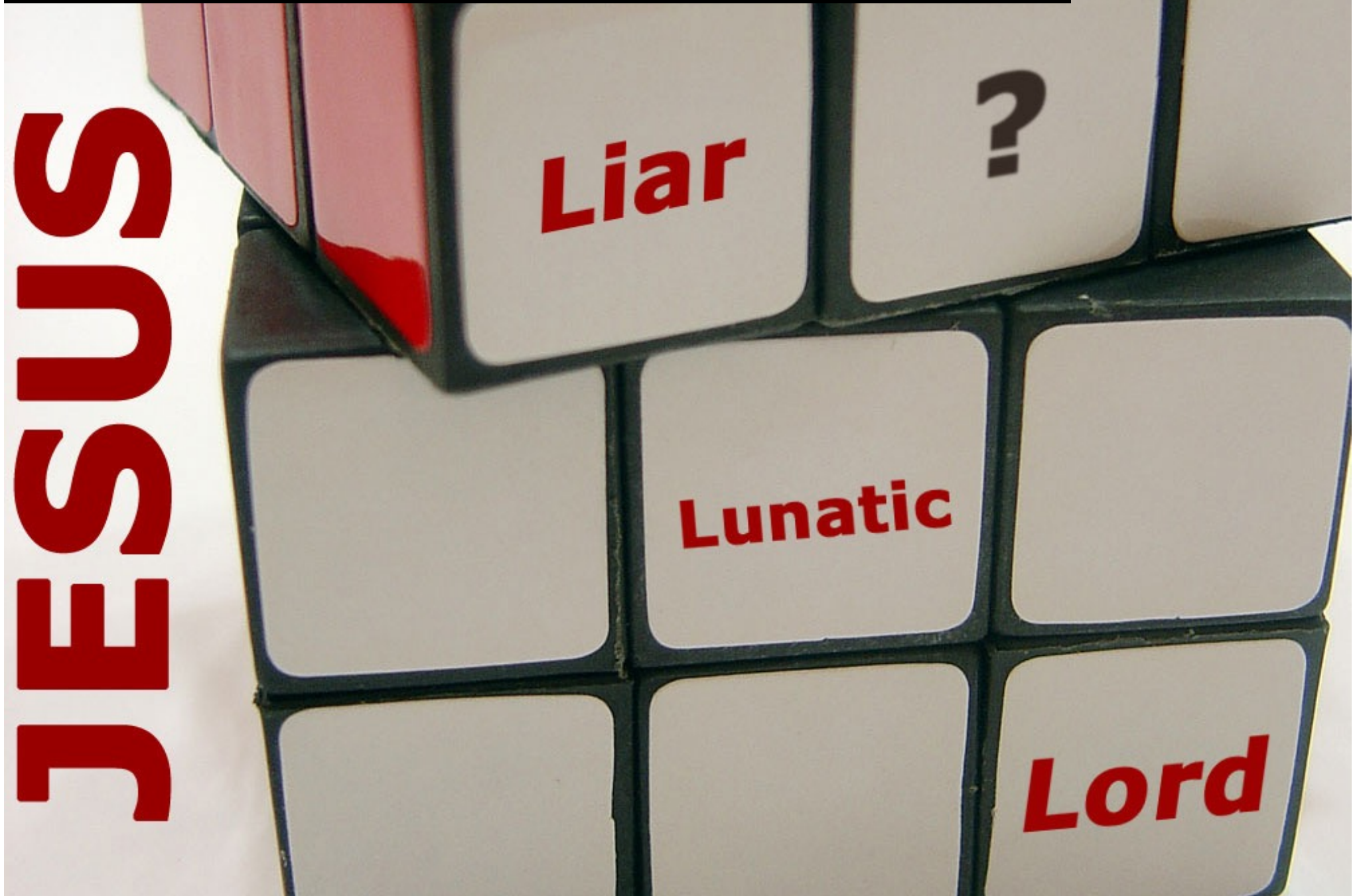
JESUS

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?

Lunatic

Lord



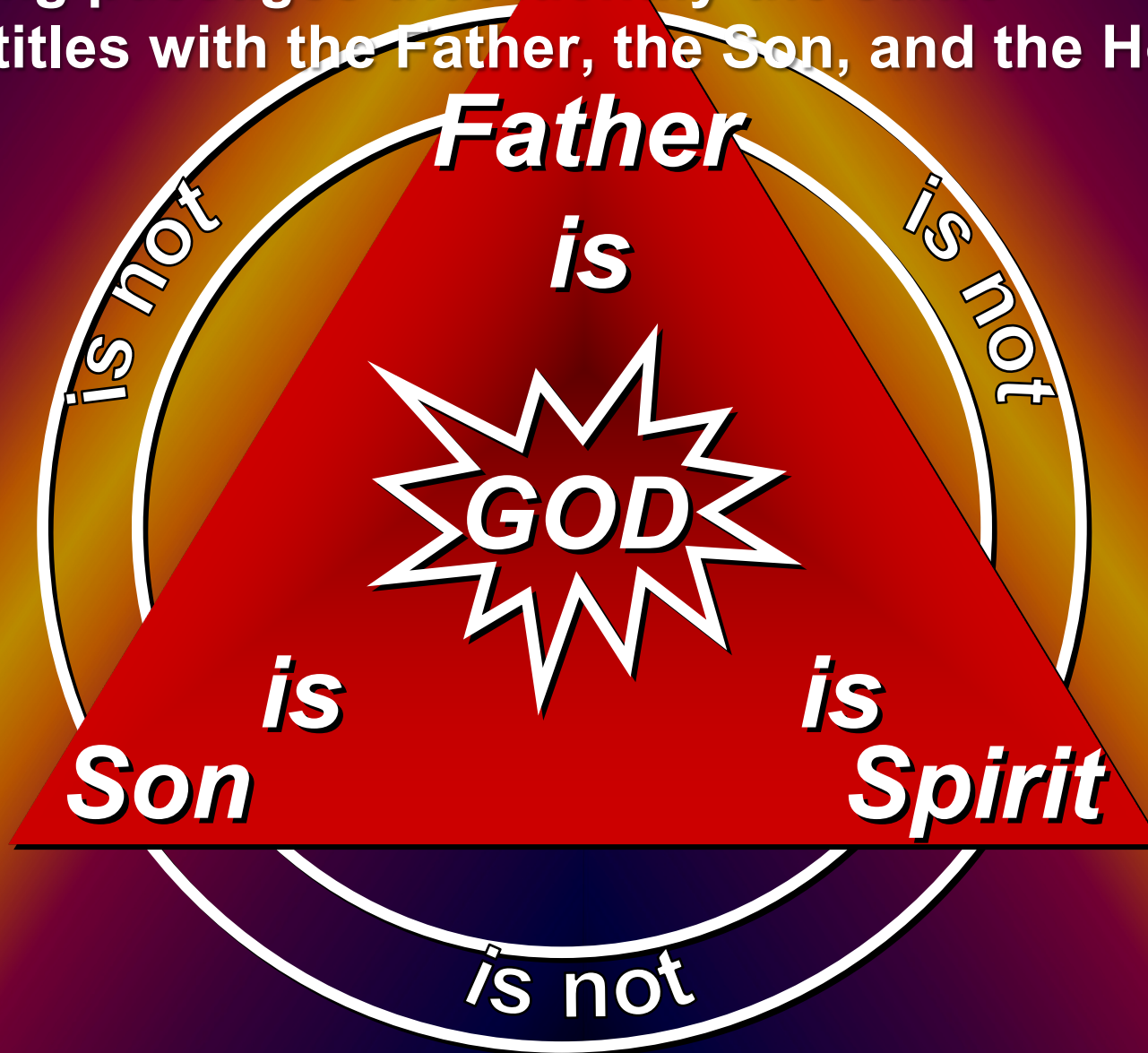
5. Show the reasonableness of this proposition:

If three biblical Persons are all called God and share the same attributes of God, but there exists only one God, they are in effect *the* one, true God. (If this can be demonstrated then the Trinity is true.)

Ask, “If I can prove this to you, then will you believe in the Trinity?”

If the person says “no,” then he or she has an authority other than the Bible!

6. The Bible conclusively proves the above proposition in the following passages that identify the same attributes/titles with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:



Biblical Evidence for the Doctrine of the Trinity

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<u>Attribute/Title</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Holy Spirit</u>
Called "God" (deity)	<u>2 Pet. 1:17</u>	Heb. 1:6-8	<u>Acts 5:3-4</u>
Worshipped as God	<u>Matt. 4:10</u>	<u>John 20:28</u>	
Indwells believers	<u>1 Cor. 3:16a</u>	Col. 1:27	<u>1 Cor. 3:16b</u>
Is the truth	<u>John 3:33</u>	<u>John 14:6</u>	<u>1 John 5:6</u>
Raised Christ	<u>Acts 3:26</u>	<u>John 10:17</u>	<u>Rom. 8:11</u>
Omniscient	Ps. 139:1-5	John 16:3	1 Cor. 2:10-11
Omnipotent	Matt. 19:26	Phil. 4:13	Zech. 4:6
Omnipresent	Jer. 23:24	Matt. 18:20	Ps. 139:7-12
Has personhood	John 3:16	John 1:9-18	John 14:17
Helper (<i>Paraclete</i>)	2 Cor. 1:3-6	1 John 2:1	John 14:26
Forgives sin	Isa. 45:25	1 John 2:12	
Forgets sin	Jer. 31:34	Heb. 8:12	Heb. 10:17
Immutable	Mal. 3:6	Heb. 13:8	
Eternal	Exod. 15:18	John 1:1-2	
"I Am"	Exod. 3:14	John 8:58	
"Alpha and Omega"	<u>Rev. 1:8</u>	<u>Rev. 22:13, 16</u>	
"First and the Last"	<u>Isa. 44:6</u>	<u>Rev. 1:17</u>	
Holy	Isa. 6:3	Mark 1:24	Luke 11:13

Note: Underlined verses are translated correctly in the Jehovah Witness *New World Translation*.

6. The Father, Son, & Spirit are all God:

Attribute or Title	Father	Son	Holy Spirit
Called "God" (deity)	<p>2 Pet. 1:17 when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."</p>	<p>Heb. 1:6, 8 And when he brought his supreme Son into the world, God said, "Let all of God's angels worship him"... 8But to the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. You rule with a scepter of justice."</p>	<p>Acts 5:3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit... You weren't lying to us but to God!"</p>

6. The Father, Son, & Spirit are all God:

Attribute or Title	Father	Son	Holy Spirit
Indwells believers	<p>1 Cor. 3:16a Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?</p>	<p>Col. 1:27 For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.</p>	<p>1 Cor. 3:16b Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?</p>



Truth

Father, Son & Spirit are All Called Truth

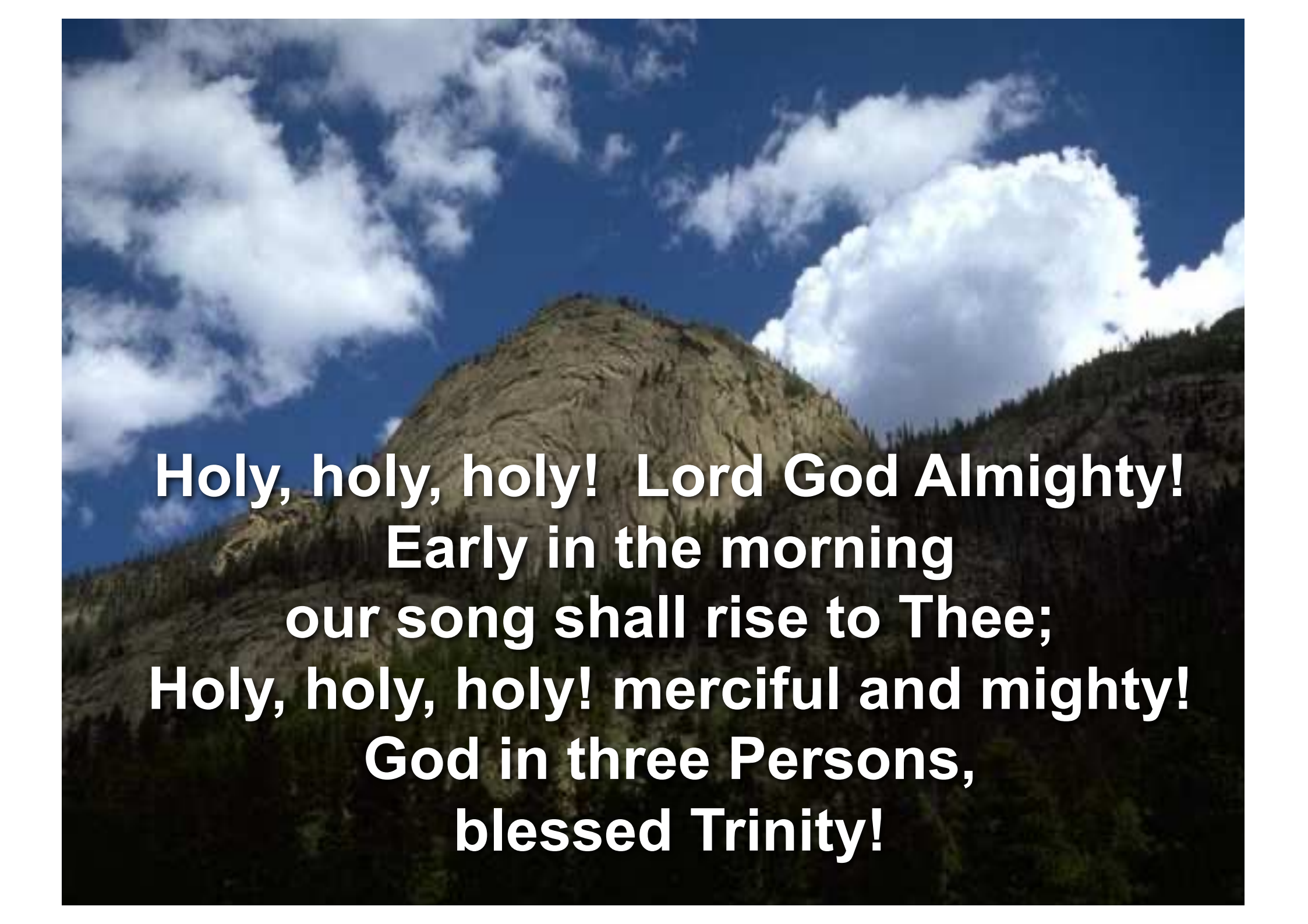
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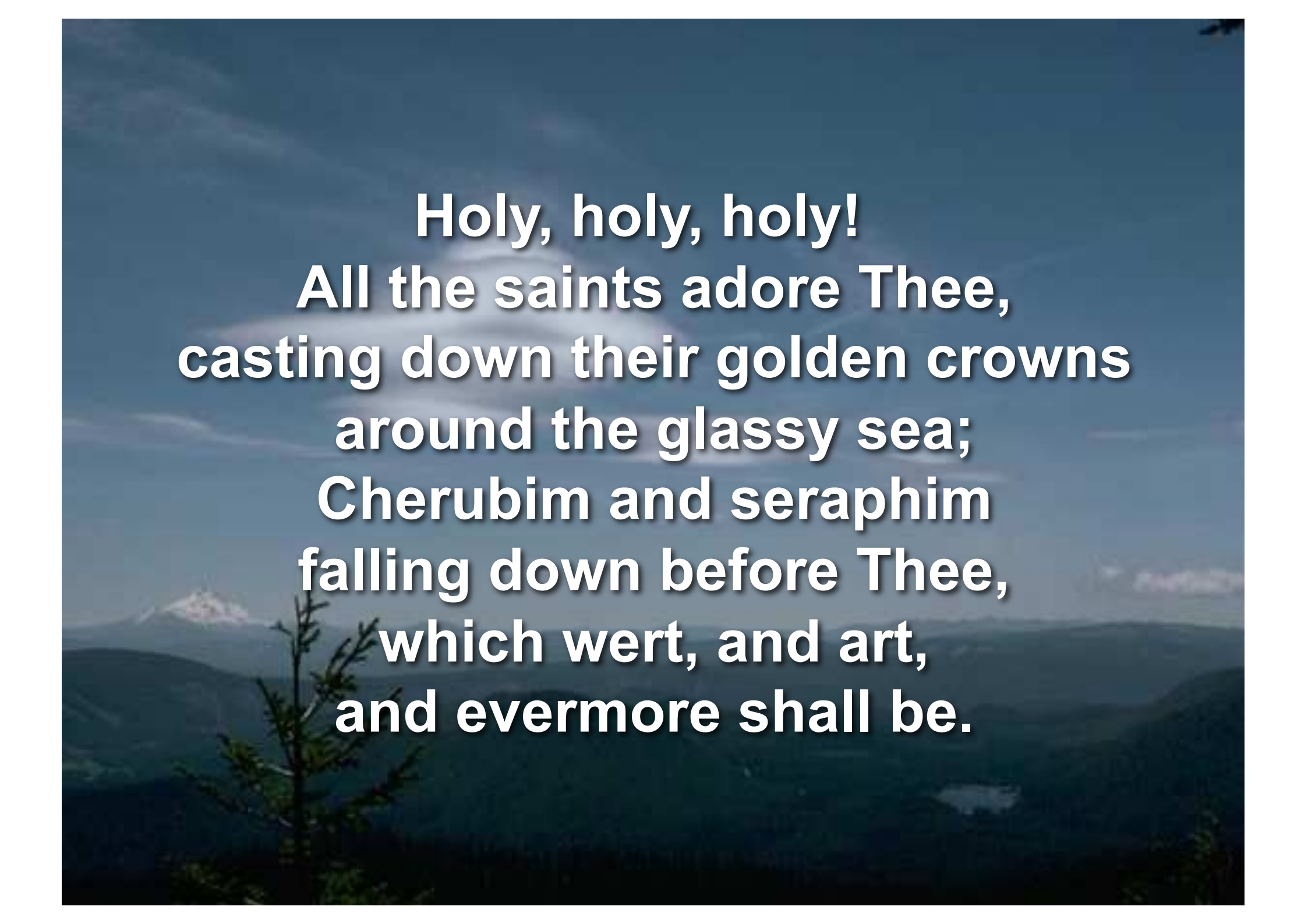
Attribute or Title	Father	Son	Holy Spirit
Holy	<p>Isa. 6:3 They were calling out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!”</p>	<p>Mark 1:24 “Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”</p>	<p>Luke 11:13 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”</p>

Holy, Holy, Holy!

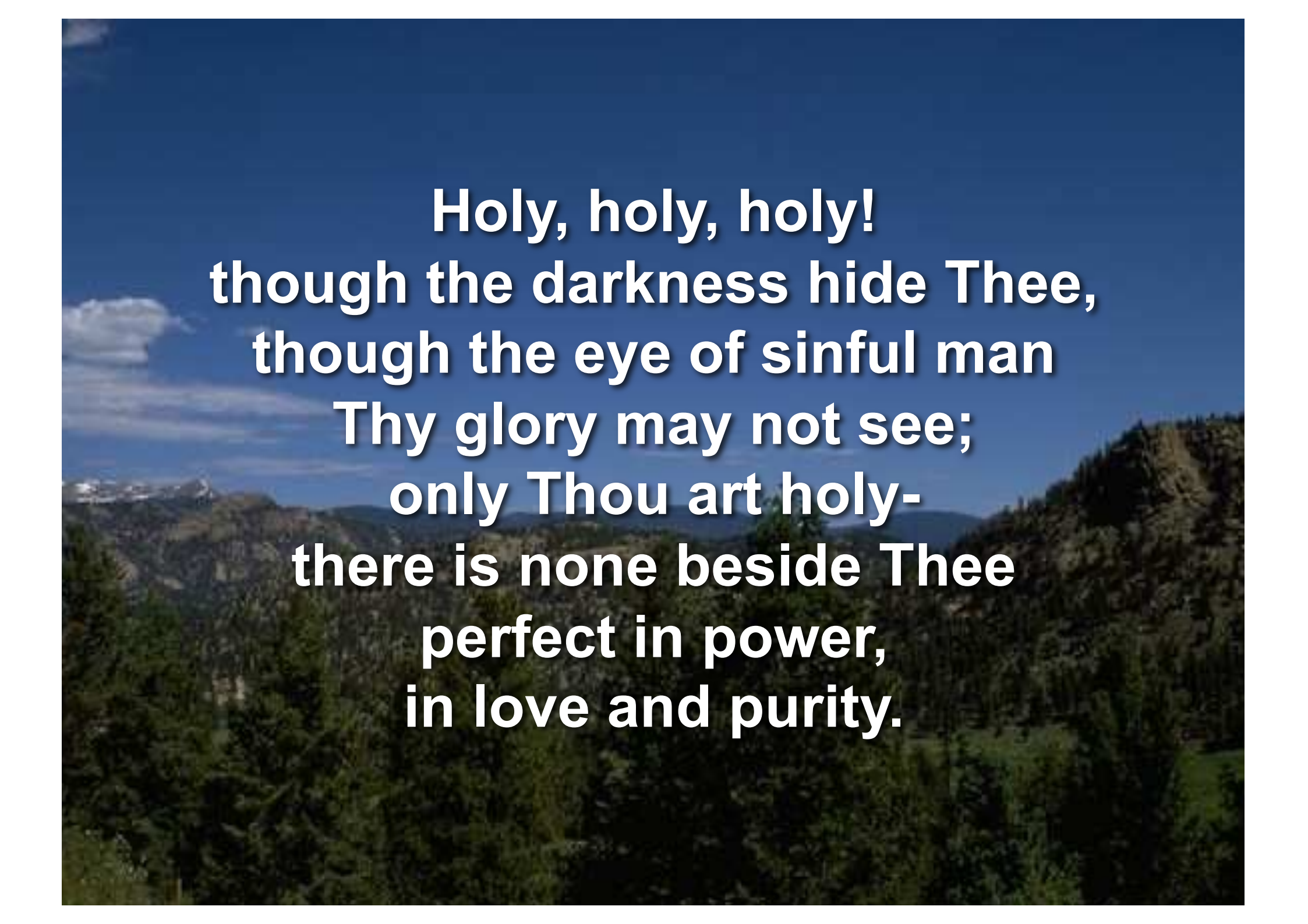




**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!**

A scenic view of a mountain range with a snow-capped peak in the distance, overlaid with white text. The text is centered and reads:

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
which wert, and art,
and evermore shall be.

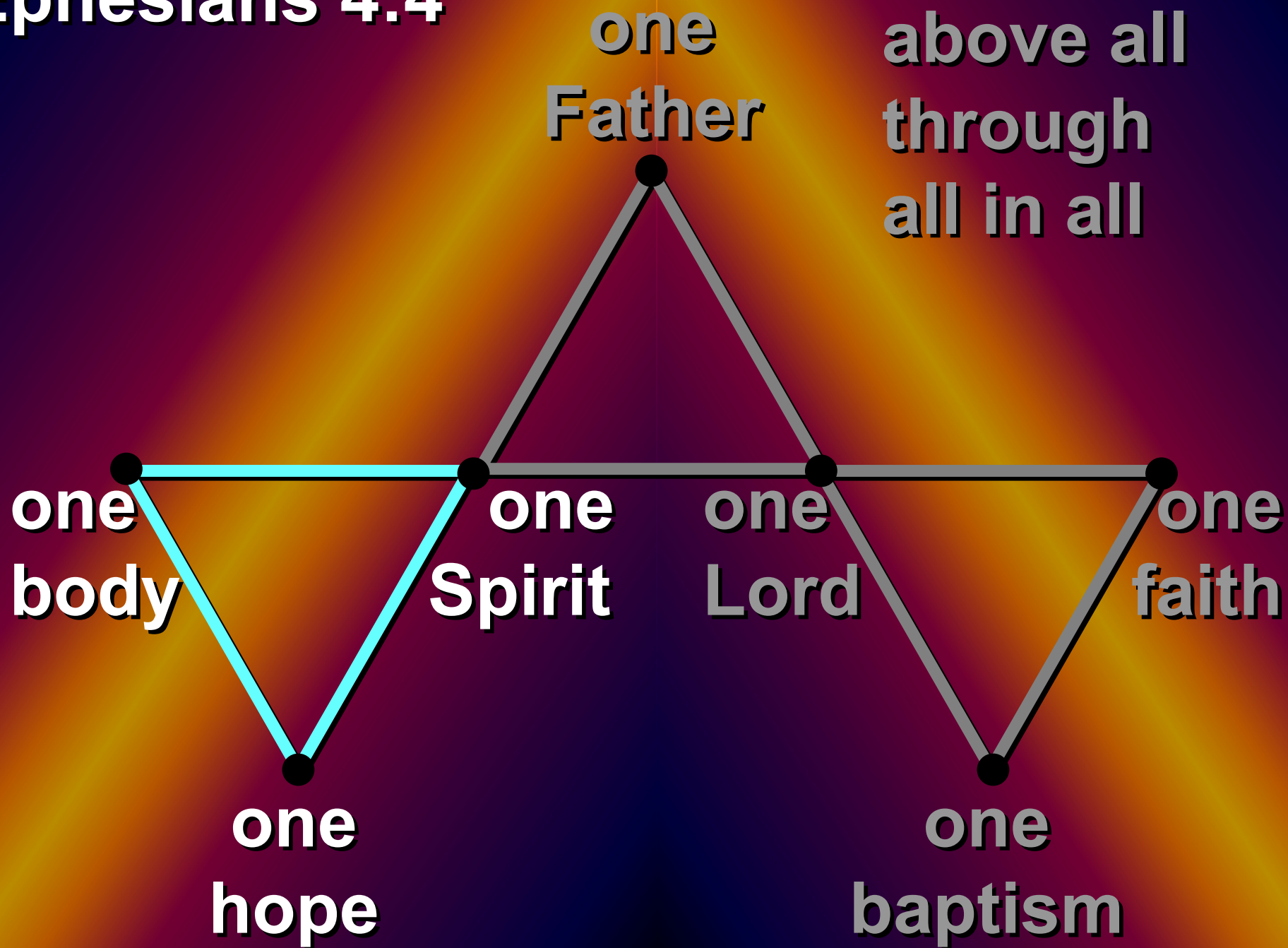


Holy, holy, holy!
though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy-
there is none beside Thee
perfect in power,
in love and purity.

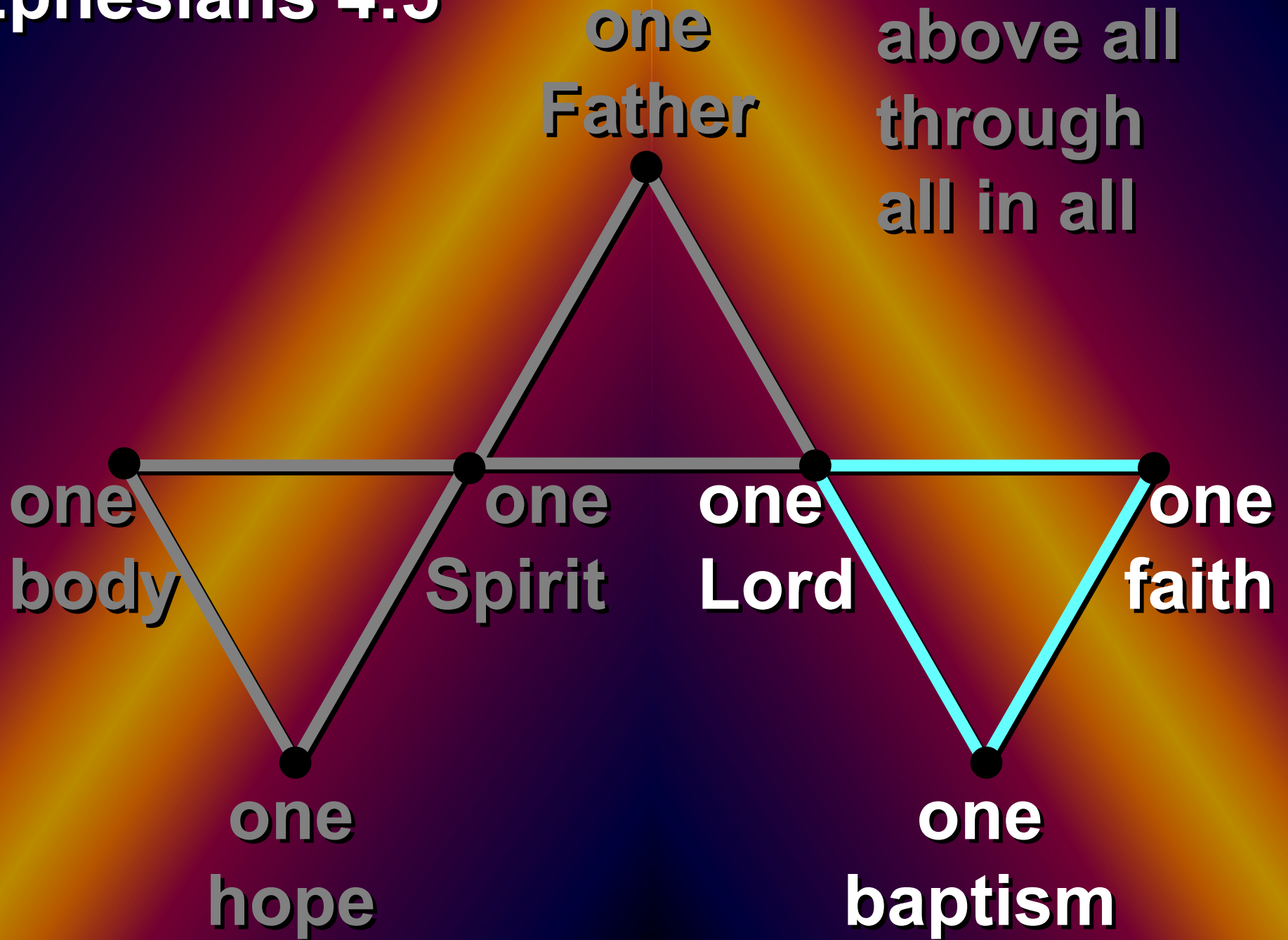


**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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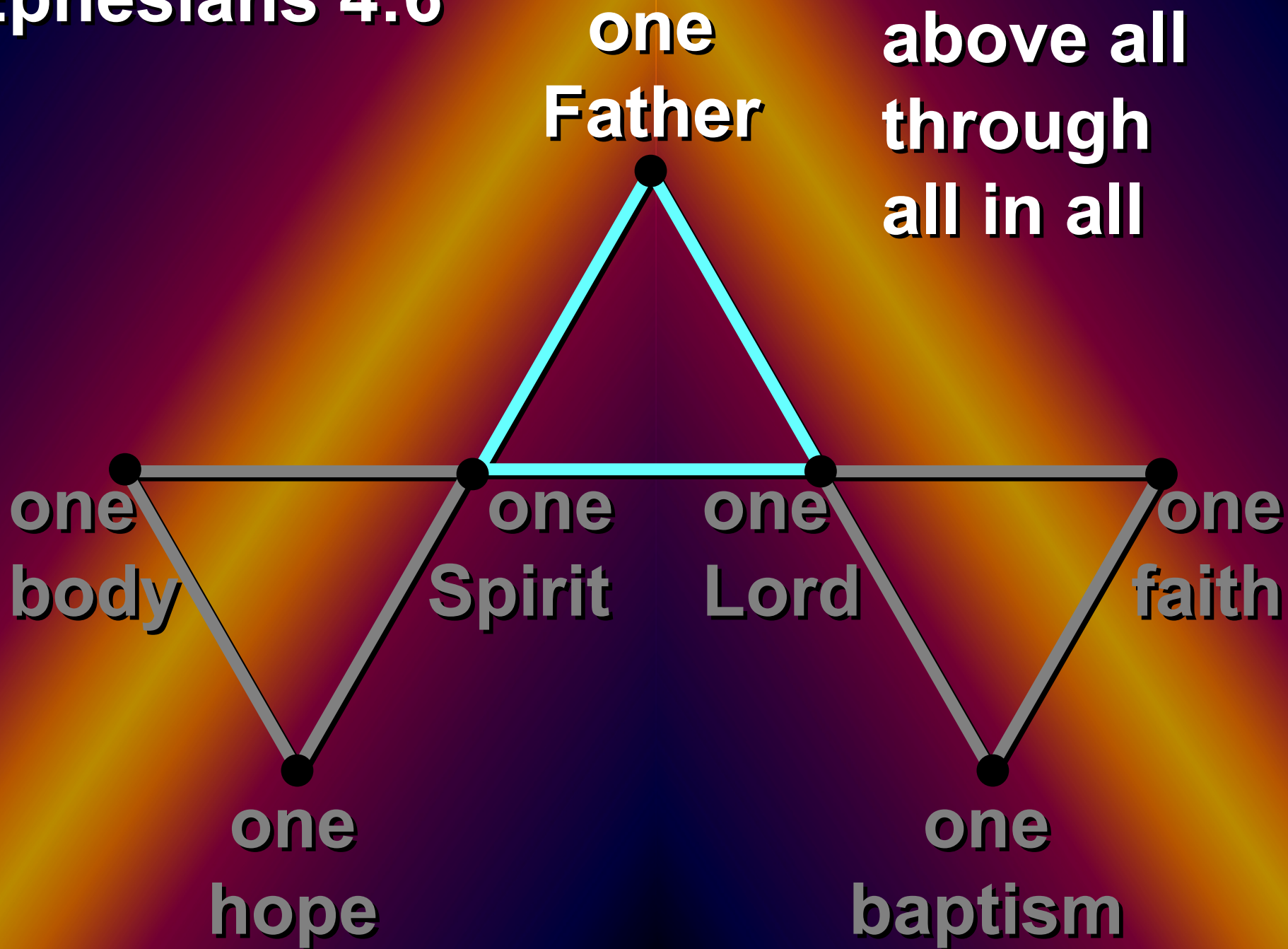
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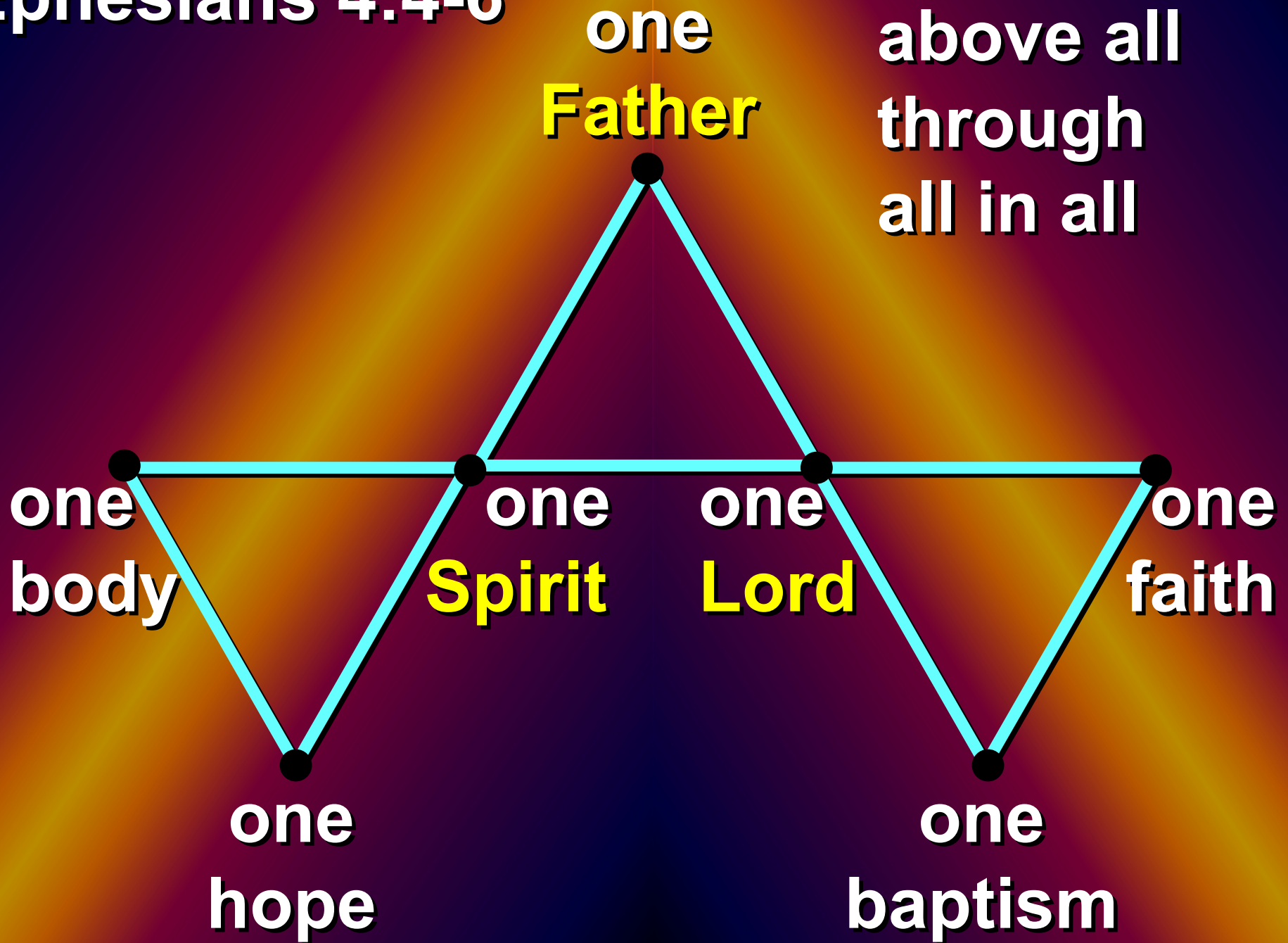
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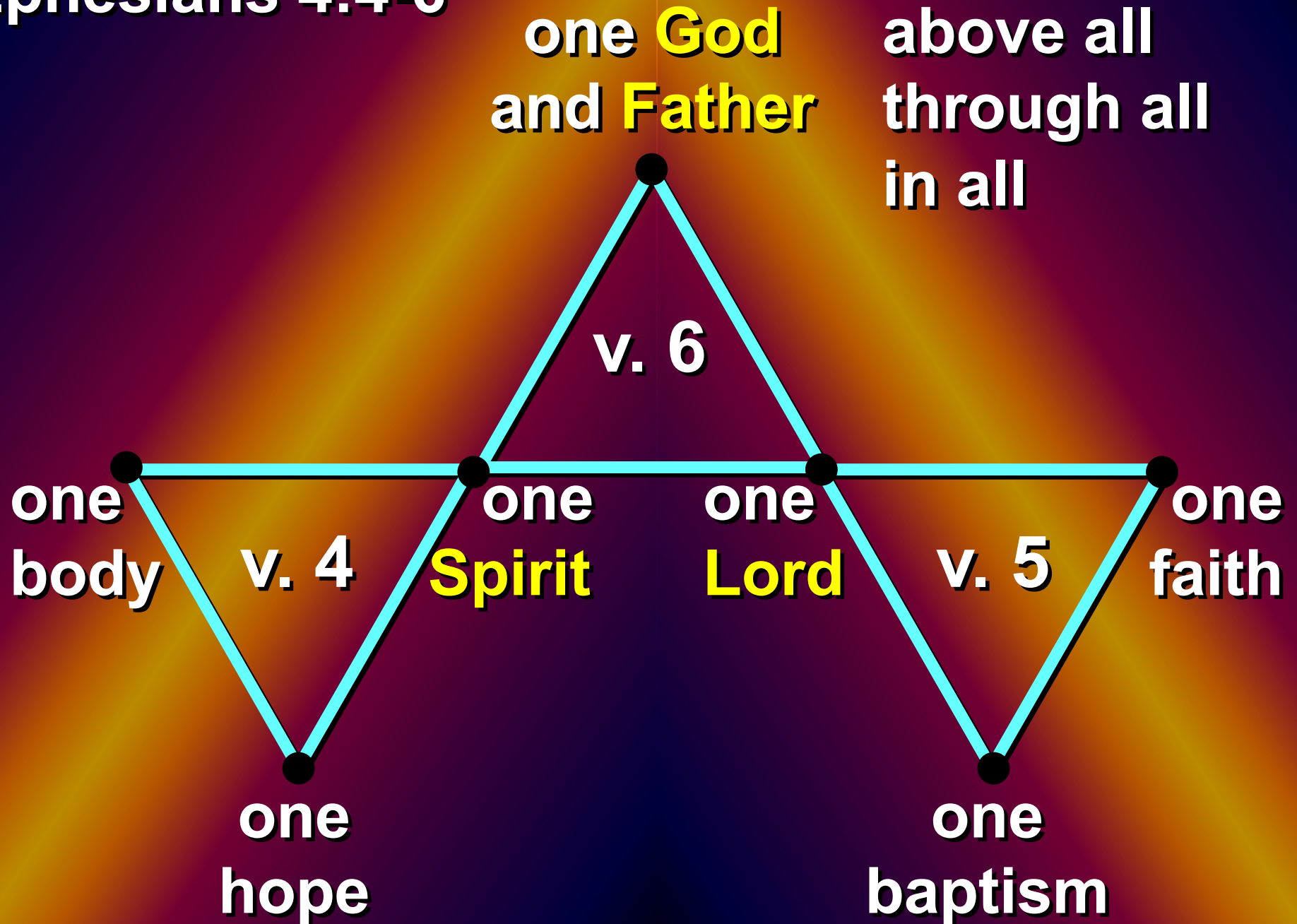
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Ephesians 4:4-6



Ephesians 4:4-6



*As soon as **Jesus** was baptized,
he went up out of the water.*

*At that moment heaven was opened,
and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending
like a dove and lighting on him.*

*And **a voice from heaven** said,
“This is my Son, whom I love;
with him I am well pleased.”*

Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV)

***Therefore go and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in the
name***

***of the
and of the
and of the***

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

*There are different kinds of gifts,
but the same **Spirit**.*

*There are different kinds of service,
but the same **Lord**.*

*There are different kinds of working,
but the same **God**
works all of them in all men.*

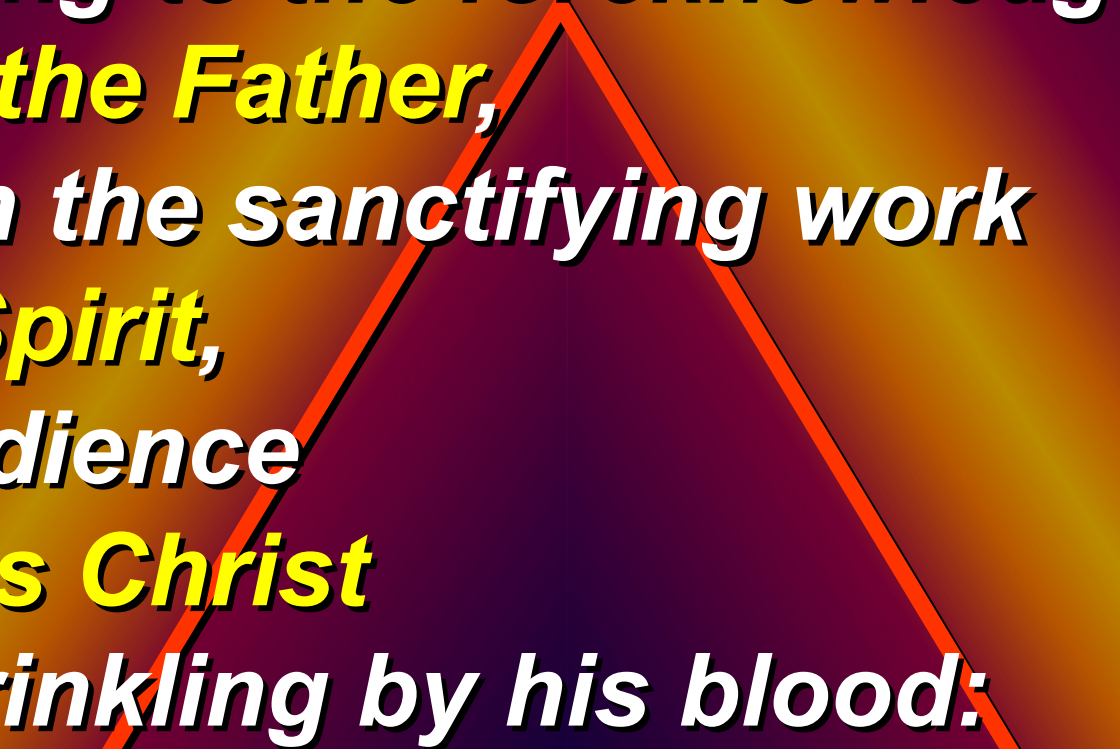
1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV)

*May the grace
of the **Lord Jesus Christ**,
and the love
of **God**,
and the fellowship
of the **Holy Spirit**
be with you all.*



2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)

*who have been chosen
according to the foreknowledge
of **God the Father**,
through the sanctifying work
of **the Spirit**,
for obedience
to **Jesus Christ**
and sprinkling by his blood:*

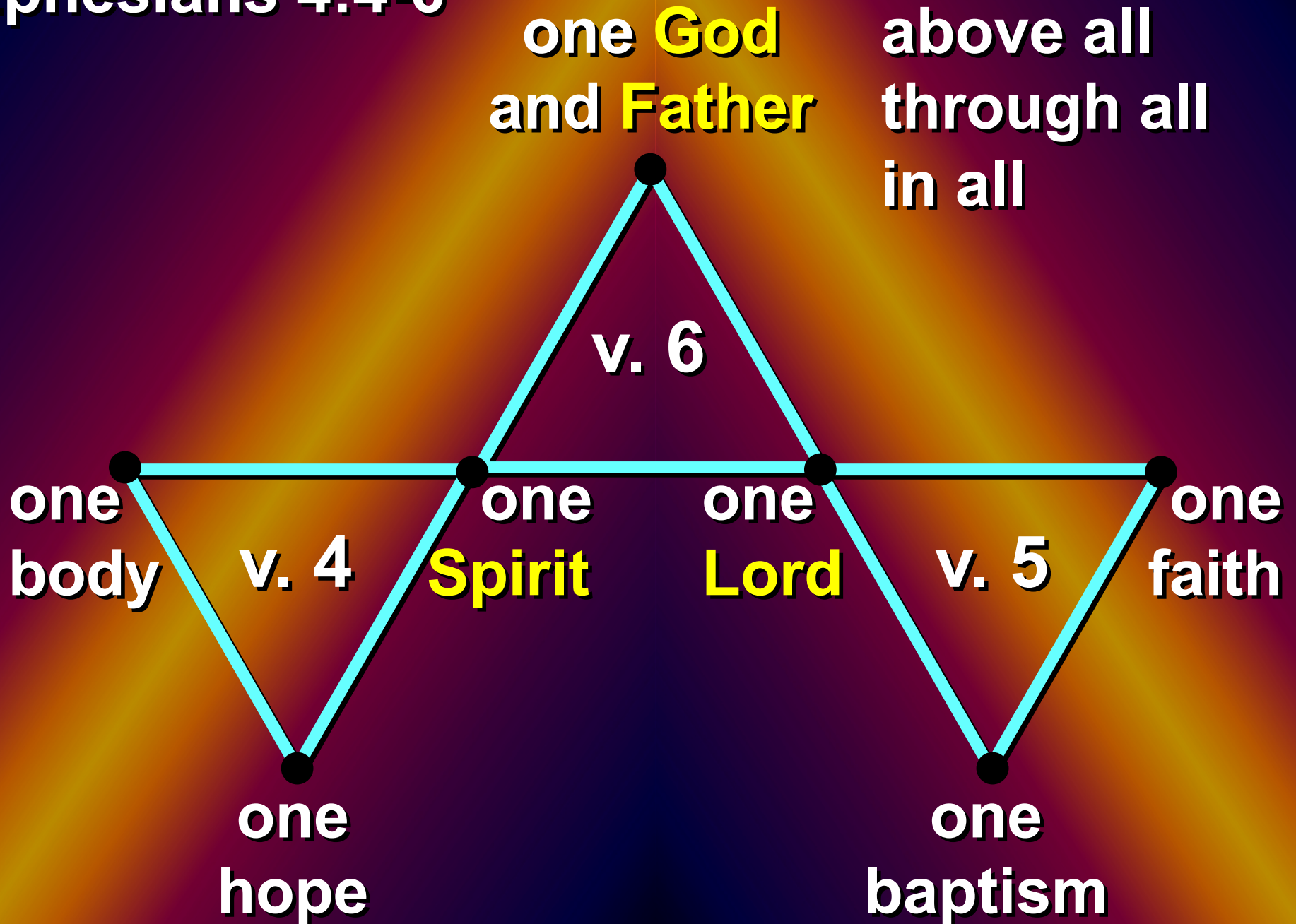


1 Peter 1:2 (NIV)

*But you, dear friends,
build yourselves up
in your most holy faith
and pray in **the Holy Spirit**.
Keep yourselves in **God's love**
as you wait for the mercy
of **our Lord Jesus Christ**
to bring you to eternal life.*

Jude 20-21 (NIV)

Ephesians 4:4-6



Misunderstandings of the Trinity

1. Tritheism: three persons who are three gods
2. Modalism: one person who manifests himself in three different ways
3. Unitarianism: one person who is the only God
4. Nonsense: one person who is at the same time three persons

TRUE JESUS CHURCH, ADAM ROAD

“Jesus is the heavenly Father” !! ??

= Modalism



WHAT
DOES THE
TRUE
JESUS
CHURCH
BELIEVE?

Identification with TJC
+
Baptism in TJC (Head Bowed)
+
Footwashing by TJC Minister
+
Communion (Transubstantiation)
+
Reception of the Holy Spirit
+
Speaking in Tongues
+
(Faith in Christ? No!)
=
Salvation ! ? ! ?



Different Views of God

Monarchianism

(Mono = One Arche = Ruler)
One Person One God

A second- and third-century heresy that denies the doctrine of the Trinity maintaining that the only true God has always existed as one Person not three Persons. The teaching exists today in two forms:

Modalistic

This view holds that God exists as one Person Who is revealed in history in different modes using different names. The Father Son and Holy Spirit are different names for the same Person. Therefore, the Father was born at Bethlehem and crucified at Calvary, but at the time He was called Jesus.

Currently Taught by The United Pentecostal Church

True Jesus Church also

Dynamic

This heresy teaches that Jesus is not God but a special man who became (or was adopted as) the Son of God (usually thought to have occurred at His Baptism).

but JW's say he was born as the son of God.

Currently Taught by The Watchtower

Trinitarianism

(Trinus = triple)
Three Persons One God

The Biblical view of God. The Father Son and Holy Spirit are three separate Persons who have always existed as ONE TRUE GOD. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not three Gods nor are they three names for the same Person.

Although the word Trinity is not found in the Bible, the idea or teaching is found throughout scripture.

Currently Taught by The Bible and Christians

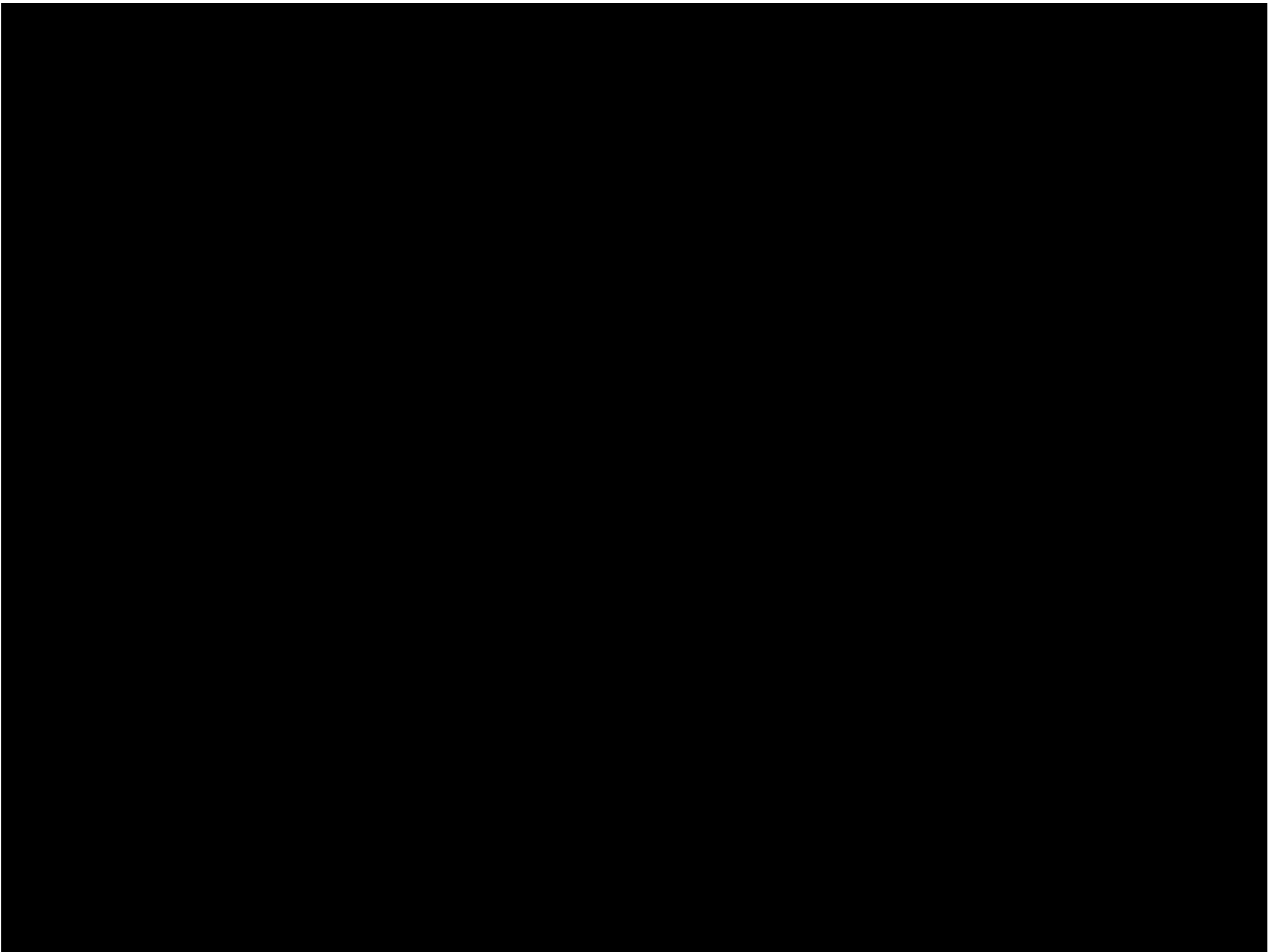
Tritheism

(Tri = Three, Theos = God)
Three Persons Three Gods

The belief that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three separate Gods. This is actually a form of Polytheism (the belief in more than one true God.)

Currently Taught by Mormonism





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