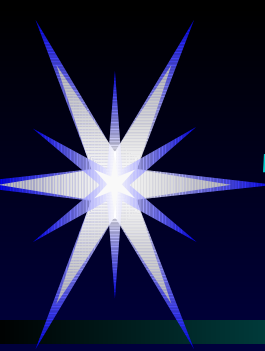


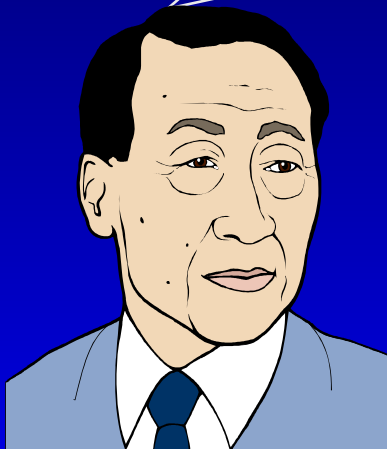
Adam in Genesis

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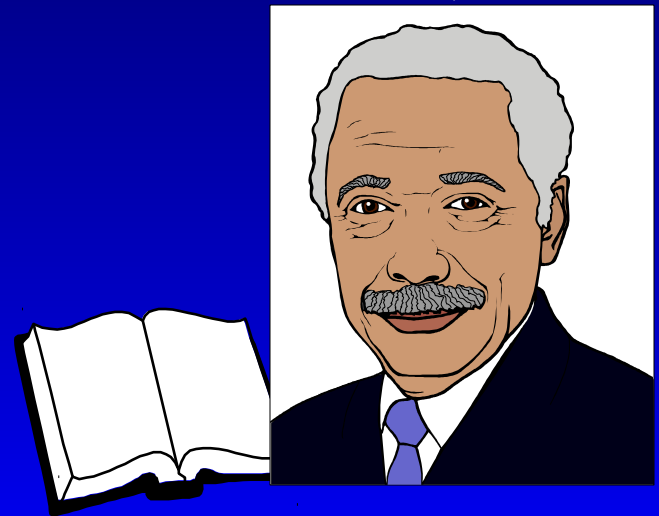


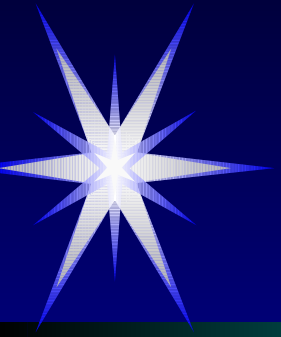
The Challenge

What difference
does Adam make
to me?

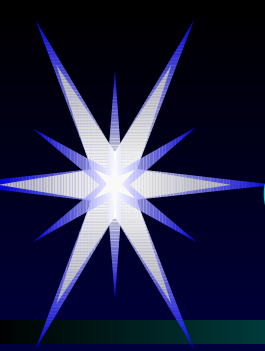


God wants us
to understand
the big picture.





A. Roots in God



Creation of Mankind

Then God said, "Let **us** make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion" – Genesis 1:26

plural

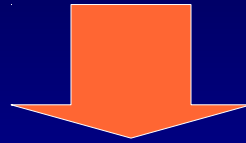
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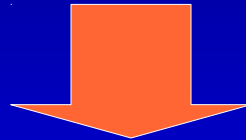


The Trinity

God consults himself

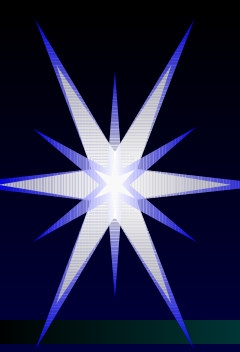


God consults his wisdom
(Prov. 8:22-31; Isa. 40:13-14)

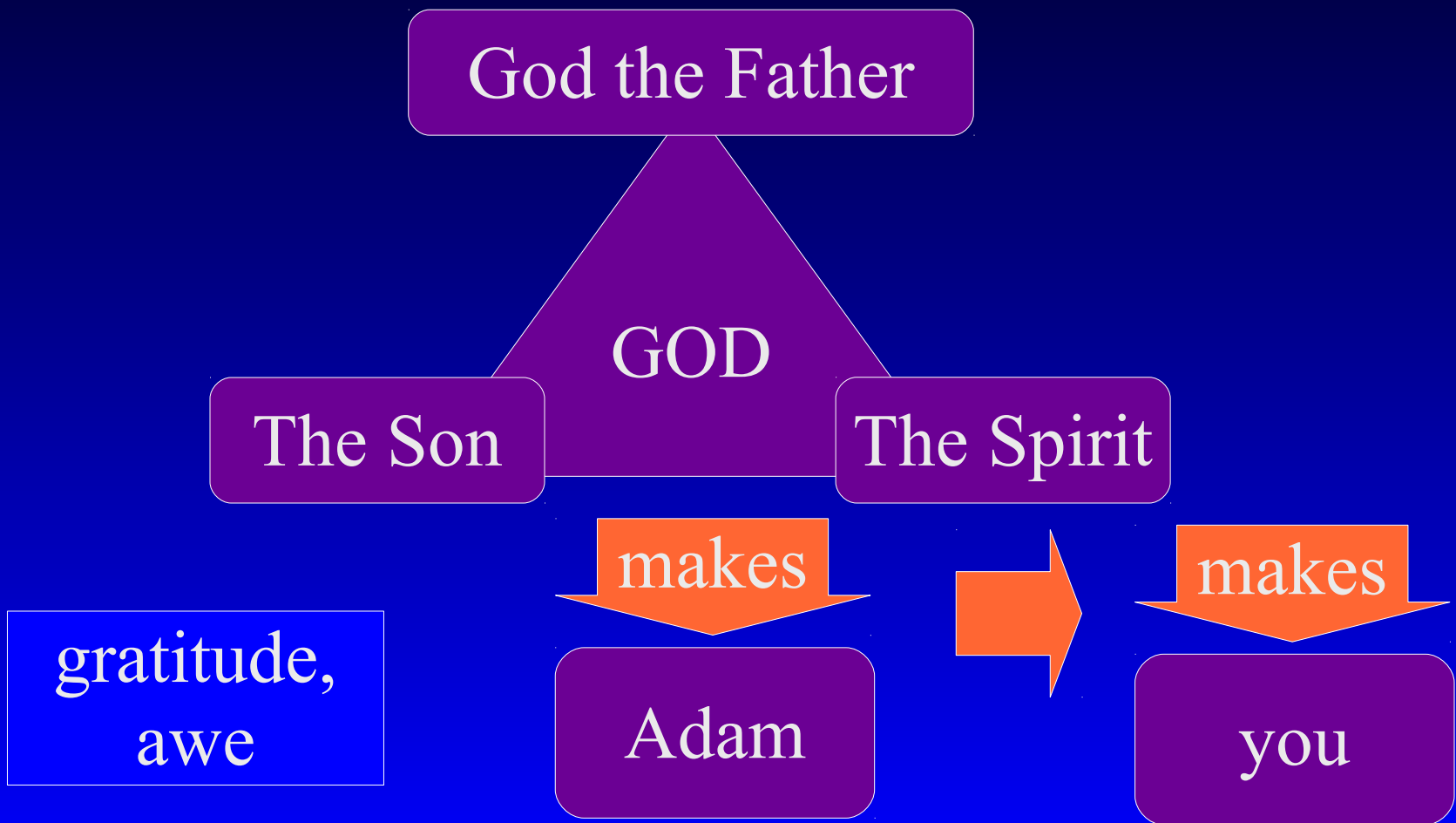


The Son is wisdom
(Col. 2:3; 1 Cor. 1:30)

The Spirit has wisdom
(Isa. 40:13; 1 Cor. 2:10-11)



God as Trinity Making Man



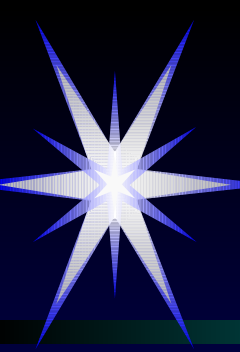


God Speaking

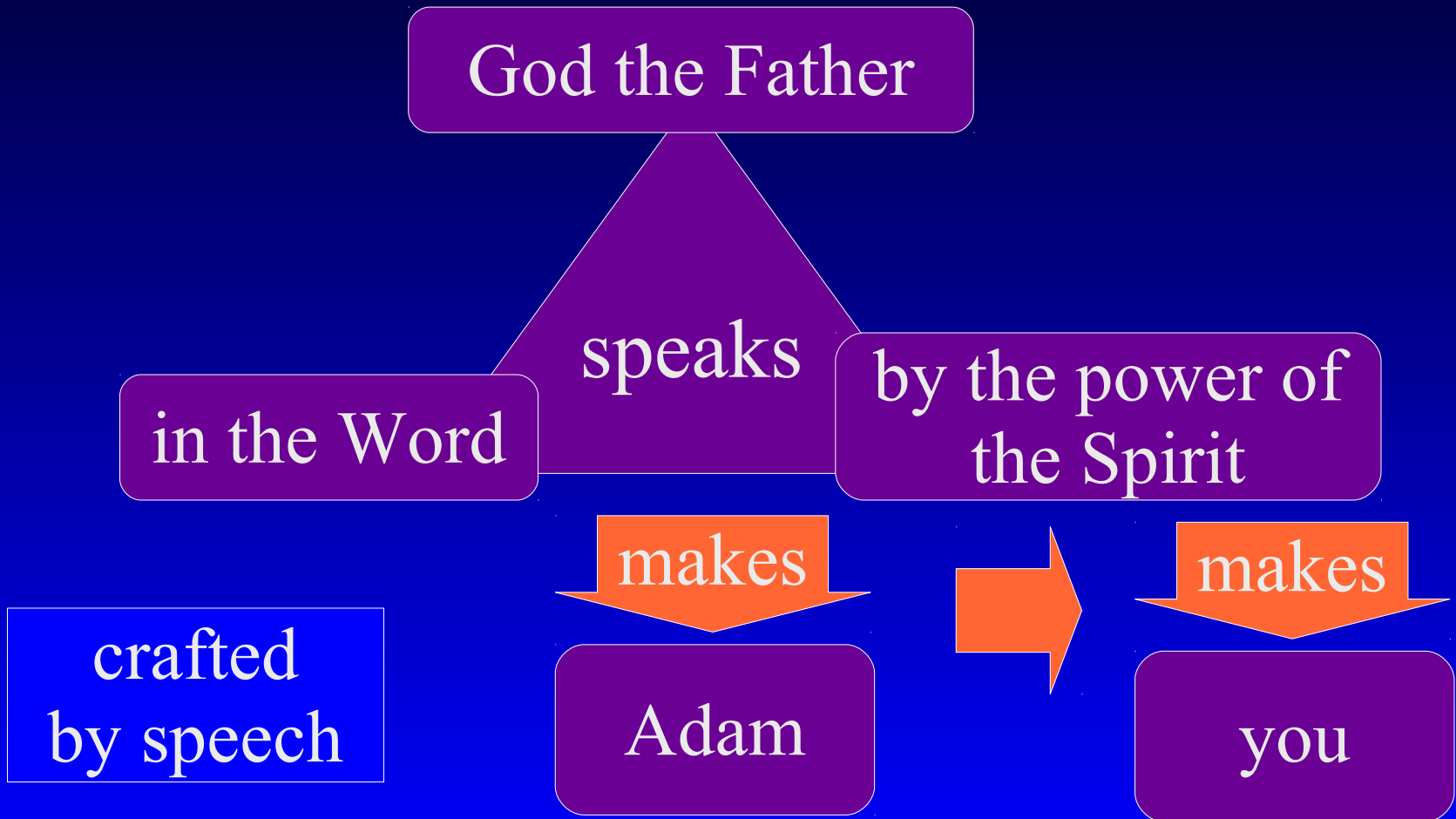
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The
Root:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." – John 1:1



God Creating by Speaking





God Imaging

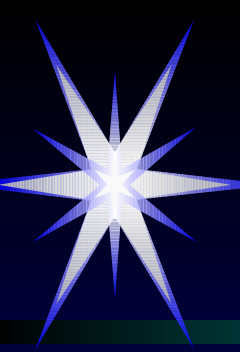
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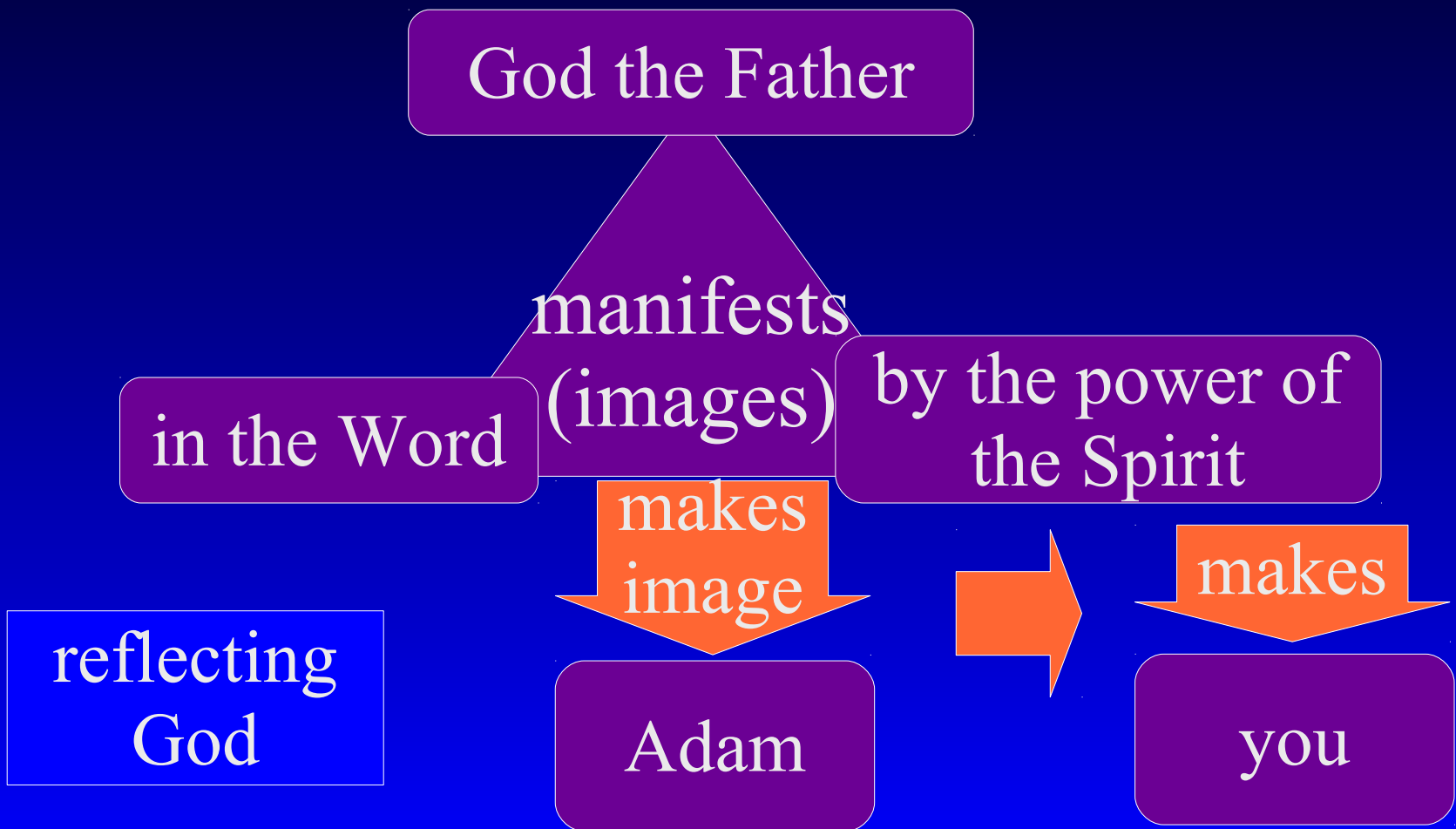
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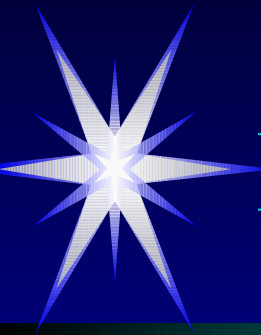
He [Christ] is the image of the invisible God. – Col. 1:15





God Creating by Imaging

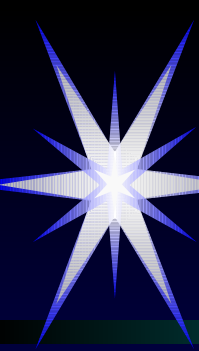




B. Historical Adam

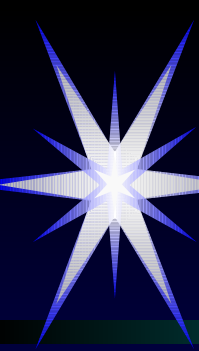
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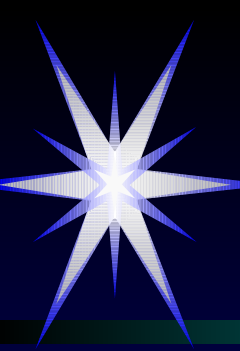
Structure of Genesis

- "In the beginning" 1:1
- "These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created" 2:4
- "This is the book of the generations of Adam" 5:1
- "These are the generations of Noah" 6:9
- "These are the generations of the sons of Noah" 10:1
- "These are the generations of Shem" 11:10



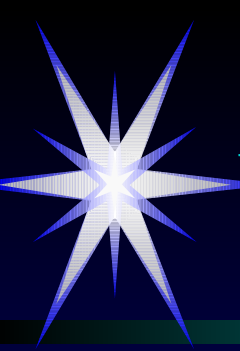
Structure of Genesis

- "Now these are the generations of Terah" 11:27
 - "These are the generations of Ishmael" 25:12
- "These are the generations of Isaac" 25:19
 - "These are the generations of Esau" 36:1
- "These are the generations of Jacob" 37:2



Signs of Real Events

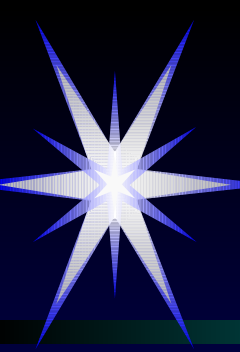
- ▶ God's plan involves personal relationships with image bearers; Genesis follows the line of image bearers.
- ▶ Genesis fits into later history of Exodus to 2 Kings
- ▶ Later OT and NT references to Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and his sons



Necessity of Adam

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. – 1 Cor. 15:22

How can you and I
really die
in a nonreal (fictional) person?



Meaning of Salvation in Christ

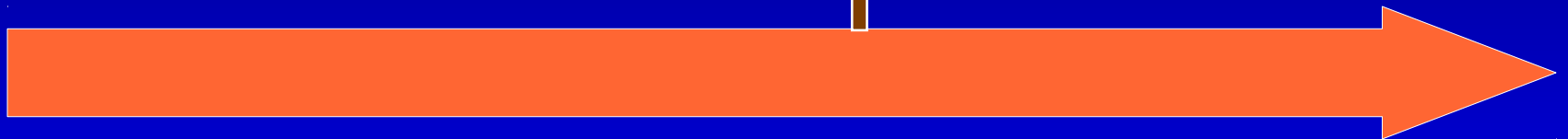
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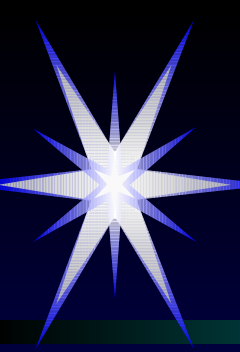
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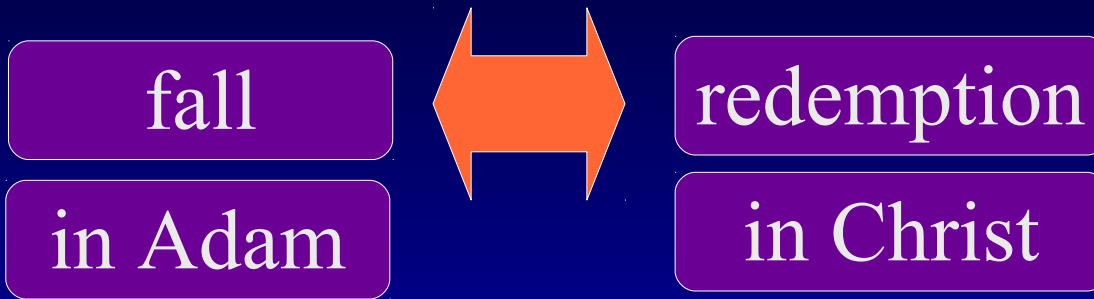
fall

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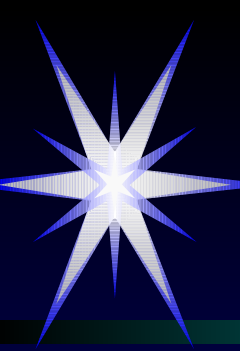




Fall and Redemption

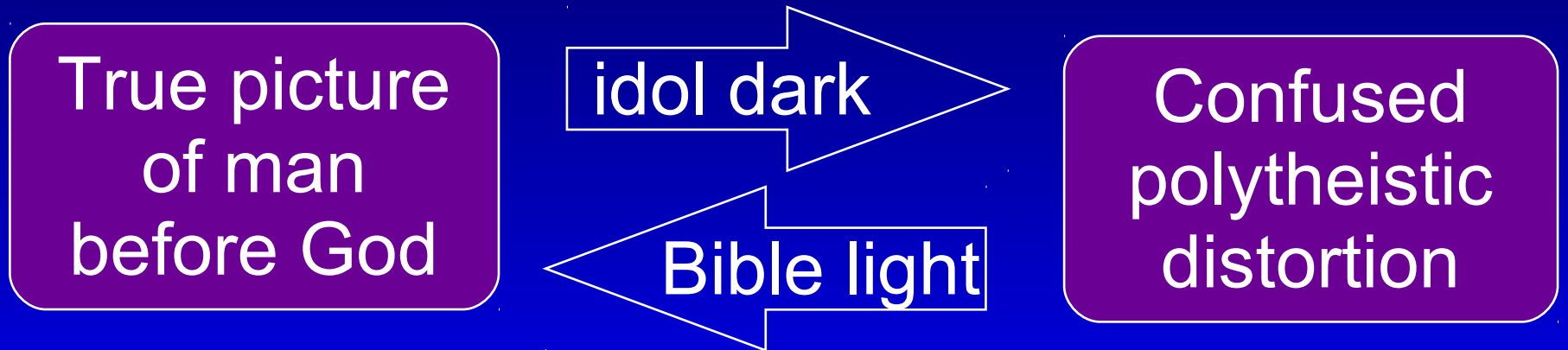


What is not lost
cannot be restored.

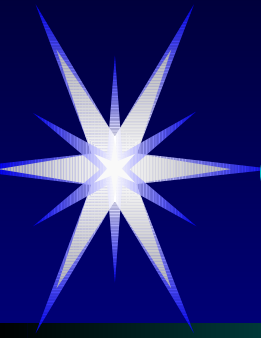


Myths around Israel

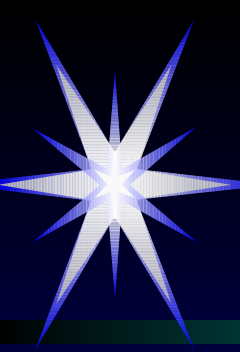
- ▶ People sense responsibility to God (Rom. 1:18-23)
- ▶ In idolatry they twist the truth



- ▶ The Bible unravels the twist



Genesis 1-2 and Scripture



Progressive Revelation

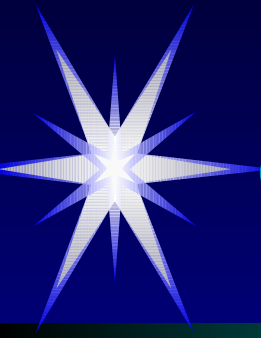
- ▶ Narrative is sparse
- ▶ The beginning, not the whole
- ▶ God intends it to link to later revelation
- ▶ Divine wisdom from eternity
- ▶ Seed to tree



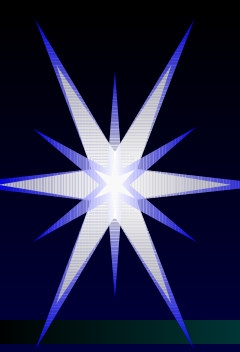
Be patient
with your life

The whole story
belongs together.





C. Covenant and Purpose



Structure of Word and Deed

word



deed



word

"Let there
be light."

And there
was light.

The light
was good.

"Let us
make man."

So God
created man.

And God
blessed them.

plan



execution



evaluation



Unity of History

"Let us
make man."

So God
created man.

And God
blessed them.

plan

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The Father

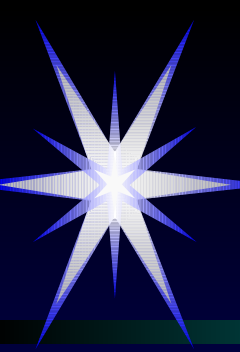
The Son

The Spirit

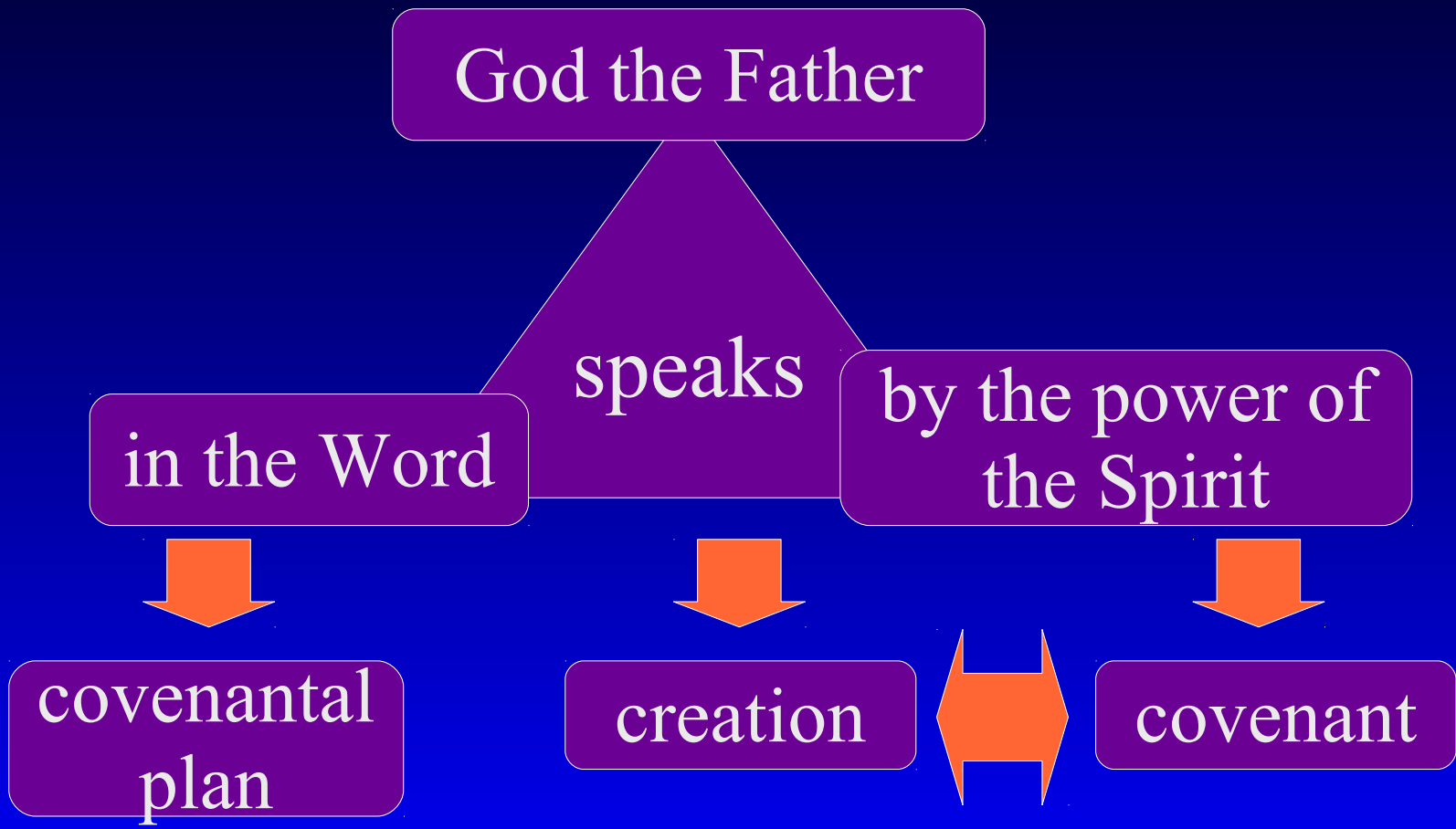
covenantal
plan

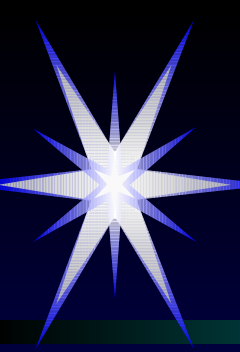
creation

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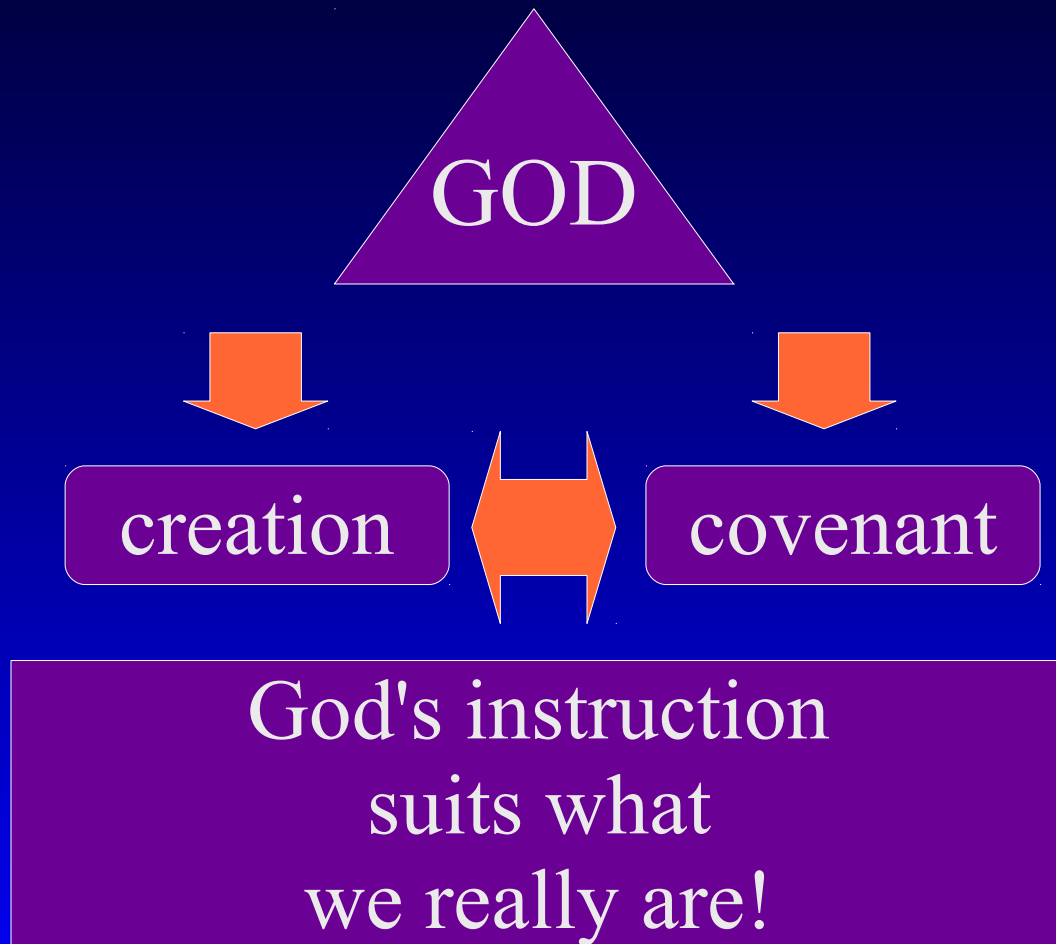


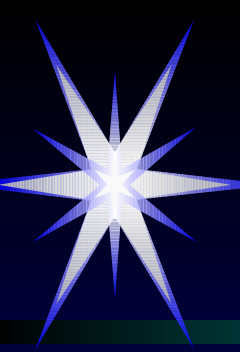
Unity of History



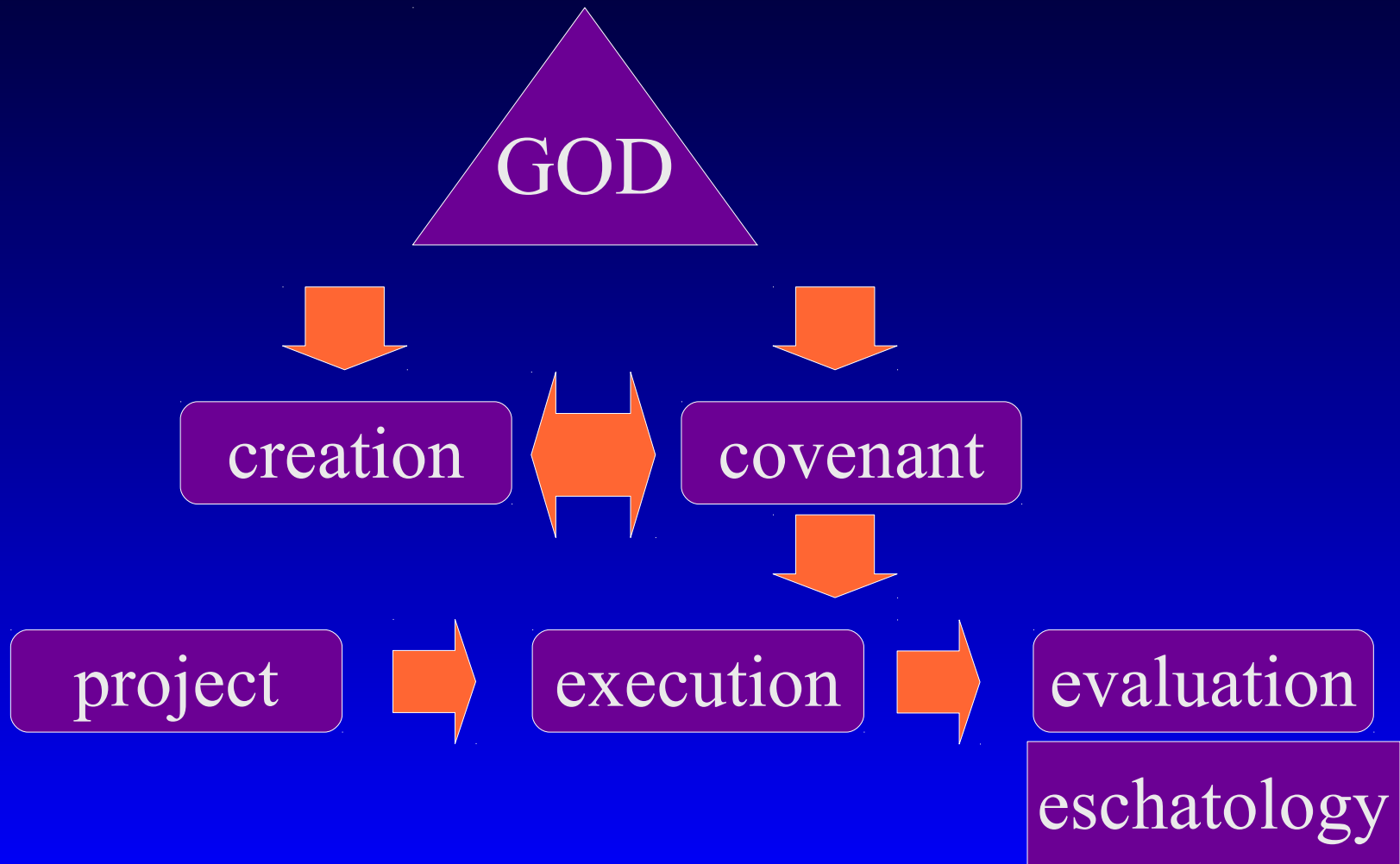


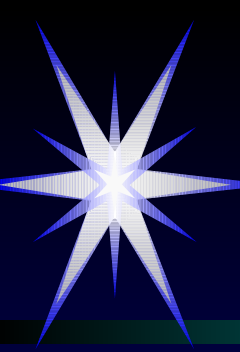
Divine Wisdom in Covenant



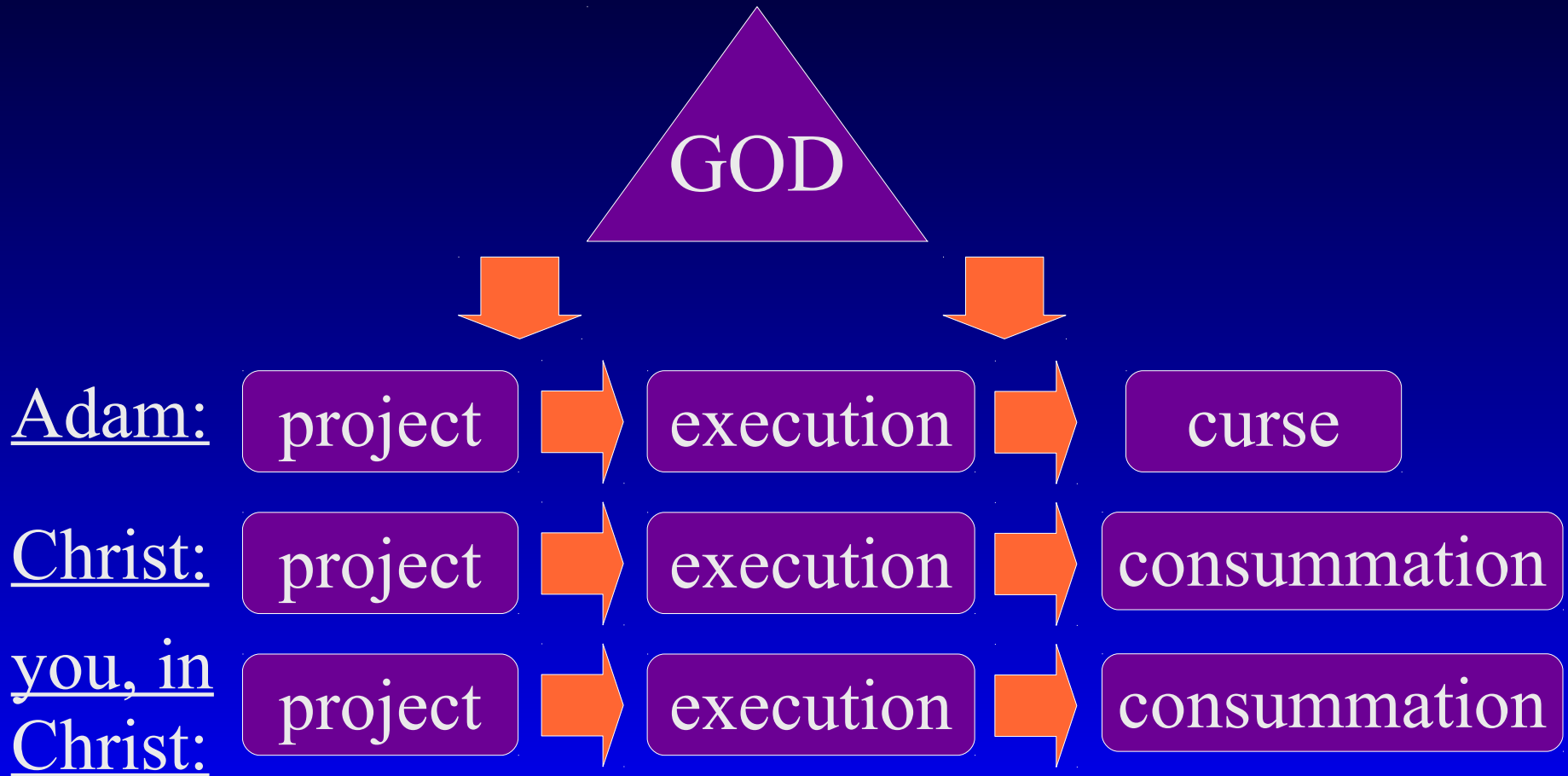


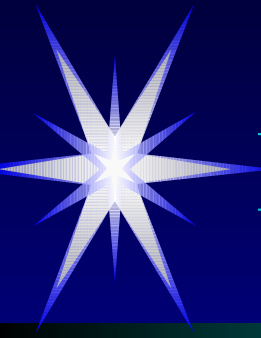
Divine Purpose for Mankind



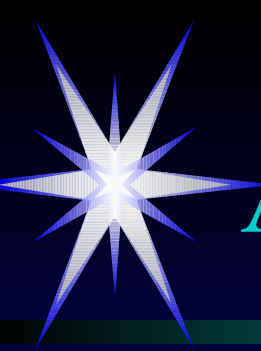


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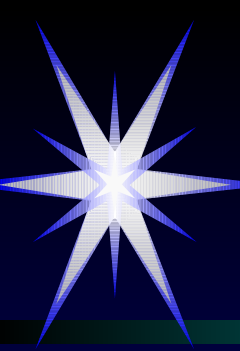


D. Adam as Representative



Aspects of Representation

- Representatively created ("man" 2:7)
- Representatively addressed (2:16-17; 3:9-11)
- Representatively cursed (3:17-19)
- Spread of death (5:3-31)



Christ's Representation

- Representatively made ("man" Heb. 2:17)
- Representatively addressed (Heb. 5:6-7)
- Representatively cursed (Gal. 3:13)
- Spread of life (Rom. 8:10-11)



Depth of sin

- ▶ Intensity (Gen. 6)
- ▶ Extent (Gen. 5)
- ▶ Depth (failures of patriarchs)
- ▶ Innate (Gen. 6:5)
- ▶ Promise of a redeemer (Gen. 3:15)
- ▶ Intensity of renewal
- ▶ Extent of renewal
- ▶ Depth of renewal
- ▶ Innate newness
- ▶ Fulfillment of redeemer