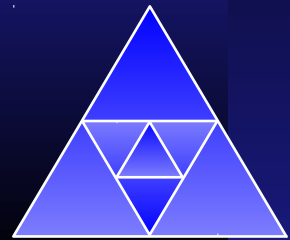
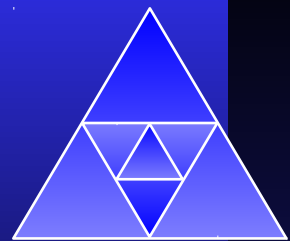


The Trinitarian Basis for the Church

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A. Starting Verses



1 Corinthians 12:4-6

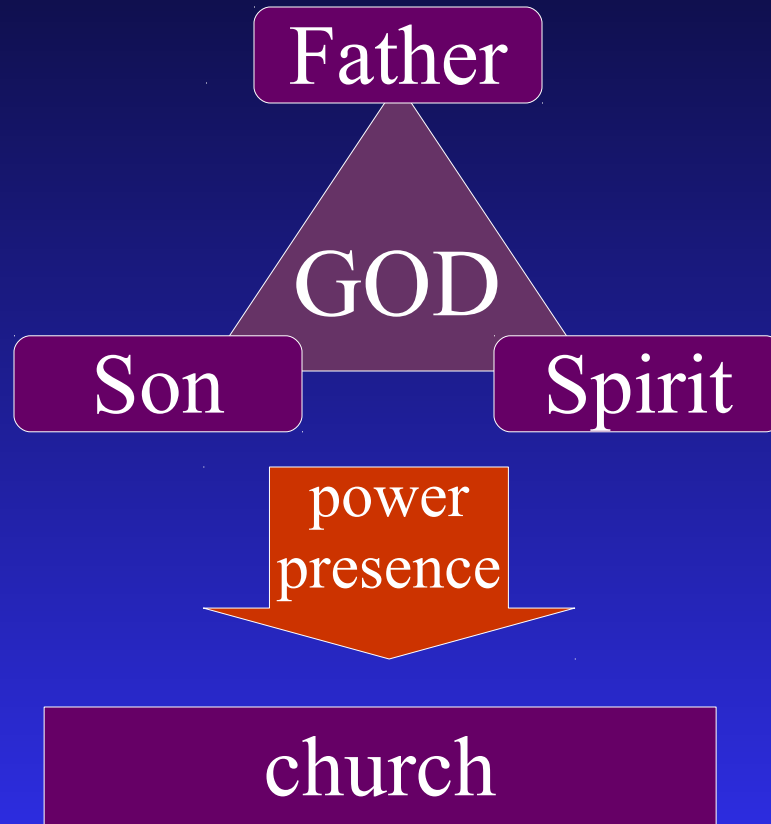
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

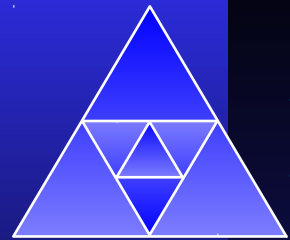
and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.



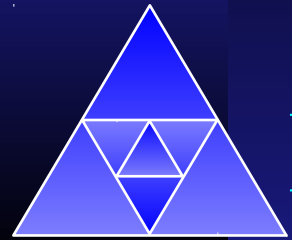
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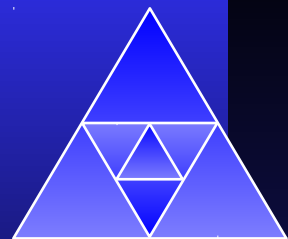


Foundation for the Church

- 1 Cor. 12 about the nature of the church
 - ◆ 12:12-13
- Founded on the works of the Father (God), the Son (Lord), and the Spirit
- The church as divine organization
 - ◆ Rev. 1:12-16



B. The Trinity in the Bible

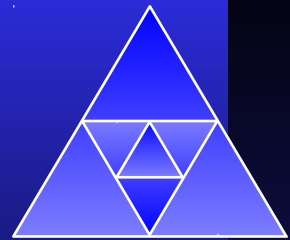


Matthew 28:19

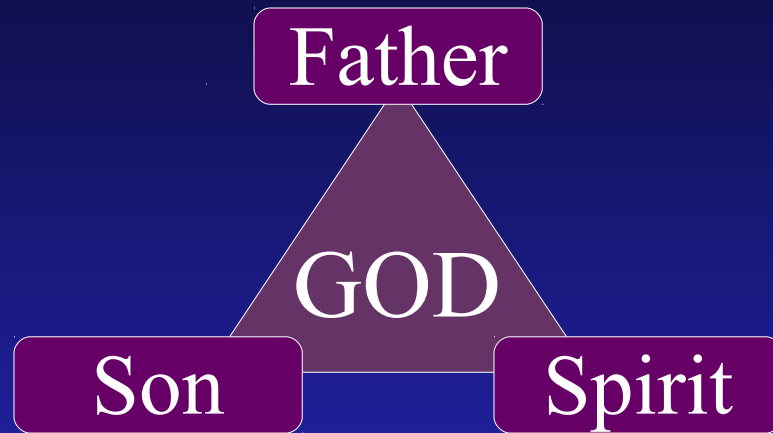
One God

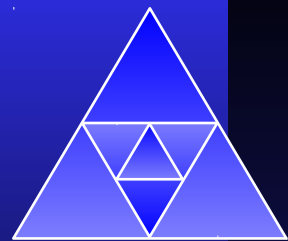
3 Persons

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



The Trinity





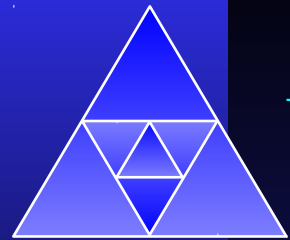
Ephesians 4:4-6

The Church

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

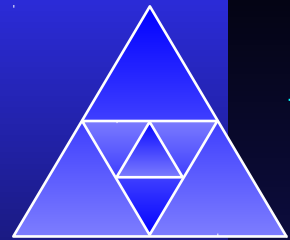
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

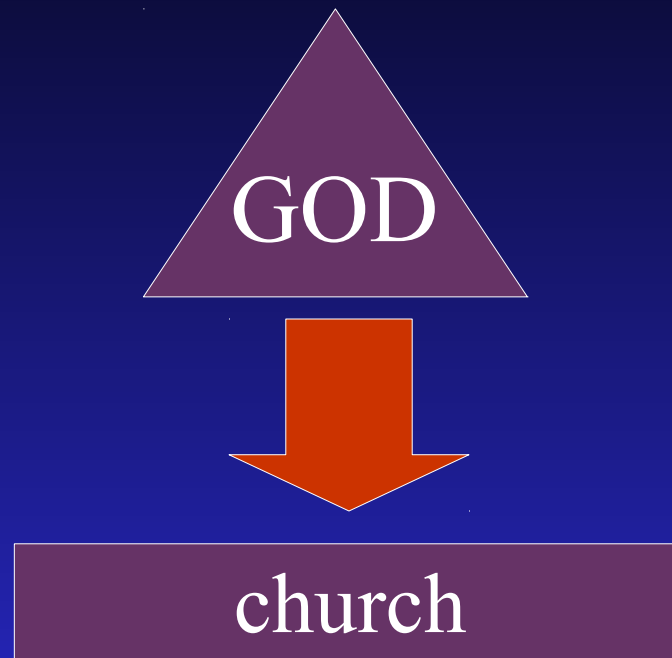


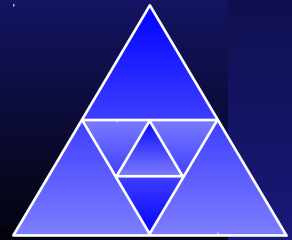
Nature of the Church

- The church is one (verse 4)
- The unity is fundamentally spiritual
- It is formed by doctrine (one faith, verse 5)
- It is formed by the triune God

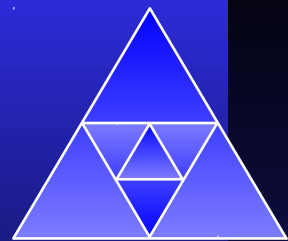


Unity in the Church





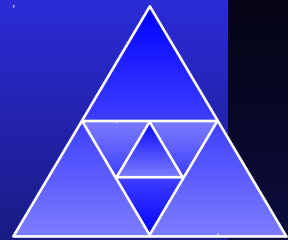
C. Blessings on the Church



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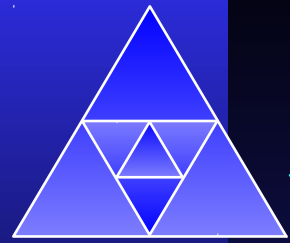
1 Peter 1:1

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,



Salvation Worked by God: 1 Peter 1:2

according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

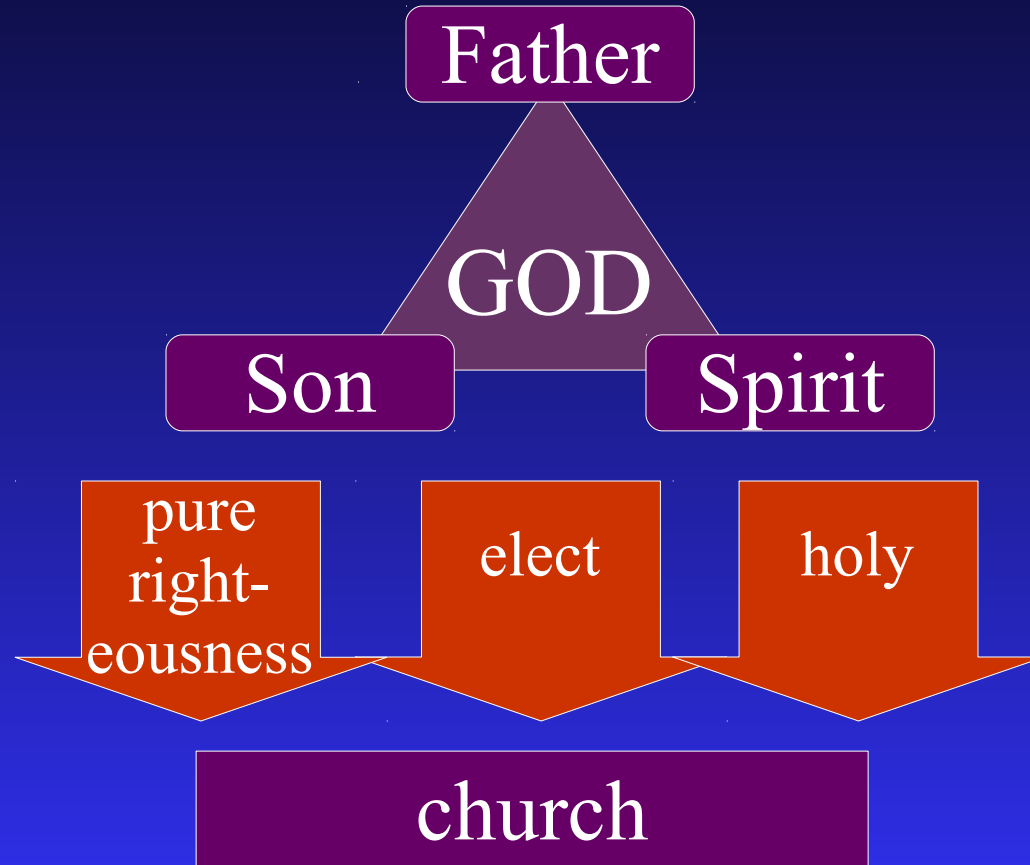


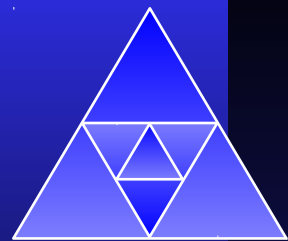
Aspects of Salvation

- Election (being chosen) by God the Father
- Foreknown (Loved) by the Father
- Sanctified by the Spirit
- Called to obey Jesus Christ
- Sprinkled (cleansed, declared righteous) by Jesus Christ



Summary of Salvation





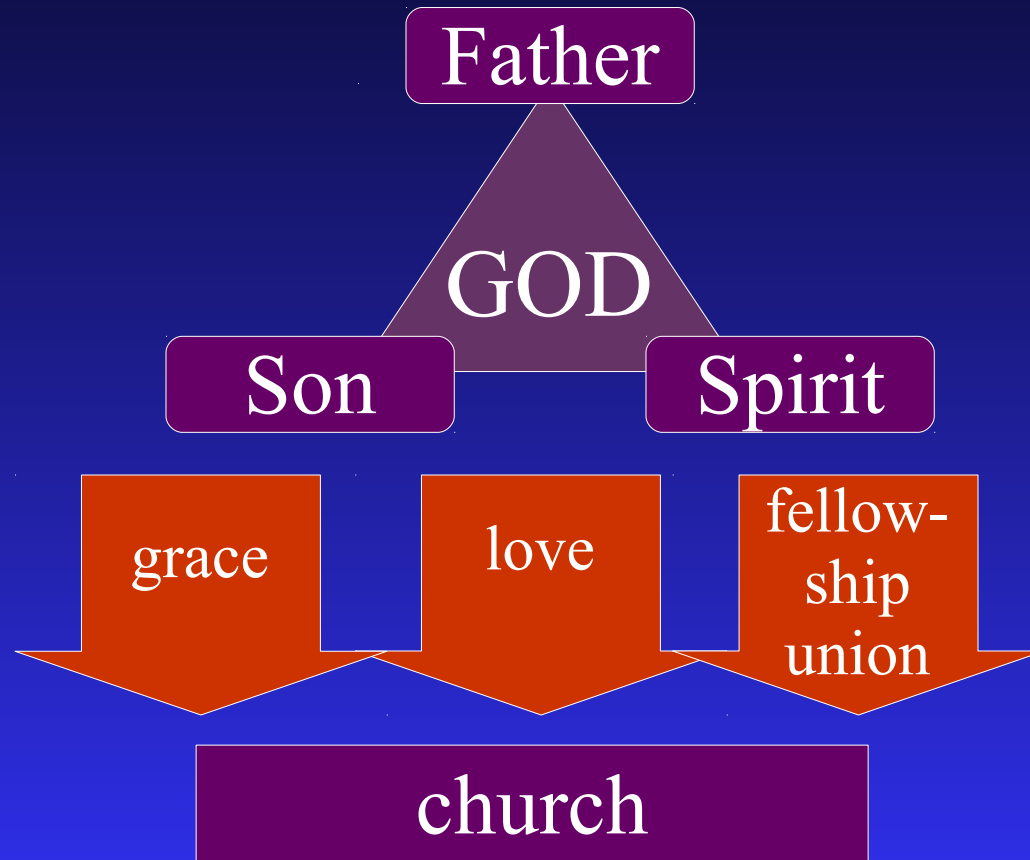
Present Blessing for the Church

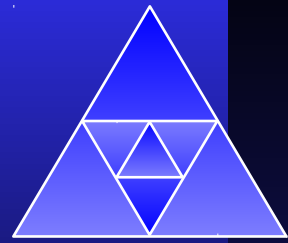
2 Corinthians 13:14

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



Summary of Blessings

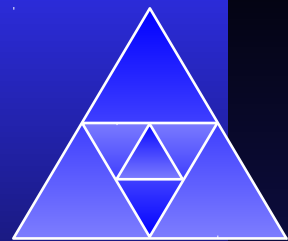




Mission of the Church

Matthew 28:18

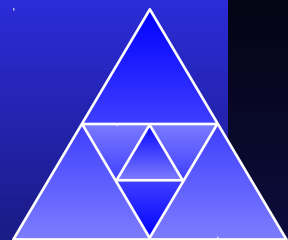
And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”



Mission of the Church

Matthew 28:19

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baptizing them in the name of the Father and
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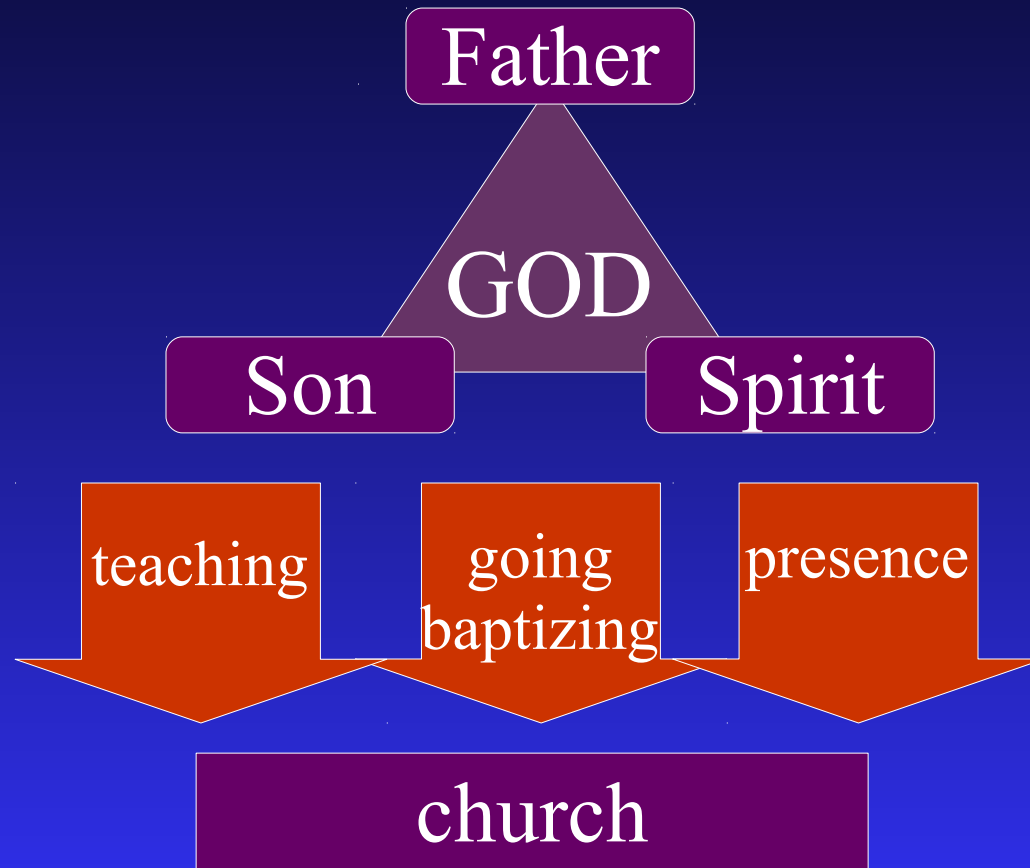
Matthew 28:20

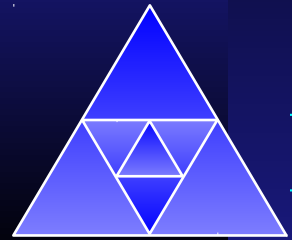
Presence of God
in the Spirit

teaching them to observe all that I have
commanded you. And behold I am with you
always, to the end of the age.”

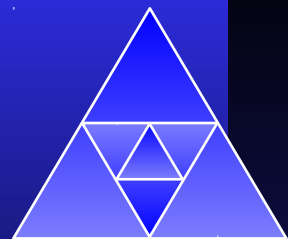


Summary of Mission





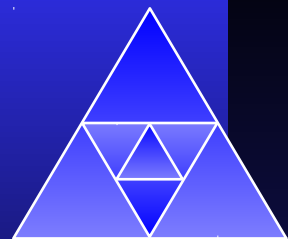
D. God Causing Growth



John 17:20-21

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

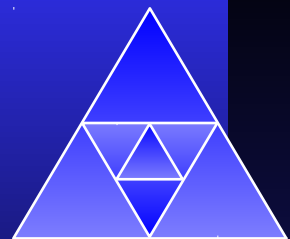
that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.



John 17:22-23

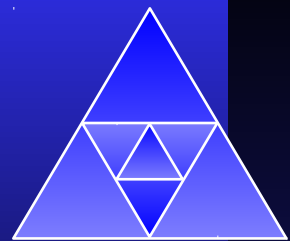
The glory that you have given me I have given to them that they may be one even as we are one,

I in them and you in me that they may become perfectly one so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.



John 17:24

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.



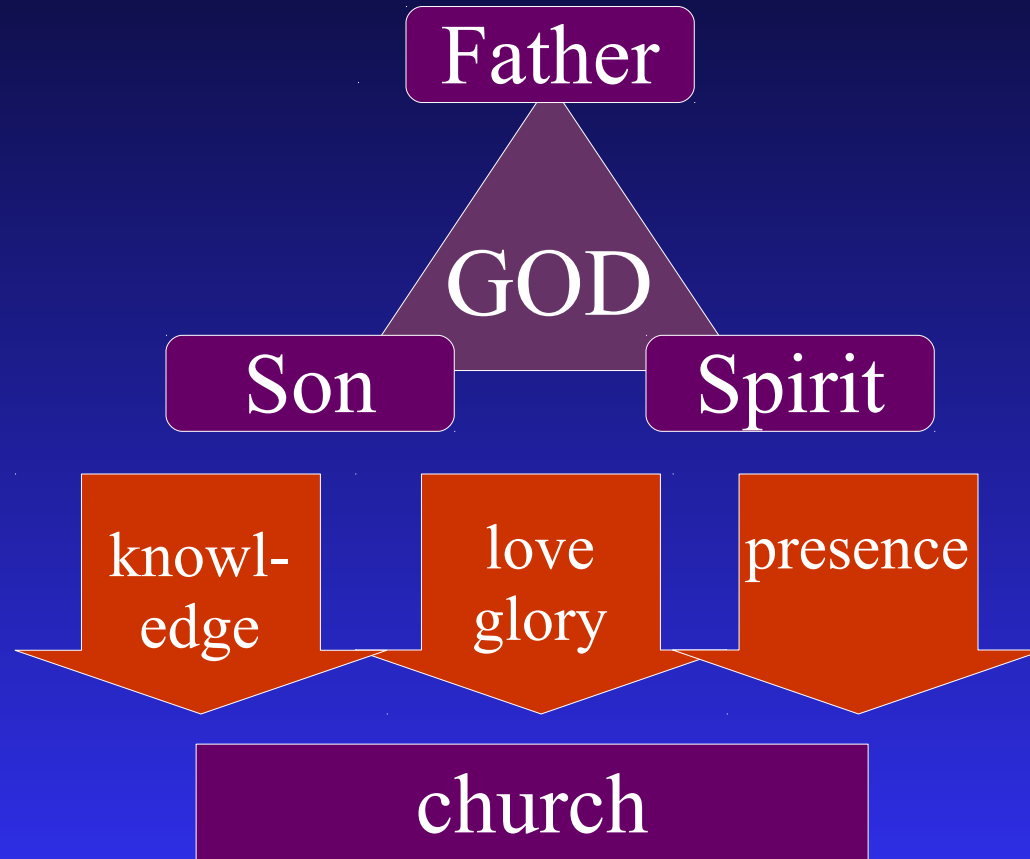
John 17:25-26

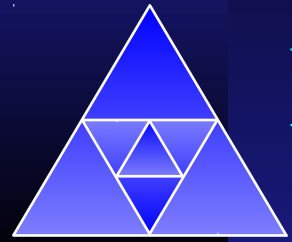
O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

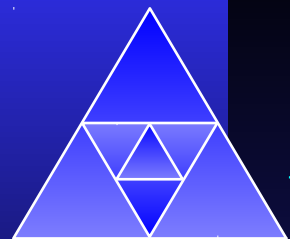


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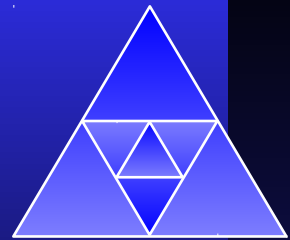


E. Fullness of God and His Manifestations



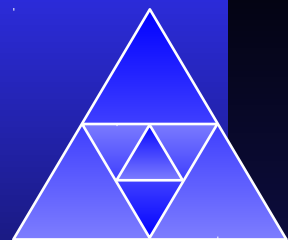
Acts 2:33

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.



The Fullness of the Spirit Given

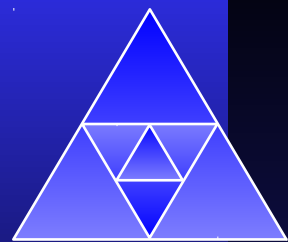
- The Fullness of the Spirit
- From the Father to the Son
- From the Son to the church ("poured out")



Christ Is Prophet, King, Priest: Hebrews 1:1-2

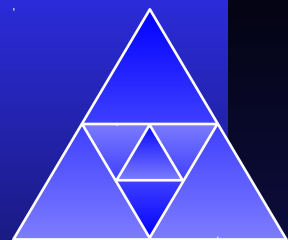
Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.



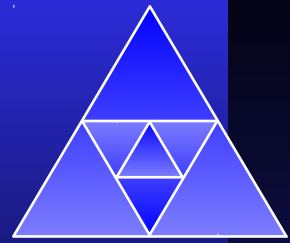
Christ Is Prophet, King, Priest: Hebrews 1:3

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,



You are Prophets, Kings, Priests

- Prophets, Acts 2:17-18
- Kings, Ephesians 2:6
- Priests, 1 Peter 2:5
- In Christ
 - ◆ The Spirit poured out, Acts 2:33
 - ◆ Inheritance with Christ, Rom. 8:17



Levels of Authority

- Christ has absolute authority, Matthew 28:18
- The apostles have his authority, 1 Corinthians 14:37
- Pastors and teachers have authority, Ephesians 4:11
- All believers speak the word of Christ, Colossians 3:16



Christ at the Center

