

American Clergy Leadership Conference



Family Breakdown

Despite its ***Christian heritage***, the United States leads the industrialized world in the:

- percentage of single-parent homes (23%)
- abortion rate (22.9 / 1,000 women aged 15-44),
- sexually transmitted diseases
- teenage birth rate
- use of illegal drugs by students (44.9 % in '98)
- size of the prison population (327 / 100,000)..

Source: "Lost in America" by Tom Clegg and Warren Bird

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Is America's Great Moral and Social Crisis

From 1970 to 2000:

- Rate of marriage **declined** by one third
- Divorce rate has **doubled**
- Married couples with children **declined** by one third
- Out-of-wedlock births have **tripled**
- Cohabitation (couples living together without marriage) has **increased 1000 %**

**Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census
Current Population Reports, 1970-2000**

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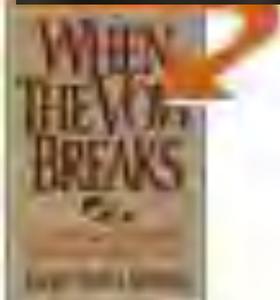
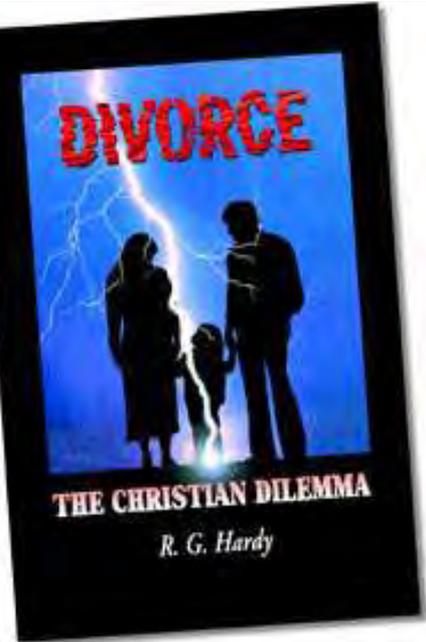
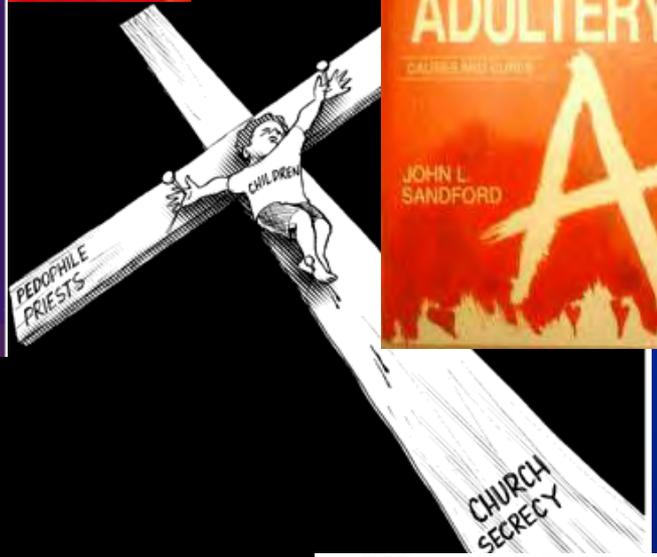
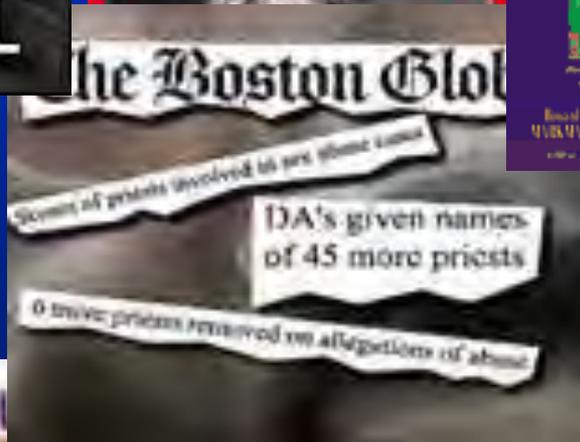
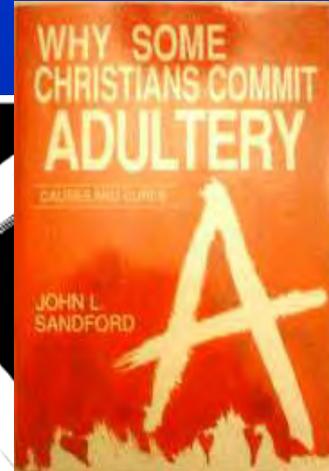
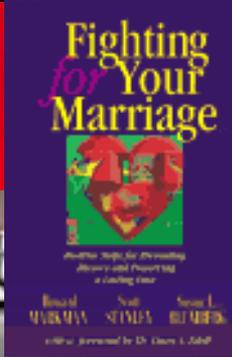
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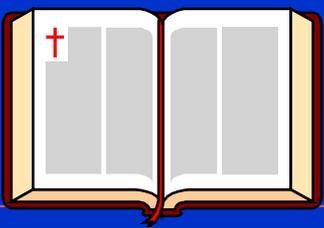


A national survey of Christians indicates that **Born-again Christians** have a slightly greater probability of divorce (27%) than the rest of society (24%). (George Barna)

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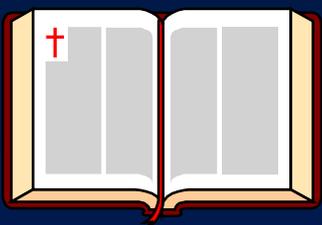




God's Purpose for Creation

Genesis 1:28 "And God blessed them, and God said to them, "**Be fruitful** and **multiply**, and fill the earth and subdue it; and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

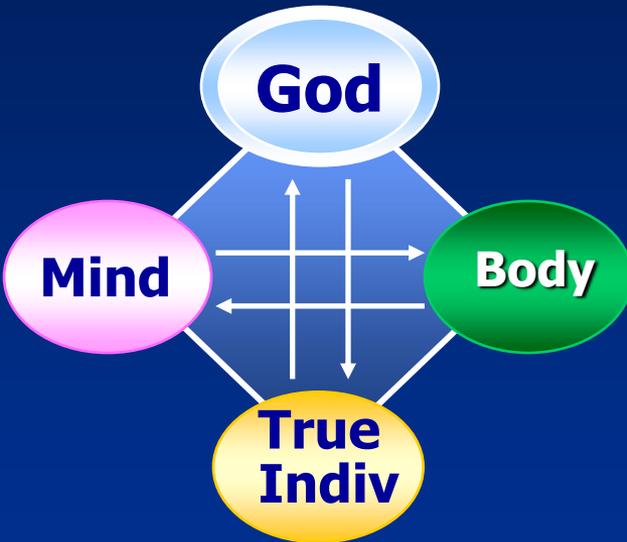
- 1) Be fruitful (individual)
- 2) Multiply (family)
- 3) Have Dominion (natural world)



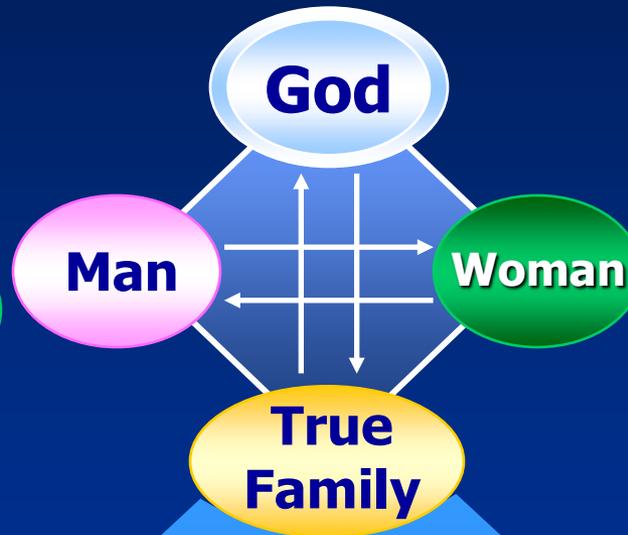
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The Three Blessings

Be Fruitful

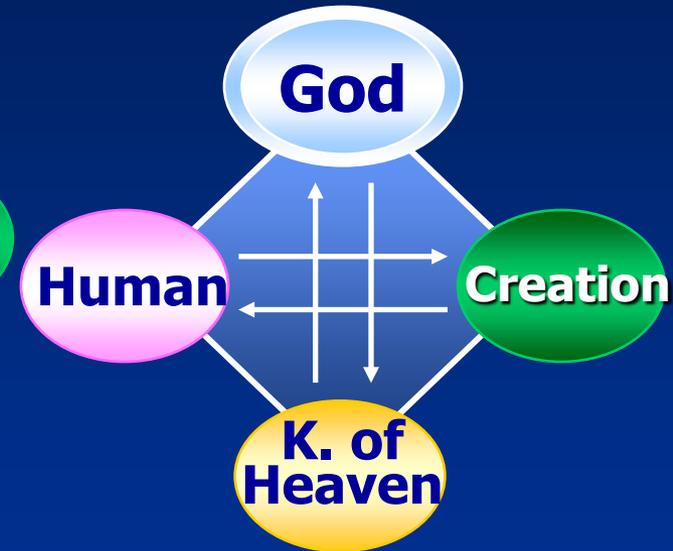


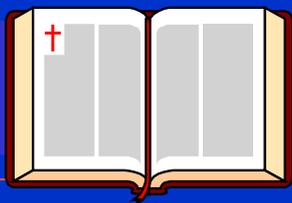
Multiply



Society
Nation
World

Have Dominion





Jesus on Marriage



“Have you not read, that He who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said for this reason... the two shall become one flesh, so they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder... for your hardness of heart Moses allowed divorce, but from the beginning it was not so.”

Matthew 19:4-10



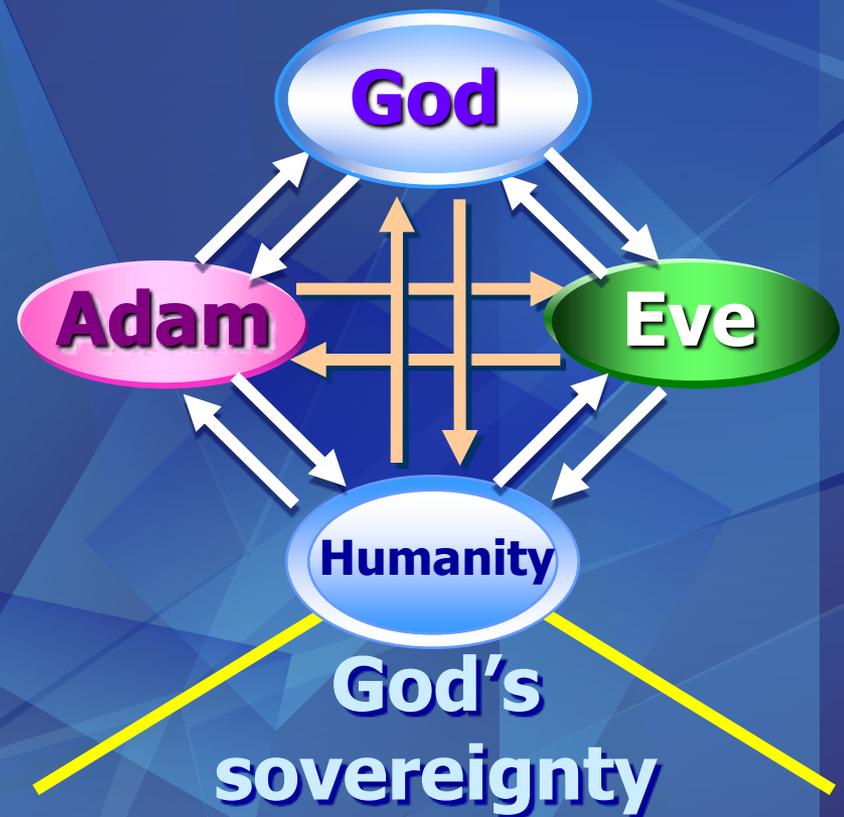
***The Family that God was
planning to Bless Became
Cursed...***

***Adam and Eve's marriage and
family life took place outside the
garden.***

Genesis 2:17 “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

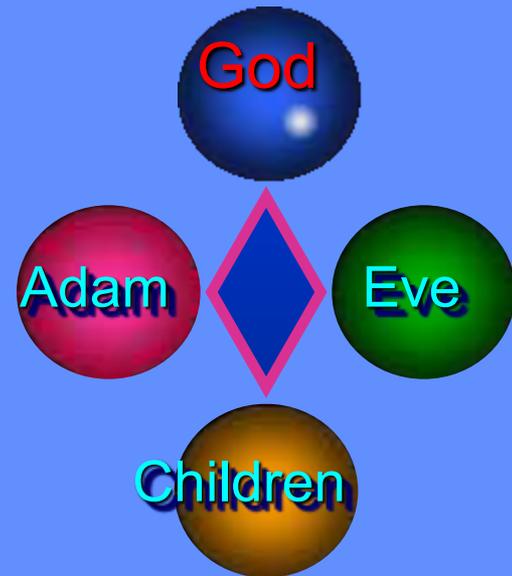
Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

4.1 Satan and Fallen Humanity



John 8:44 “You are of your father, the devil. And your will is to do your father's desires.”

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satan

God

Fallen
Man



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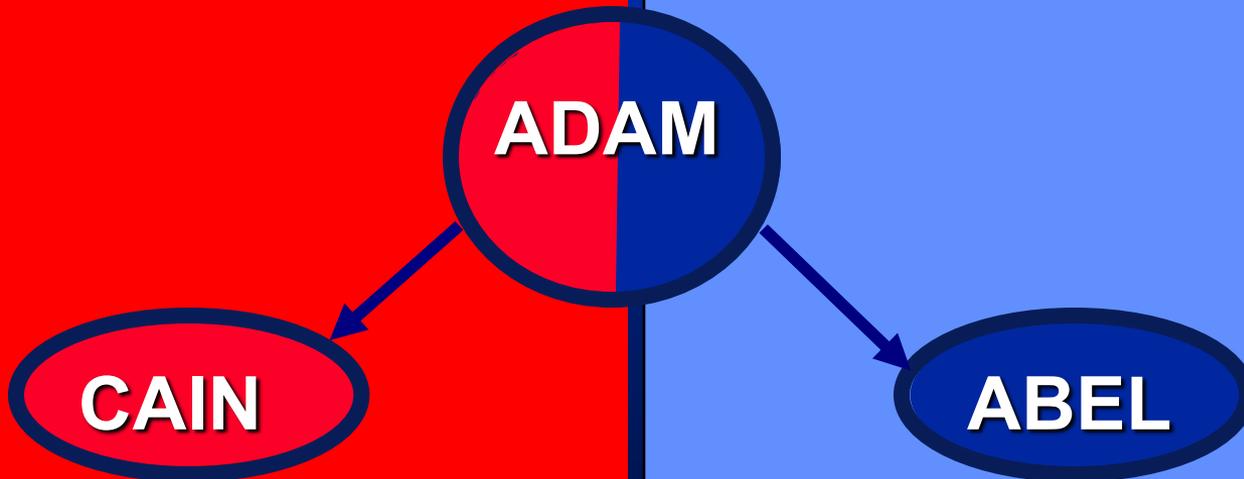
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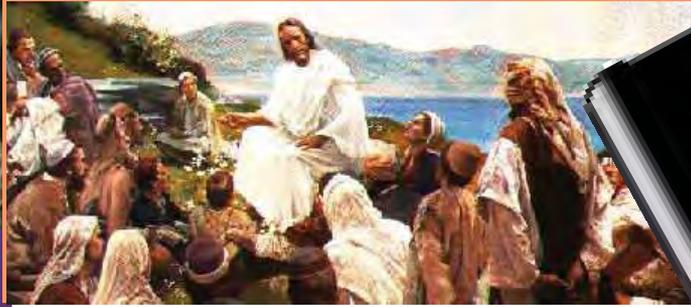
ADAM

CAIN

ABEL



The Bible



• *The Parables of Jesus*



• *Book of Revelation*

Important parts:
symbolism and metaphor

● To learn what the fruit of the tree of the
● knowledge of good and evil represents, let
us first investigate the tree of life, which
expressed in symbols and metaphors
stood next to it in the Garden of Eden.

John 16:25 “These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.”

Foundation of Substance

2. Elder Son's Dominion



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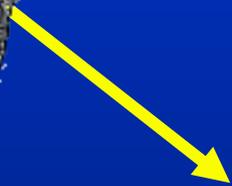
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Archangel

“god & ruler”



Cain =
1st Born



= Abel
2nd Born



God

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Genesis 4:6-7

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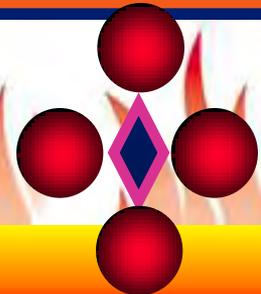
True Family Ideal



Jesus & John the Baptist
Judah (south) & Israel (north)
Moses & Israelites
Perez & Zerah
Jacob & Esau
Isaac & Ishmael
Shem & Ham
Abel & Cain



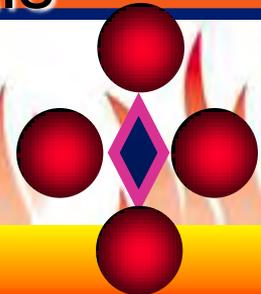
Hell



True Family Ideal



John the Baptist ascetic life
Kings must keep faith in law
Tribes must uphold law
Moses' 40 yrs of faith
Abraham offered Isaac
Noah built the ark
Abel offered animals



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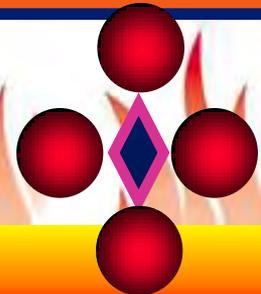
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Israel
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Esau

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God



Israel



Israel Prepares For Christ

Israel is Head

Blessing

if Faith

Deuteronomy 28

if no Faith

Curse

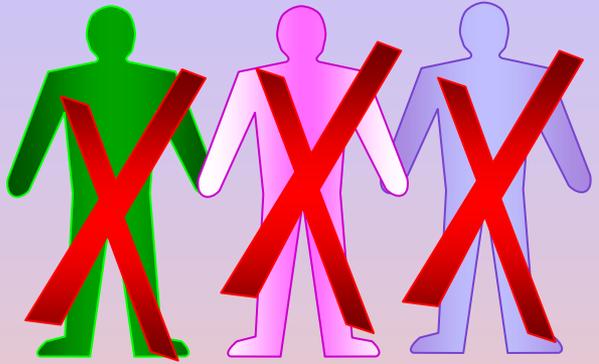
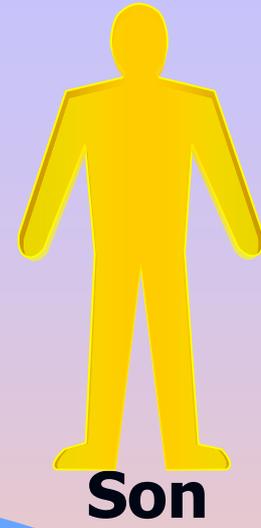
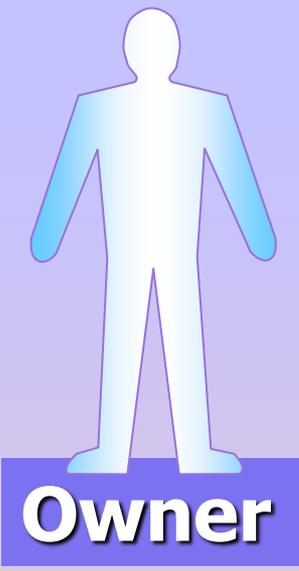
Israel is Tail

**Law
Covenant**



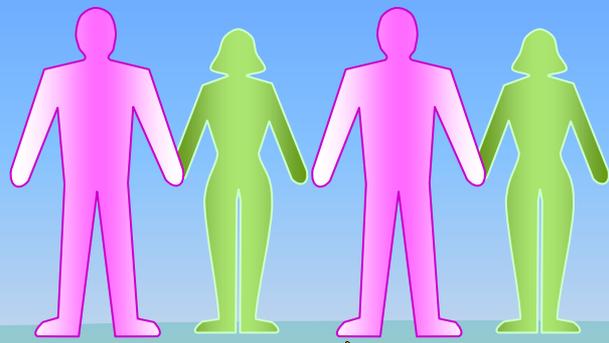
Matthew 21:33-43

"Surely they will reverence my son."



Servants

PROPHETS



Tenants



ISRAEL



Words of Jesus

Matthew 23: 37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that *killest the prophets*, and *stonest them which are sent* unto thee, *how often would I have gathered thy children together*, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and *ye would not!*”

John 6:28-29 “Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, *This is the work of God*, that ye *believe on him* whom he hath sent..”

Spiritual Salvation

Romans 7:22-24 "For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members. **Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I of myself serve the law of God with my mind, but **with my flesh I serve the law of sin.**"

Romans 8:23 "...and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly **as we wait** for adoption as sons, **the redemption of our bodies.**"

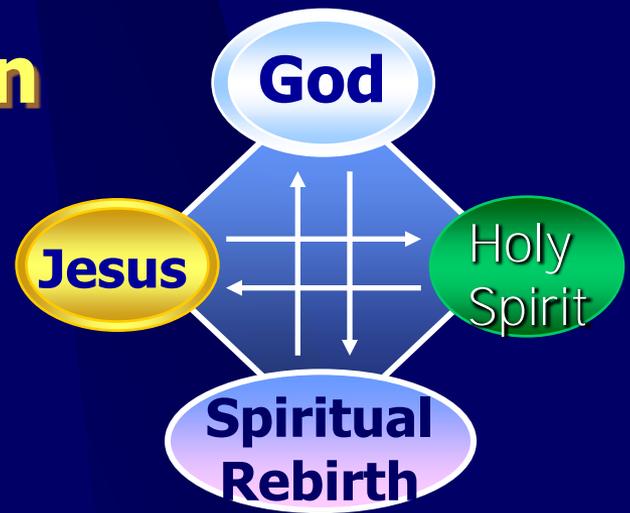
Christ's Return: The Mission



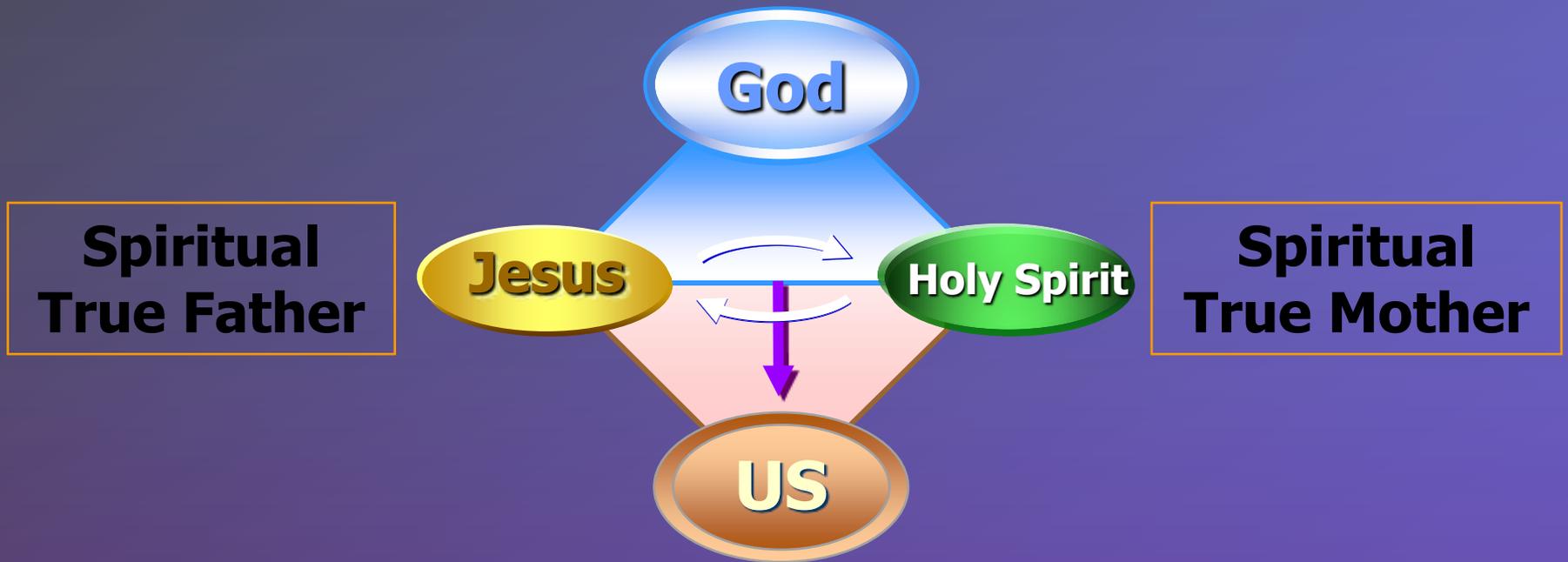
**Spiritual
Salvation**

BELIEVERS

Original Sin
Rom. 7:24-25
Rom. 8:23



Spiritual Rebirth through Jesus and the Holy Spirit



- When we believe in Jesus as the Savior through the
- We receive the love of the spiritual True Parents, inspiration of the Holy Spirit, generated through the give and take between Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 3:21

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me *in my throne*, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

I Peter 5:4

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown**