

Ephesians Series

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Is the Bible Misogynistic? Ephesians 5:22



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled by means of the Spirit,”**

πληρόω plēroō
2 plur pres
pass impera
to fill; fulfill

*ἐν πνεύματι, en
pneumati, dative,
means, “by means
of the Spirit”*

Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you along with all wisdom, **with the results that you are teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” [RD]**

Results:

Eph. 5:19, “with the result that you are speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Eph. 5:20, “with the result that you are giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph. 5:21, “with the result that you are submitting to one another in the fear of God.”

What the Bible Teaches About

Fear of the Lord



Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”

Eph. 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”

Eph. 6:1, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

Eph. 6:4, “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

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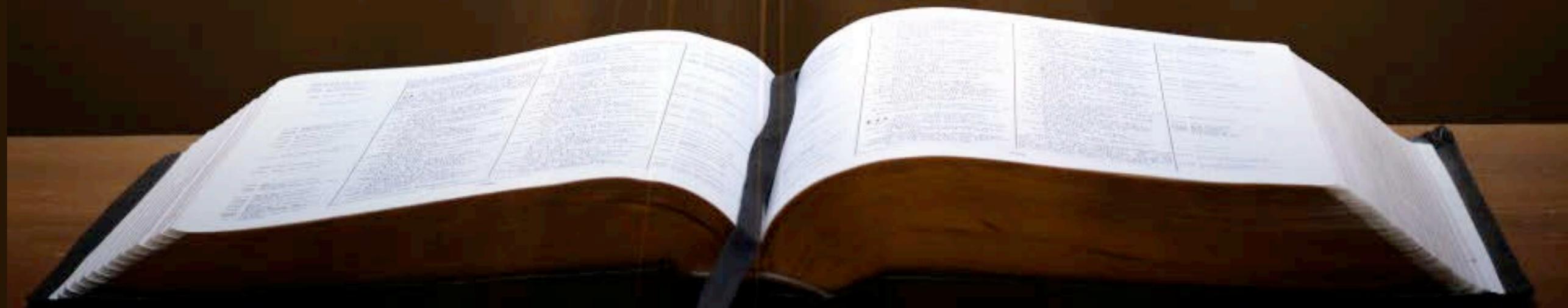
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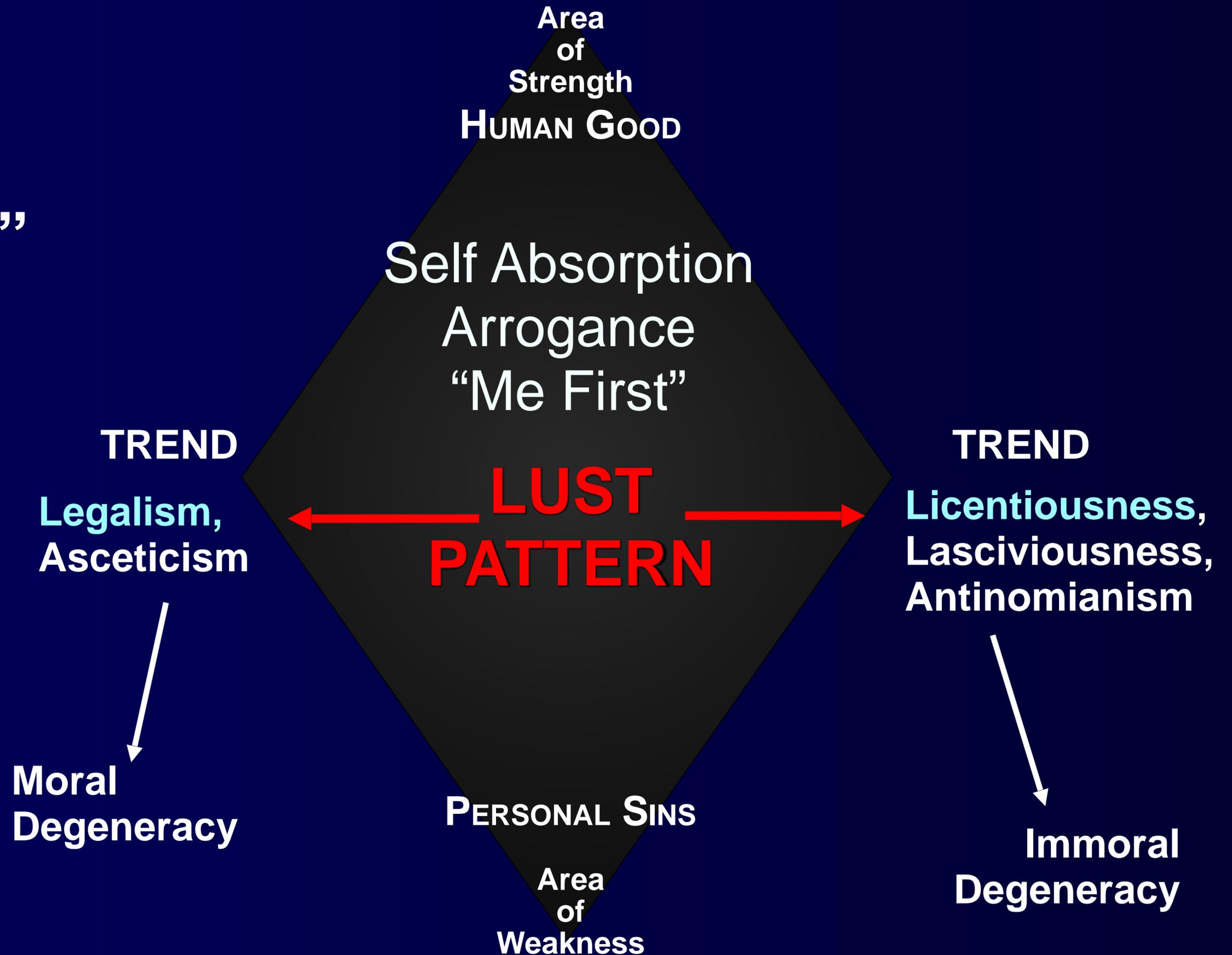
**What the Bible Teaches
About**

Spheres of Authority



The problem:

THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



The problem: Sin nature lust for approval, recognition, power, authority.

Matt. 20:20, “Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

Matt. 20:21, “And He said to her, ‘What do you wish?’ She said to Him, ‘Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.’ ” [NKJV]

Matt. 20:25, “But Jesus called them to Himself and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.’ ” [NKJV]

**κατεξουσιάζω *katexousiazō*
3 plur pres act indic
to rule over in the sense
of misusing authority, or
to tyrannize**

**κατακυριεύω *katakyrieuō*,
rule over, subjugate,
conquer, be master of,
lord it over**

Matt. 20:26, “Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

Matt. 20:27, “And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—

δοῦλος *doulos* slave; servant

Matt. 20:28, “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” [NKJV]

διακονέω *diakoneō*, serve, support

Php. 2:7, “Instead He emptied Himself by taking on the form of a slave (servant), by taking on the likeness of men. (And when He had come as a man, human in His external form [true humanity]), [RD]

Php. 2:8, “And by (or when?) being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” [RD]

Conclusion:

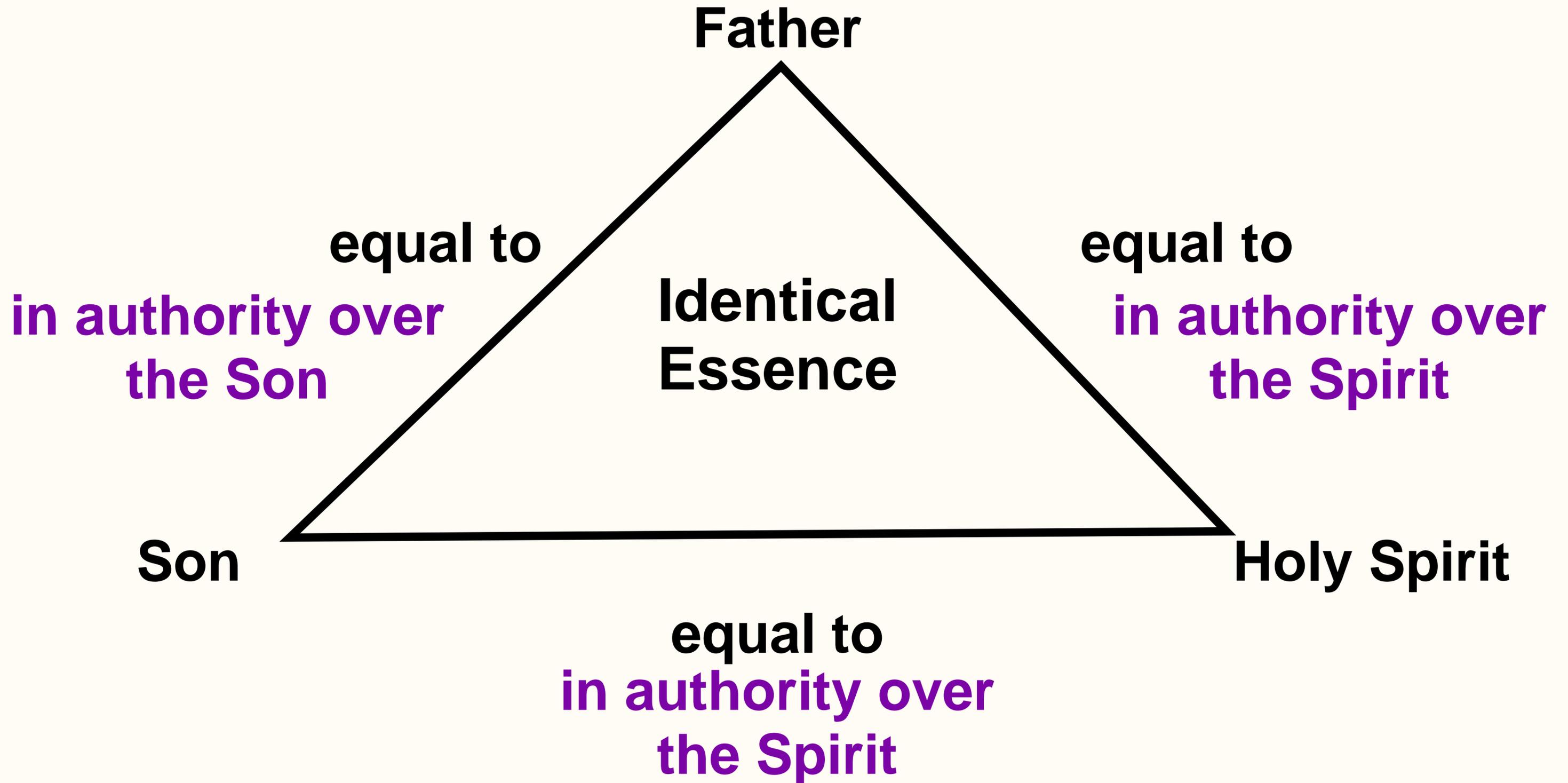
- 1. God institutes spheres of authority within the creation.**
- 2. Because of sin, legitimate authorities frequently misuse and abuse that authority, they exercise their authority in an illegitimate manner.**
- 3. Does this mean that those who are under those authorities have the right to disobey those authorities?**

What the Bible Teaches About

**Authority:
Authority is Eternal
in the Trinity**



Authority in the Triune Relationships



Why Does the Bible Place Such an Emphasis on:

**Authority
Leadership**

**Obedience
Disobedience
Rebellion?**

This was the original sin when Satan sinned, he rebelled against God the Creator.

Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level
CREATOR
(*Yahweh*)

INFINITE SOVEREIGN *YAHWEH*

2nd level
creature
(man)

- finite
limited
man

Rebellion against *legitimate* authority then is asserting that we, the finite creature, know more about what is best than God.

When it comes to the spheres of authority God has established, rebellion against them is ultimately a rejection of God who established those authorities.

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Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ ”

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זָכָר *zakhar*

**comm masc sing abs
male, as distinct from female**

נְקֵבָה *neqevah*

**comm fem sing abs
female**

Conclusions:

- 1. The creation of human beings is not an accidental development over millennia, but a planned, intentional creation by God designed to fulfill His intended purpose for human beings.**
- 2. God created the human race in His image. This distinguishes humans from all other creatures.**

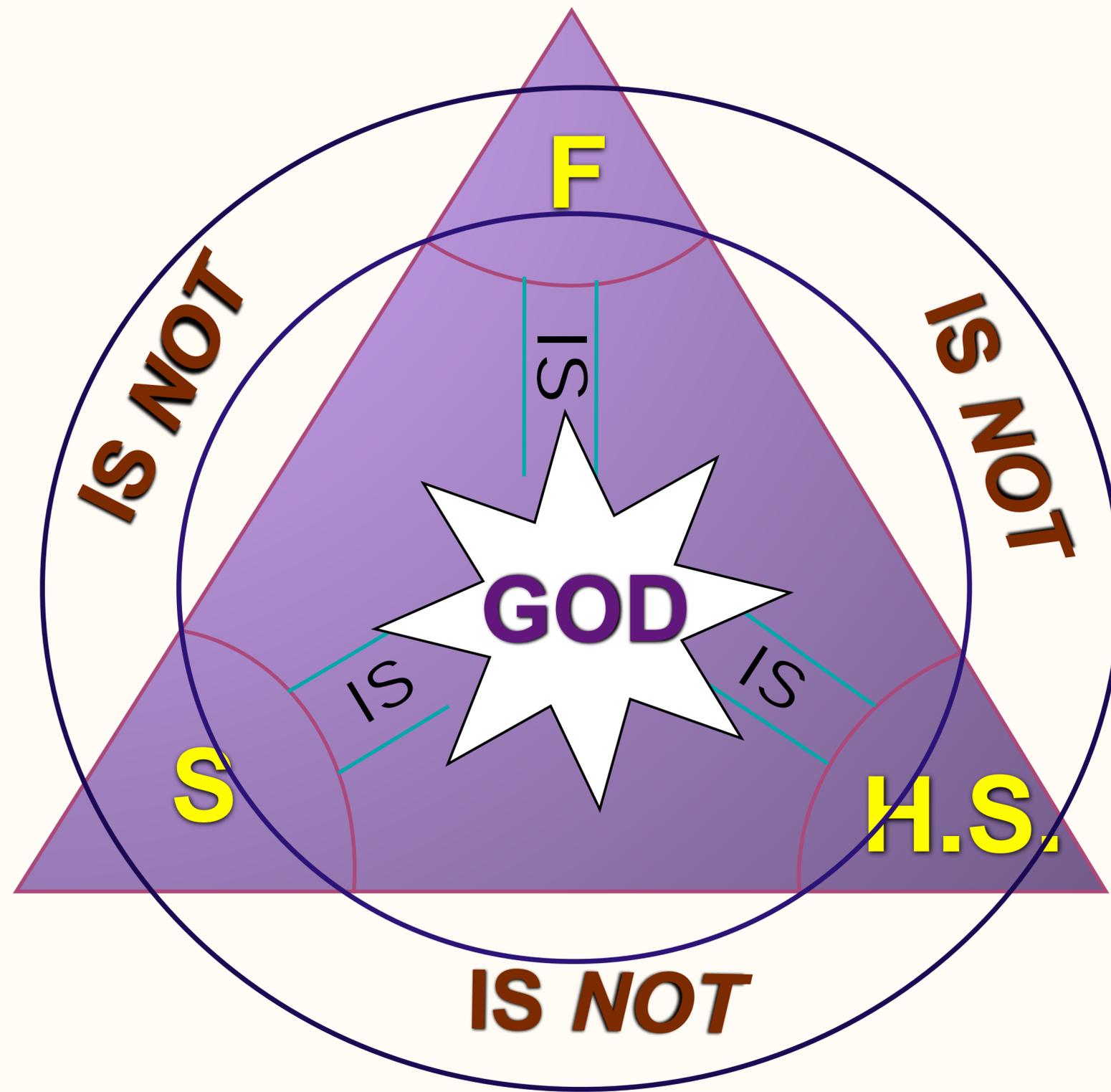
Conclusions:

- 3. As full image bearers, human males and human females are equal in their nature as divine image bearers.**
- 4. Definitions of humanity that have a starting place other than revelation, i.e., start with human reason or experience without accepting the divine revelation, will distort, confuse, disrupt, corrupt, and fall far short of their understanding of what makes us human, and what makes men and women equal.**

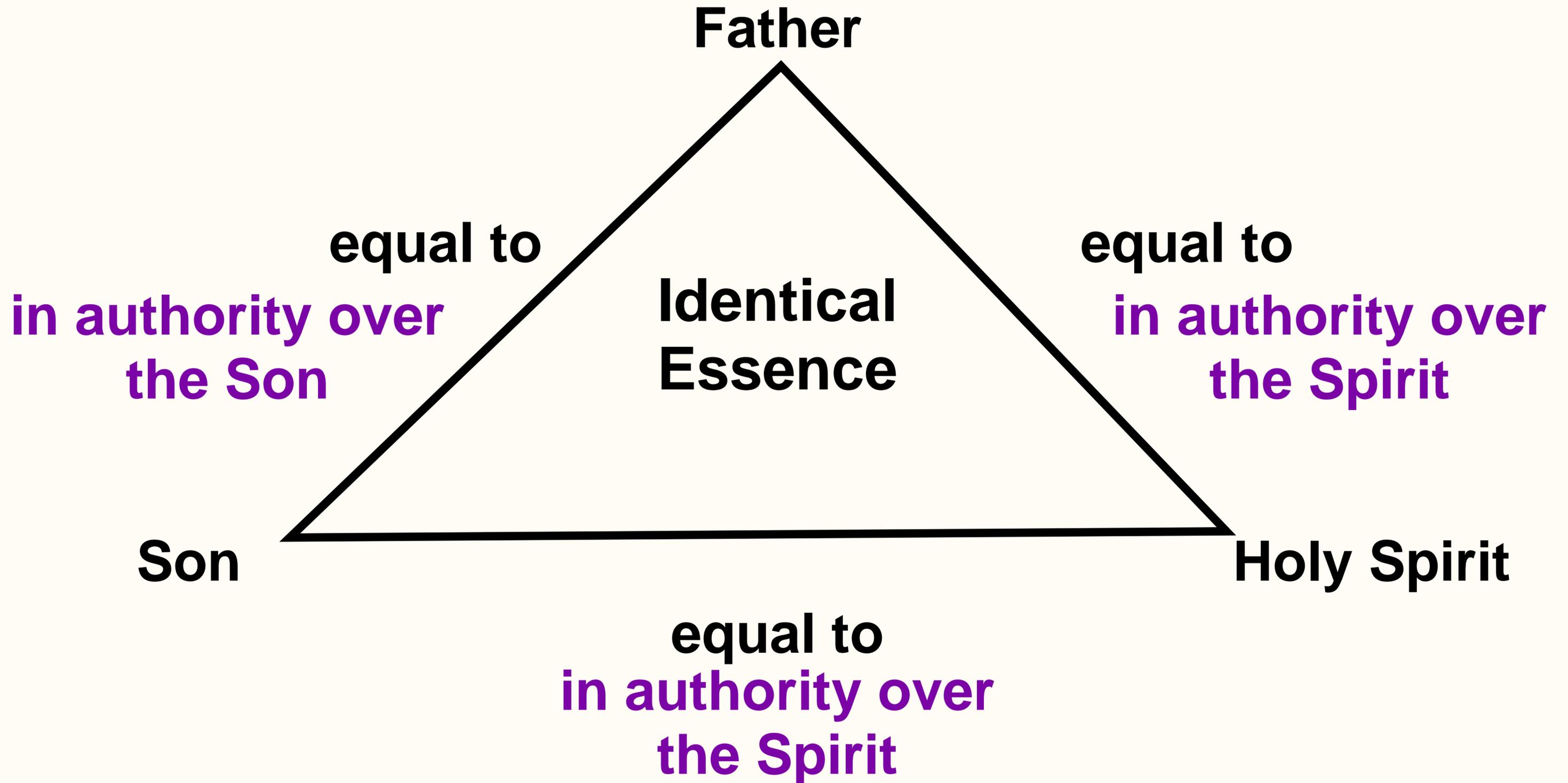
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5. The five-fold commands related to humanity's mission apply equally to male and female as image bearers.

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Authority in the Triune Relationships



Deut. 6:4, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!” [NKJV]

אֶחָד *’echad*

masc sing abs

one (m)

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Not an absolute singularity, but a singular unity among multiples

Gen. 2:24, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

Gen. 2:18, “And the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ ”

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Gen. 2:20, “So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.” [NKJV]

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Gen. 2:21, “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.

Gen. 2:22, “Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.”

Ex. 18:4, “and the name of the other was Eliezer (for he said, ‘The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh’);”

Deut. 33:29, “Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty!”

Hos. 13:9, “O Israel, you are destroyed, but your help is from Me.”

Psa. 121:2, “My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”

Psa. 146:5, “Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God,”

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comm fem sing

abs

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Ishah: “from the man” (*Ish*); emphasizes an identity of nature, with distinctions. (Gen. 2:23)

Gen. 2:23, “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.’ ”

- 1. God created both male and female humans equal in their being, their essence, as image bearers to reflect in a finite way the Creator-God.**
- 2. Male and female humans were together given the five-fold mission of Gen. 1:28.**
- 3. Though both male and female humans were equal in their nature, being, essence, God designed them to fulfill distinct roles.**
- 4. These distinct roles do not imply inferiority, just as the distinct roles of the Triune Persons of the Godhead do not imply inferiority.**

- 5. The entry of sin did not destroy the image of God in them, neither did it totally destroy the mission. But it brought a level of corruption and self-centeredness and self-absorption that made it difficult for the man and woman to fulfill that mission, but not impossible.**

- 6. The only hope will be found in a spiritual restoration: regeneration followed by spiritual growth and submission to the authority of God.**

Gen. 3:16, “To the woman He said: ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.’ ”