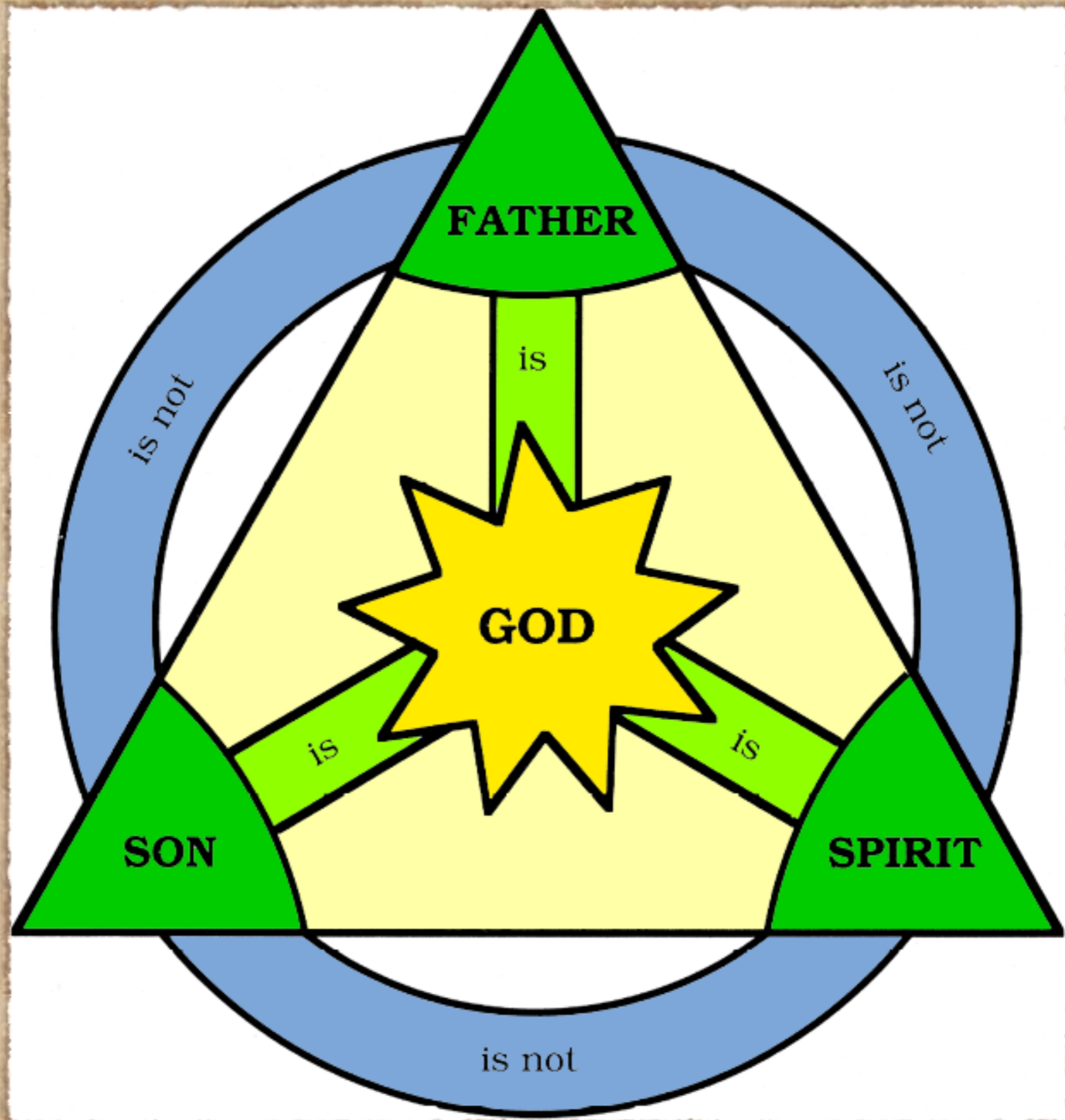


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Selected Scriptures

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WHAT COMES INTO OUR MINDS WHEN WE THINK ABOUT GOD IS
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT US
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God is a Person

- ◆ He is Described by Personal Titles
- ◆ He is Referred to as a Father in Matthew 6:9
- ◆ He is Referred to as a Shepherd in Psalm 23:1

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- ◆ He is Referred to as a Friend in James 2:23
- ◆ He is Referred to as a Counselor in Romans 11:34
- ◆ These 4 Titles are Personal and Describe Personhood

God is a Person

- ◆ He is Described by Personal Pronouns
- ◆ The Hebrew and Greek Scriptures always refer to God as “He,” rather than by “it.” Though Bibles like the TNIV (Today’s New International Version) have sought to change the genders in the Bible

God is a Person

- ◆ He is Described by Personal Characteristics
- ◆ He Thinks - Isaiah 55:8 says, "“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord.”

God is a Person

- ◆ He Acts - Genesis 6:7 says, "“So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”"

God is a Person

- ◆ He Speaks - Genesis 1:3 refers to Him speaking when it says, “Then God said, ‘Let there be light.’”
- ◆ Personal titles, personal pronouns, and personal characteristics—all reveal the personhood of God.

God is a Spirit

- ◆ Numbers 23:19 says, “God is not a man.”
- ◆ John 4:24 says, “God is a Spirit.”
- ◆ Jesus said in Luke 24:39 that “a spirit does not have flesh and bones.”

God is a Spirit

- ◆ Although God is not material, the Bible does describe Him in a material way.
- ◆ Zech.4:10 refers to “the eyes of the Lord.”
- ◆ Isa.50:2 refers to His “hand.”

God is a Spirit

- ◆ By stating that God has “eyes” and “hands” is not stating that He is material. These are anthropomorphic expressions.
- ◆ Anthropomorphism comes from anthropos, which means, “man,” and morphe, which means, “form.”
- ◆ God refers to Himself in human form in order to accommodate our finite understanding.

God is One

- ◆ Deut.6:4 says, “The LORD our God is one LORD.”
- ◆ 1 Cor.8:6 says, “There is only one God.”
- ◆ 1 Tim.2:5 says, “There is one God.”

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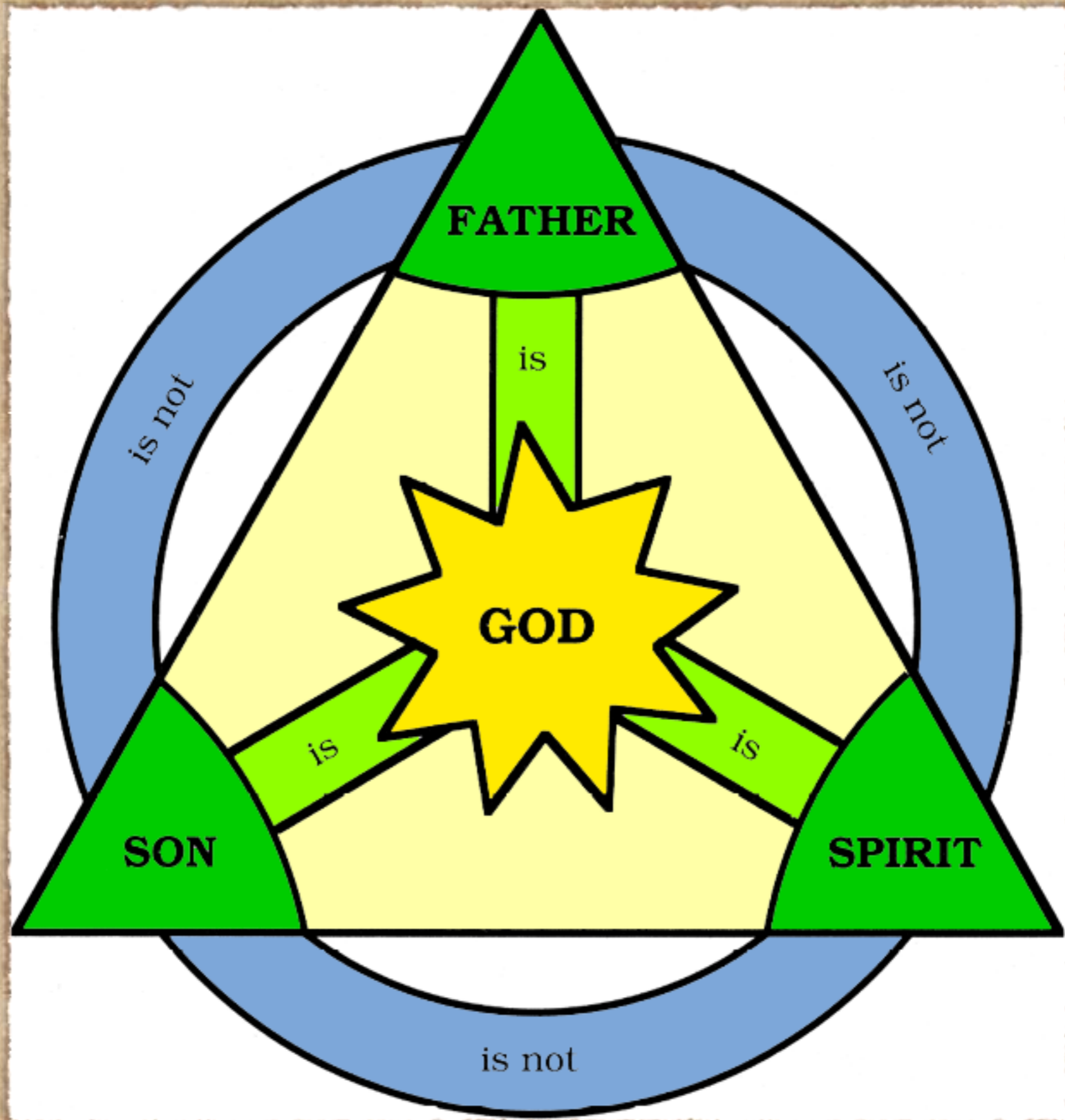
- ◆ Isa.44:6 says, “I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me.”
- ◆ Ex.20:5 reveals that God is a jealous God which means He alone is to be worshiped.

God is One

- ◆ “There can be but one infinite”
(Elisha Coles)
- ◆ Because Israel lived in the midst of a polytheistic society, it was vital that they give their allegiance to the one true God.

God is Three

- ◆ The Old Testament expresses the plurality of the Godhead in its opening words
- ◆ Genesis 1:1 - “In the beginning God.”



God is Three

- ◆ The Hebrew word translated “God” is Elohim. The plural suffix, im, means it’s plural and presents a singular God who is expressed as a plurality

God is Three

- Gen.1:26 says, “Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.’”
- Gen.3:22 says, “Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.”

God is Three

- ◆ When the Lord was about to destroy the Tower of Babel, He said in Gen.11:7, "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

God is Three

- ◆ Distinctions between members of the Trinity are apparent in the Old Testament
- ◆ Gen. 19:24 says, “Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens.”

God is Three

- ◆ Distinctions between members of the Trinity are also apparent in the New Testament
- ◆ Mat.3:16-17—As Jesus is being baptized by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended on Him like a dove. The Father replied, “is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

God is Three

- ♦ Jn.14:16-17—Jesus said, “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

God is Three

- ◆ 2 Cor. 13:14 says, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.”

God is Three

- J.I. Packer wrote: “Here we face the most dizzying and unfathomable truth of all, the truth of the Trinity...What should we make of it? In itself, the divine tri-unity is a mystery, a transcendent fact which passes our understanding. . . .How the one eternal God is eternally both singular and plural, how Father, Son, and Spirit are personally distinct yet essentially one . . . is more than we can know, and any attempt to "explain" it-to dispel the mystery by reasoning, as distinct from confessing it from Scripture-is bound to falsify it. Here, as elsewhere, our God is too big for his creatures' little minds (I Want to Be a Christian [Wheaton, Ill.: Tyndale, 1977], pp. 29-30).