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# The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

## “Responsibility, Labor, Property” Acts 4:32–5:16



**1 Tim. 6:10, “For the love of money [φιλαργυρία *philarguria*] is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”**

**2 Tim. 3:2, “For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,”**

**Acts 4:32, “Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.”**

**2 Th. 3:10, “For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.”**

**Democratic Socialists believe that both the economy and society should be run democratically—to meet public needs, not to make profits for a few. To achieve a more just society, many structures of our government and economy must be radically transformed through greater economic and social democracy so that ordinary Americans can participate in the many decisions that affect our lives.**

**Democracy and socialism have nothing in common but one word, equality. But notice the difference: while democracy seeks equality in liberty, socialism seeks equality in restraint and servitude.**

**~Alexis de Tocqueville**

# The Divine Institutions

**1. Individual Responsibility**

**PRE\_FALL**

**2. Marriage**

**3. Family**

**Designed to promote  
productivity, and advance  
civilization**

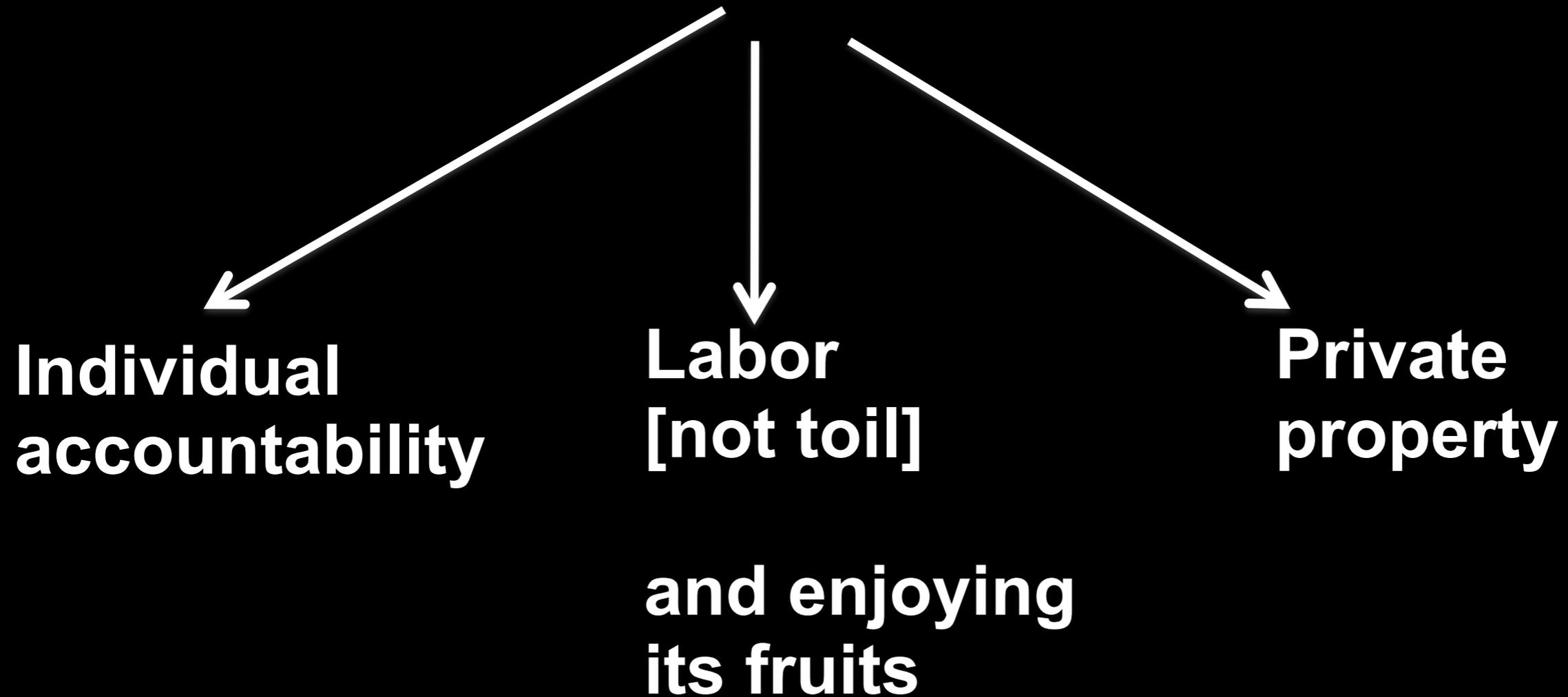
**4. Government, judicial**

**5. Nations**

**POST-FALL**

**Designed to restrain evil**

# Divine Institution #1: Individual Responsibility

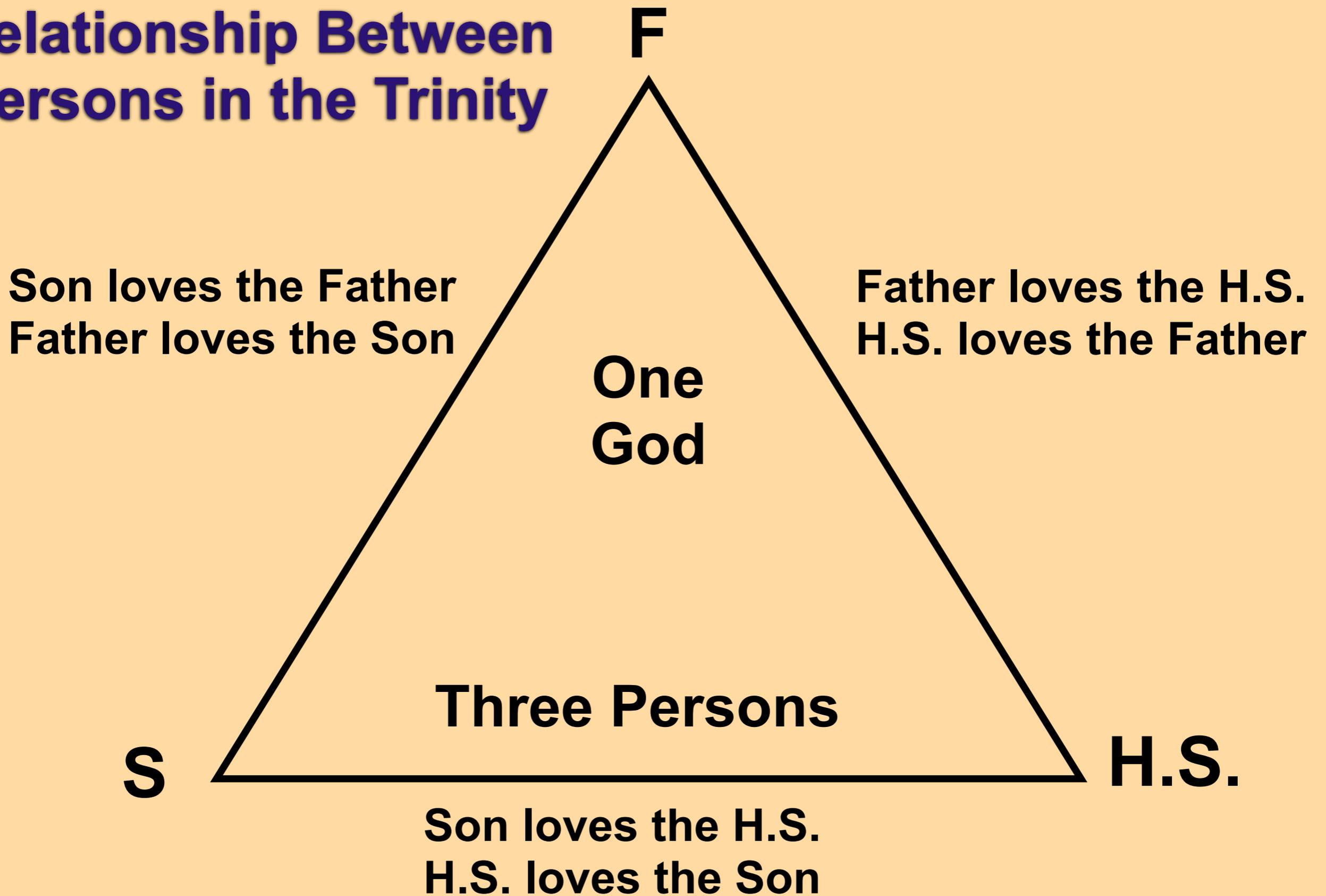


**Gen. 1:27, “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

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

**Gen. 2:15, “Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate [work] it and keep [guard] it.”**

**Eternal Social  
Relationship Between  
Persons in the Trinity**



**Eternal *Economic*  
Relationship Between  
Persons in the Trinity**

**Father is the  
architect of the  
plan of salvation**

**One  
God**

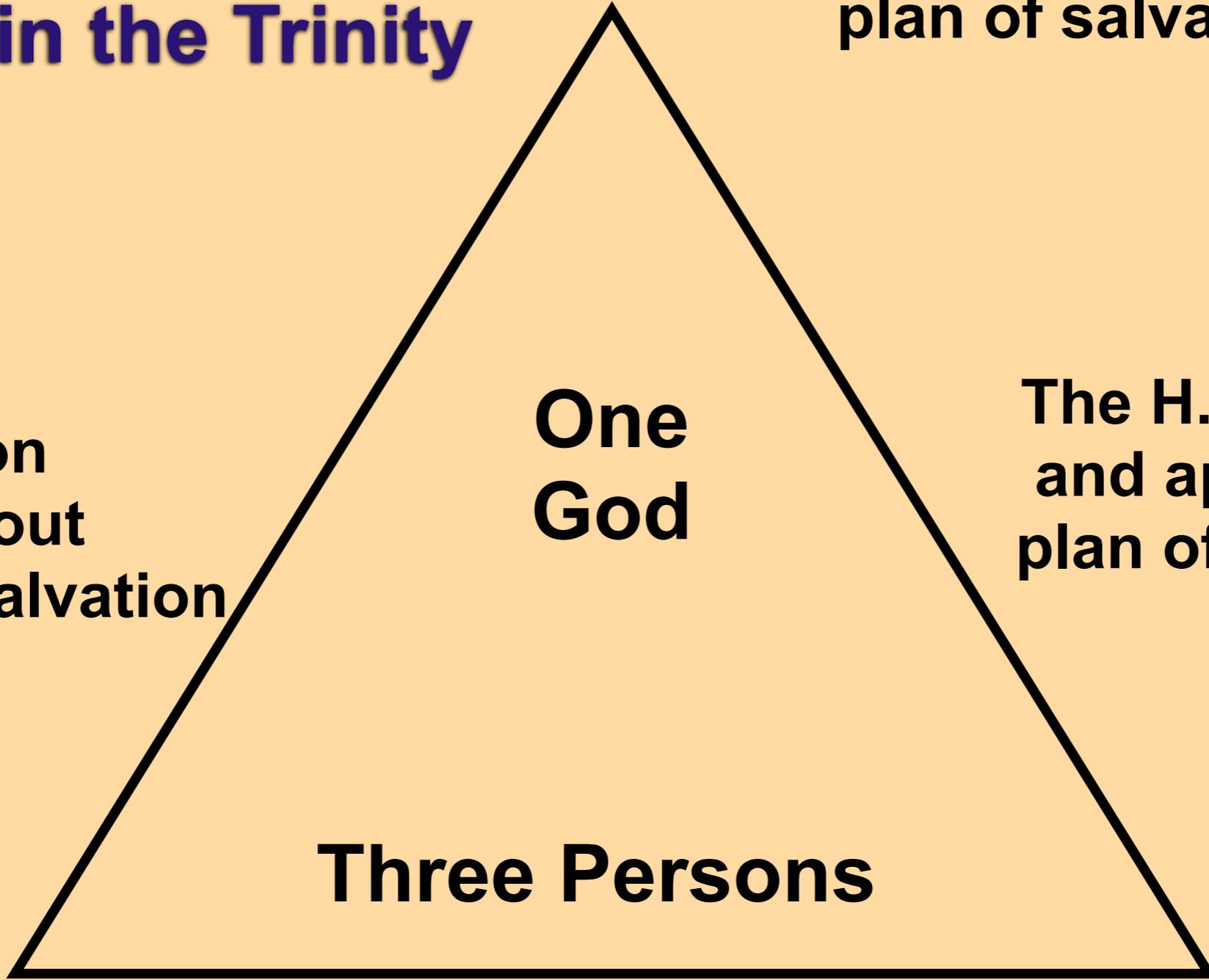
**The H.S. reveals  
and applies the  
plan of salvation**

**The Son  
carries out  
the plan of salvation**

**Three Persons**

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**H.S.**



# **Three Qualities of Divine Institution #1**

- 1. Personal, individual accountability**
- 2. Labor, not toil; Man is to enjoy the rewards of his efforts, or to reap the consequences of his failure.**
- 3. Private property; the basis for wealth and blessing.**