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The Quran, Sura 1:1-7

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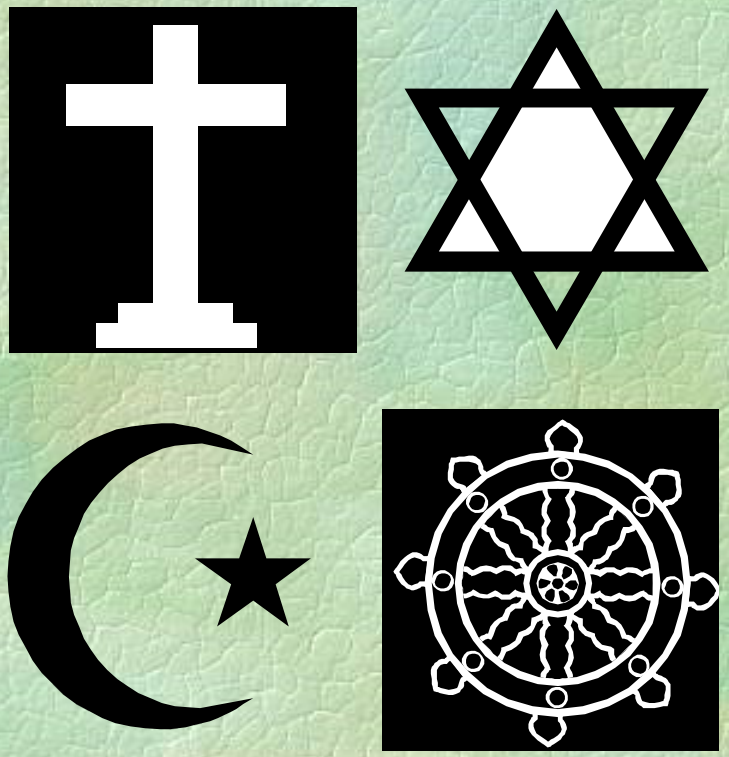
# The Religion of Islam

- Fastest growing religion since 9/11/01
- Youngest, yet world's second largest
- 1.2 billion adherents in the world
- The 4 largest populations of Muslims are now outside the Middle East

# World Religions Sermon Series

## Part 4 of 7

1 Peter 3:15~16



# Why Study World Religions?

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who know God's _____

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We want to be Christians

who know God's truth

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But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer
to everyone who asks you to give the
reason for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping
a clear conscience, so that those who speak
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# Historical Development of Islam

Islam began
just after
600 A.D.

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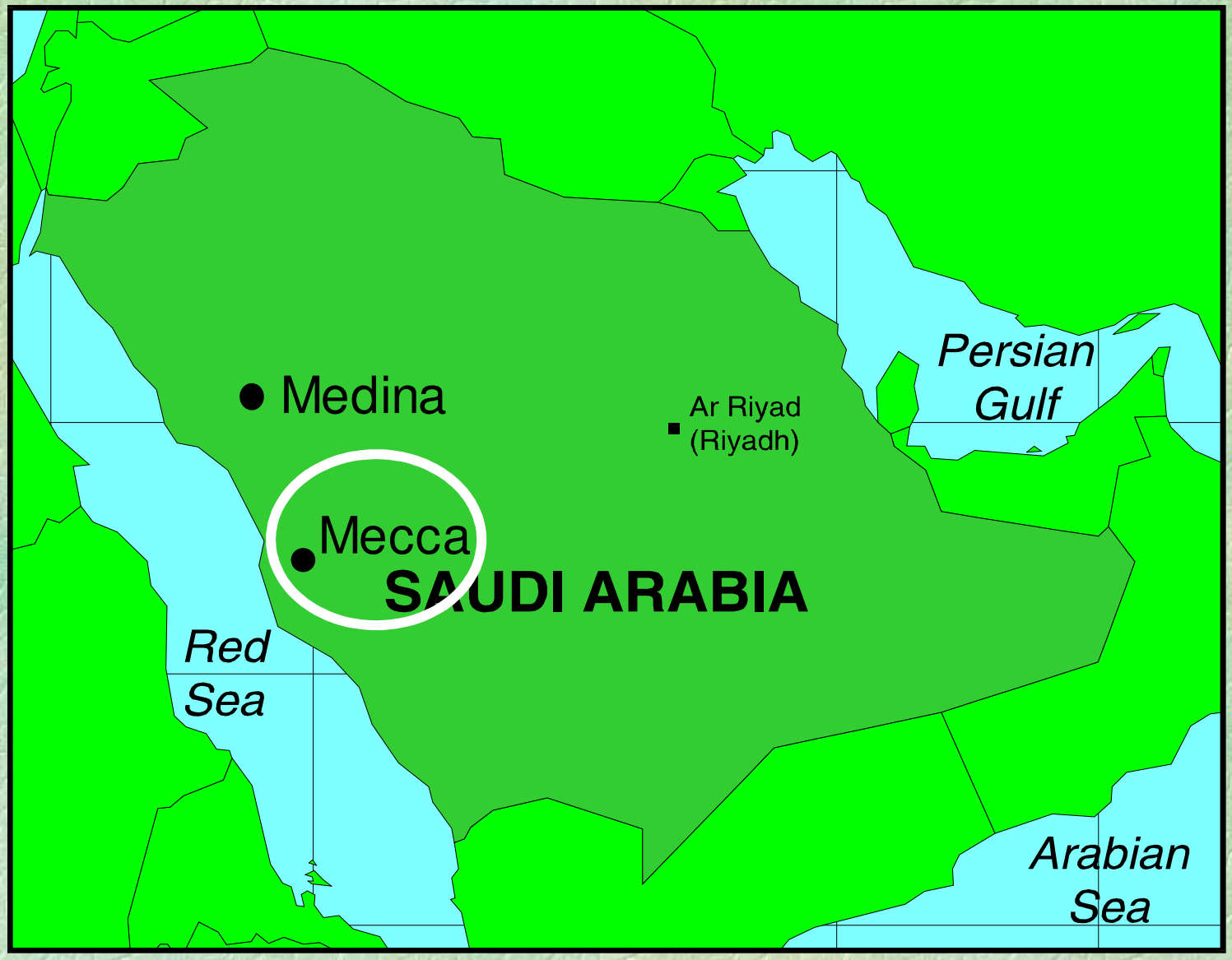


The kaaba was a temple in Mecca housing many idols.

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In 610 A.D, at the age of 40, Muhammad began receiving visions from the angel Gabriel.

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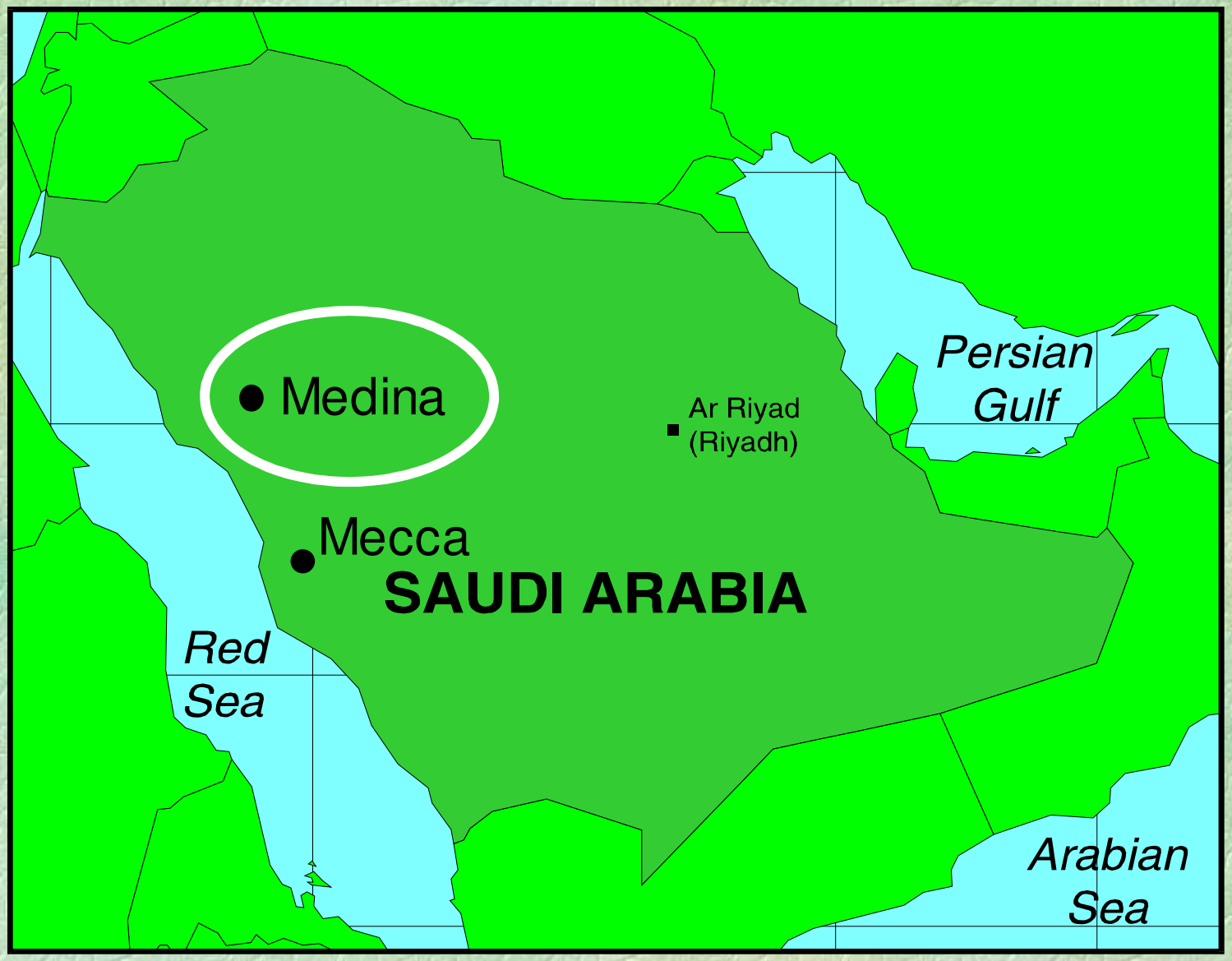


622 A.D Muha~mmad flees to Medina

# Historical Development of Islam

630 A.D Muha~mmad takes Mecca

# Historical Development of Islam

"Islam" means submission

"Muslim" is "one who submits"

# Beliefs of Islam

1. God: There is only one true God and his name is Allah.

# Beliefs of Islam

2. Angels: There is a hierarchy of angels between God and man with Gabriel as the highest.

# Beliefs of Islam

3. Prophets: Muhammad is God's prophet to all people of all times.

# Beliefs of Islam

4. Holy Books: There are four inspired books, but the Quran is the only one that is pure.

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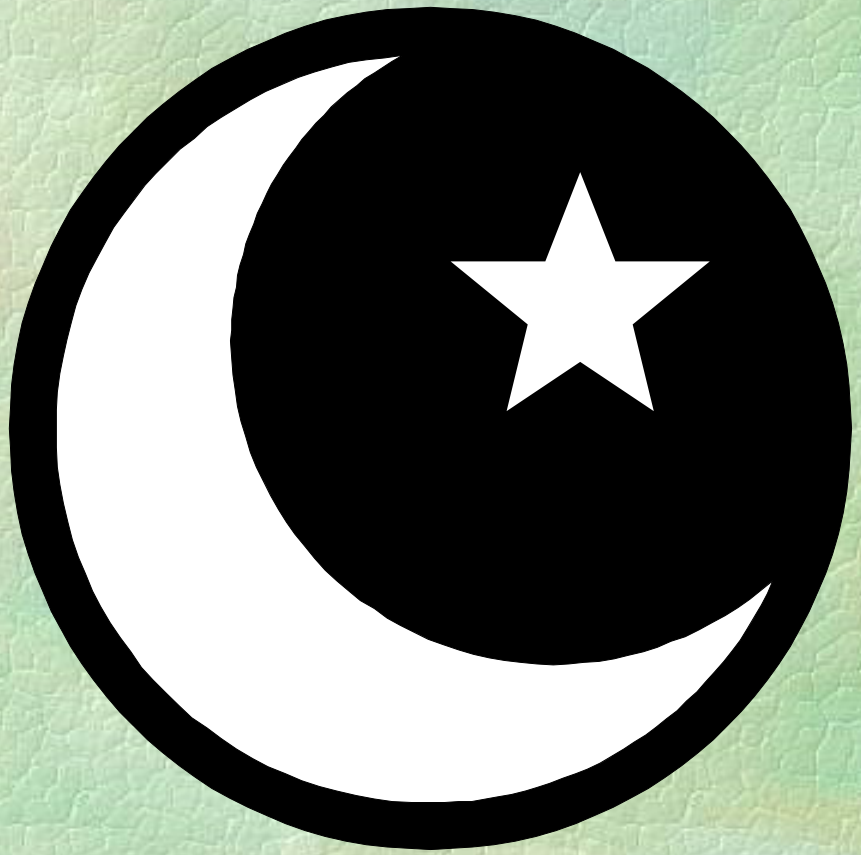
Grace:

The distinctive of biblical Christianity.

# Practices of Islam

1. Recite the Creed: "There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet."



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2. Pray: Offer prayers five times a day.

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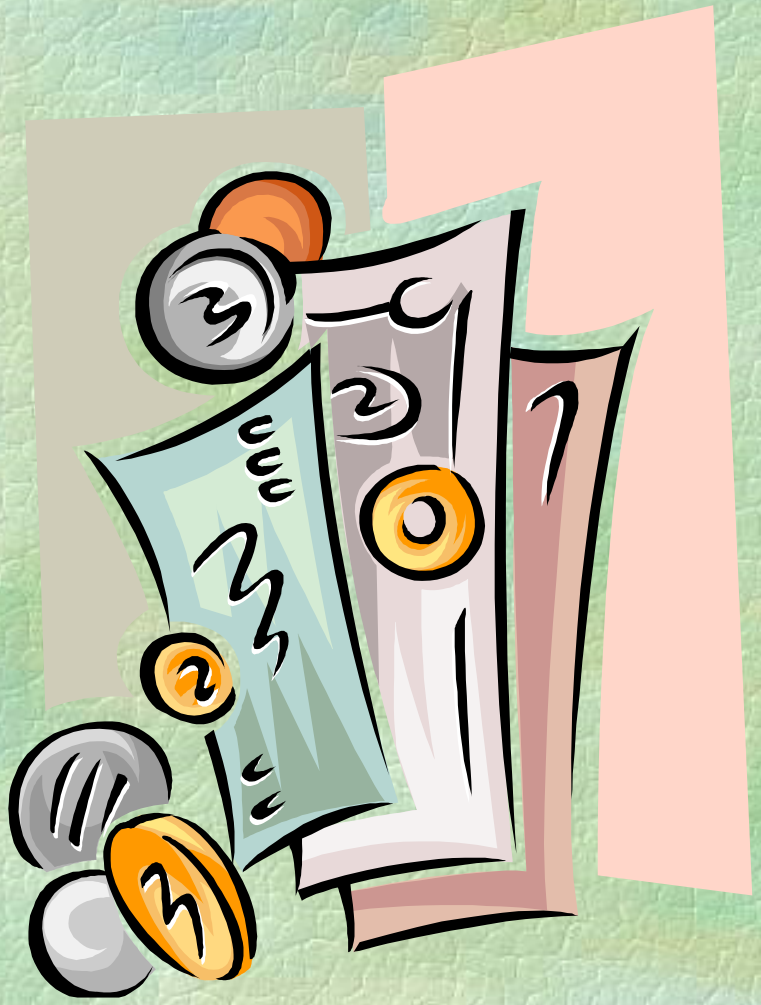
3. Give alms: Give 2.5 % of one's income.



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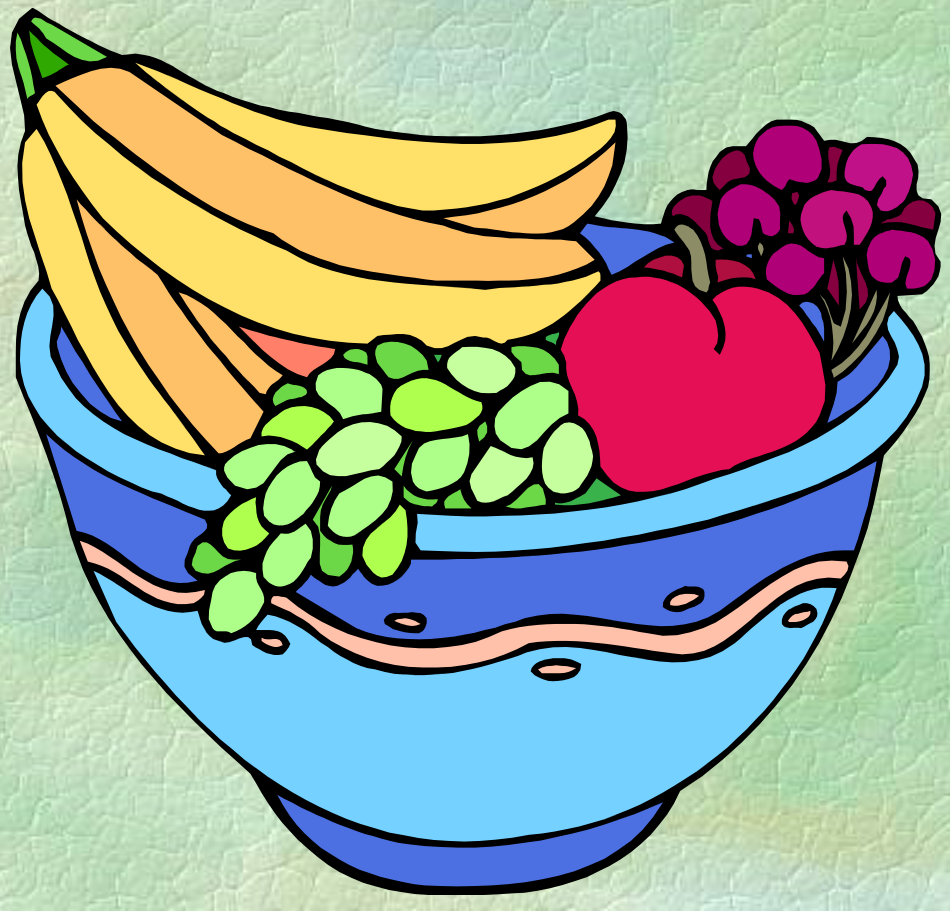
4. Fast: Abstain in the daylight hours during the month of Ramadan.



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5. Pilgrimage: Journey at least once to Mecca.

# The Dividing Issue of the Trinity

What is the doctrine of the Trinity?

## Definition

One God who exists in a trinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each distinct, yet fully and equally God.

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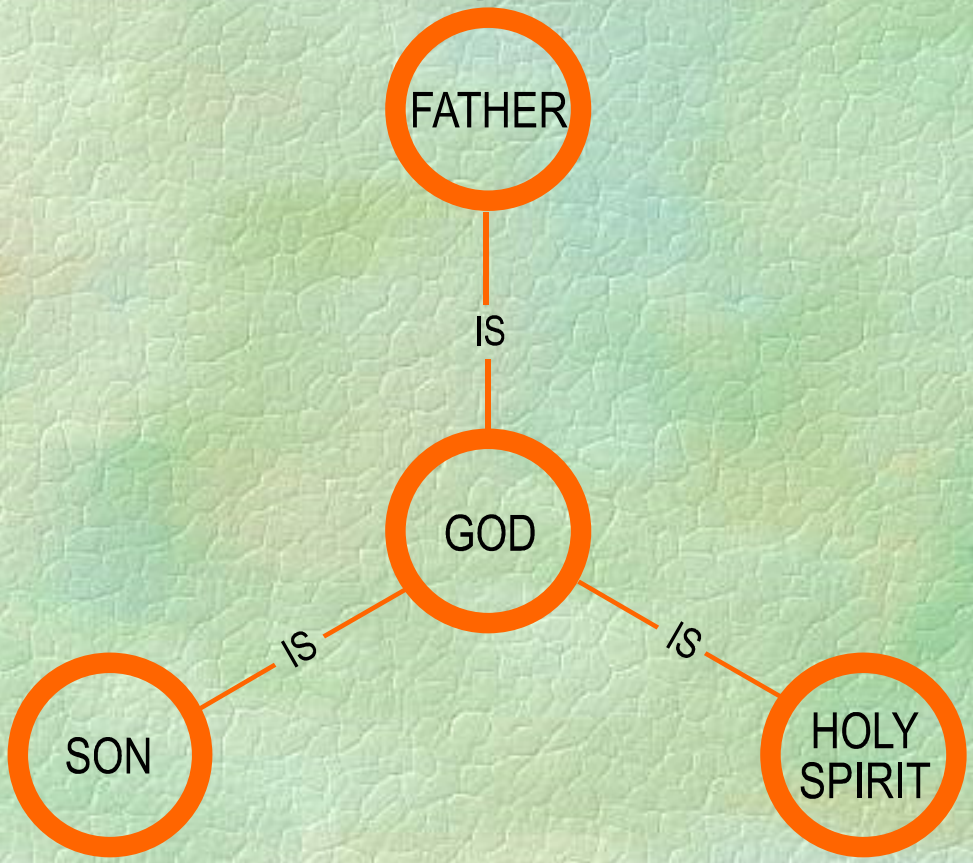

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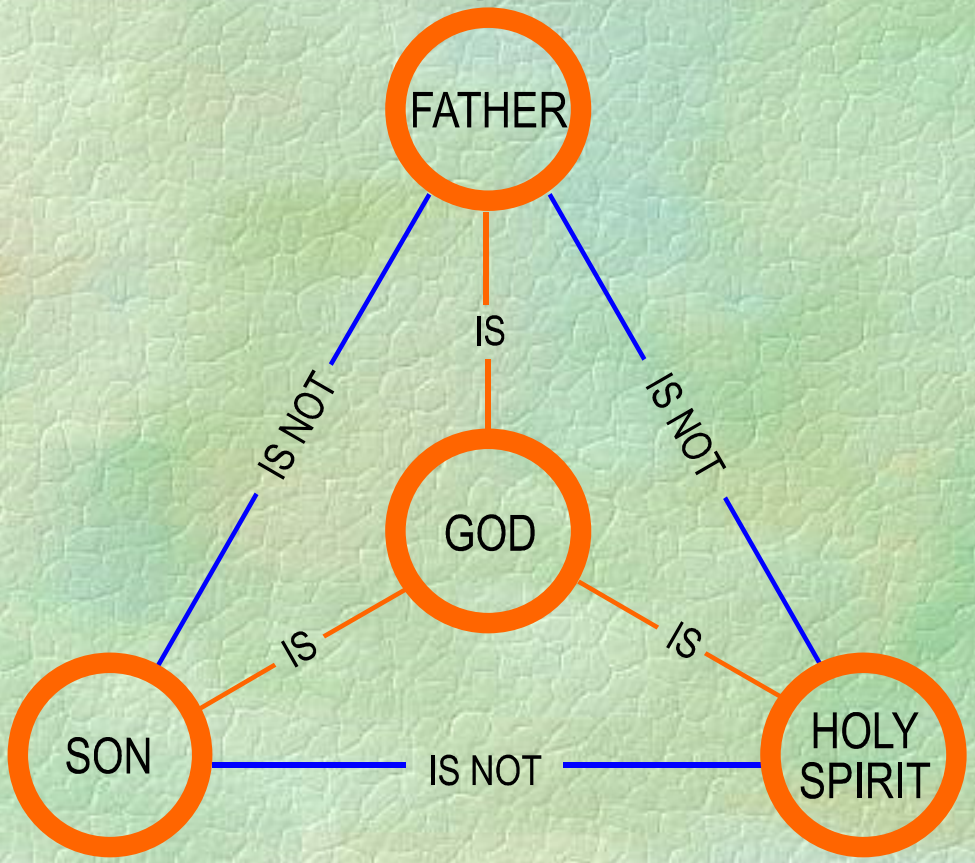

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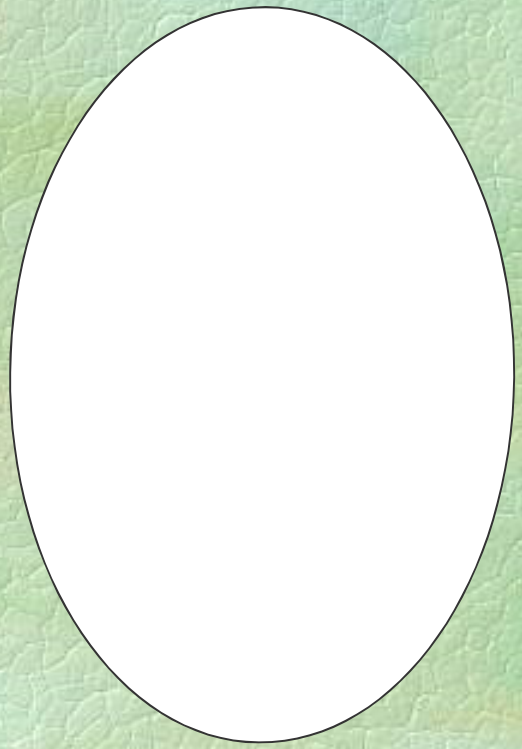

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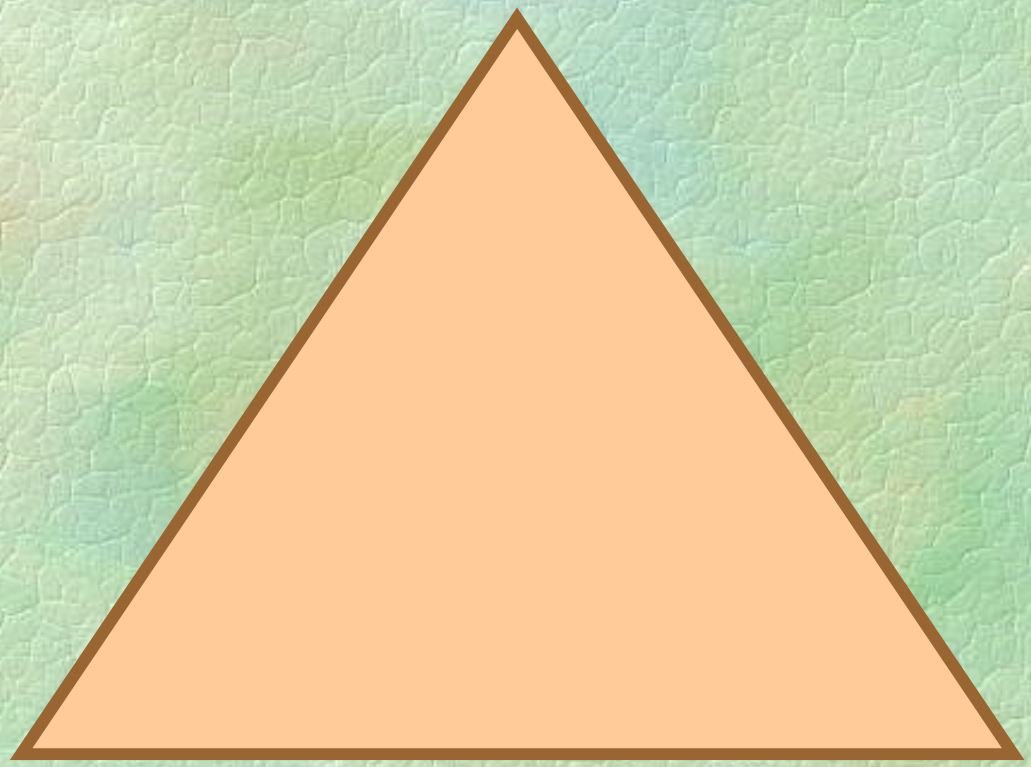

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## Trinity in the Old Testament

- God used plural nouns and verbs to refer to himself.

Genesis 1:26

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## Trinity in the Old Testament

- The "Angel of the Lord" appears to be a pre-incarnate Jesus.

Genesis 32:30

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- The coming Son is referred to as God.

Isaiah 9:6

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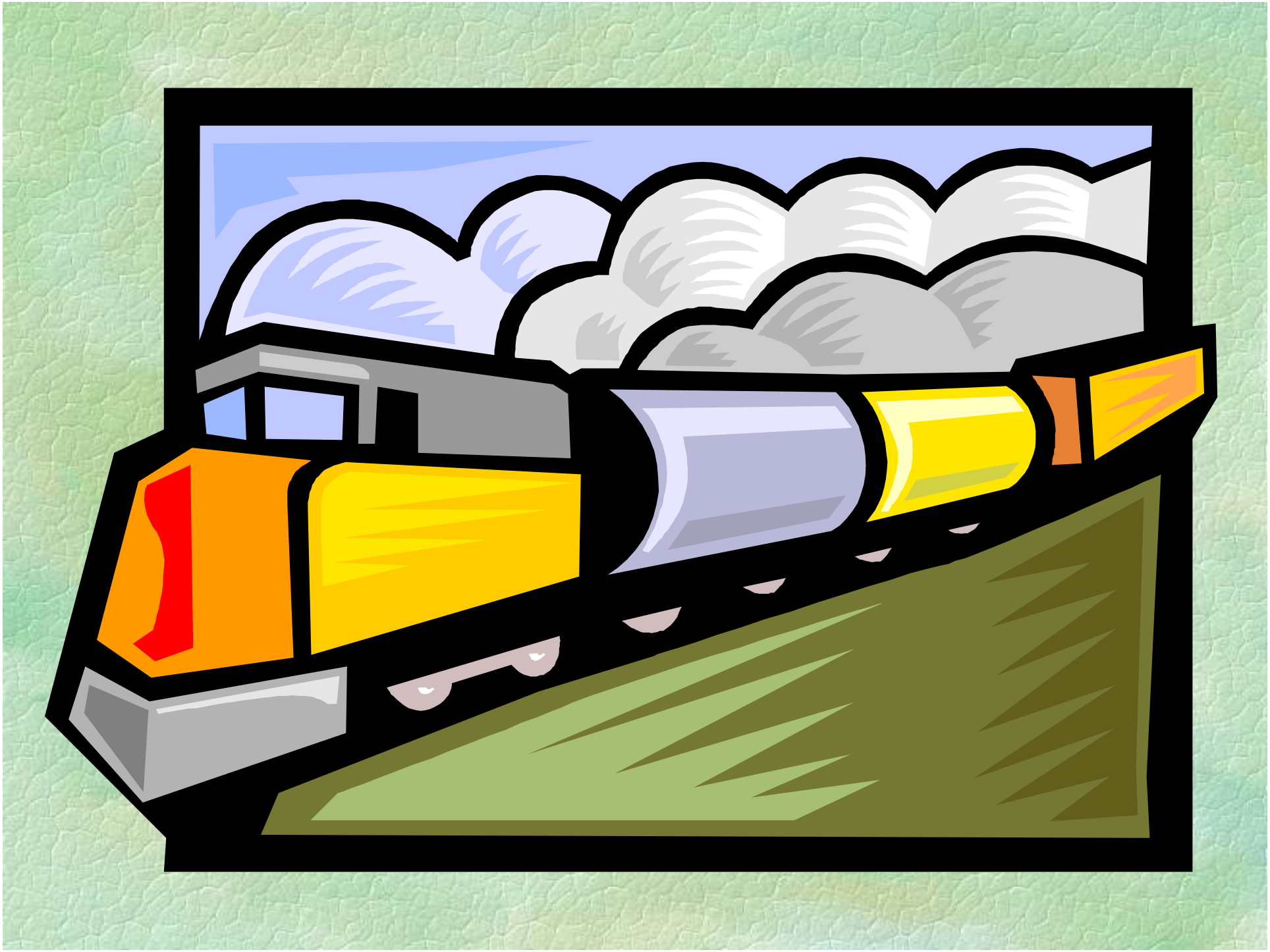
- The three persons of the Trinity are shown as distinct and unified.

  Isaiah 48:16



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Matthew 3:16~17

John 3:16

"only begotten"

= "one~of~a~kind"

# The Trinity in the Scriptures

## Trinity in the New Testament

- Jesus is proclaimed to be God.

John 1:1

# The Trinity in the Scriptures

## Trinity in the New Testament

- The Holy Spirit is shown to be God.

Luke 12:10

# The Trinity in the Scriptures

## Trinity in the New Testament

- We are to baptize disciples in the singular name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19-20