

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Reconciliation: Removing the Barrier
Ephesians 2:17–18

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HOW
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Two Purposes (answer the question *why*)

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ἀποκατάλλασσω *apokatallaxē*

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to reconcile; to restore peace or harmony between people, or between God and man.

We are reconciled to God, He is not reconciled to us.

God

Enmity

Gentiles

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**The First
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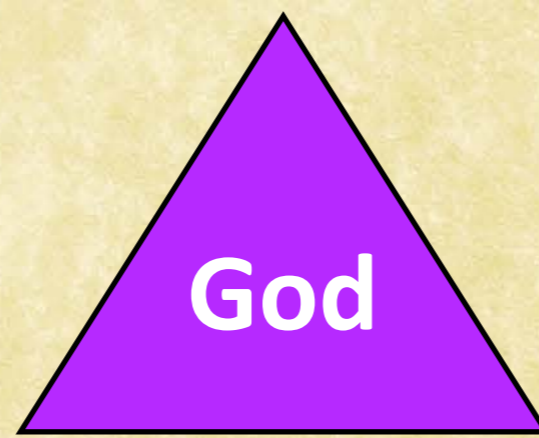
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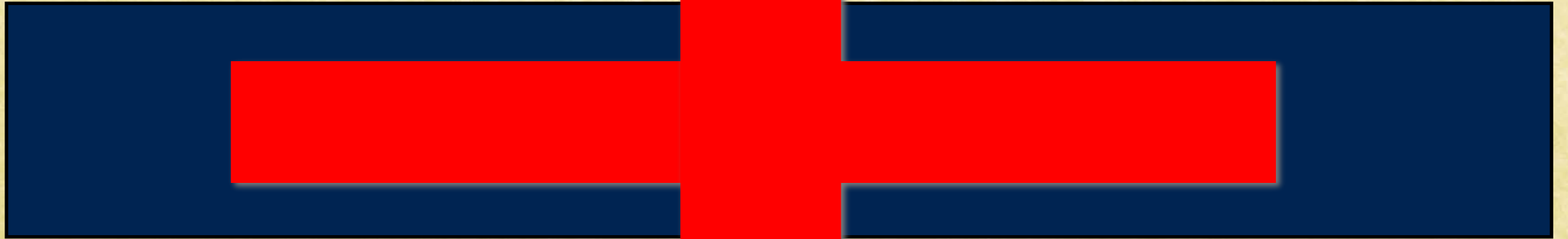
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Rom. 5:1, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rom. 5:2, “through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

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**δικαίῳ *dikaioō*
aor pass part masc
plur nom
to declare
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Rom. 5:1, “Therefore, because we have been justified by [*ek*, literally “from”] faith, we now have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”

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**ἔχω *echō*
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to have**

What is "Peace"?

The absence
of physical
conflict

The absence
of mental
conflict

The absence
of conflict
between Jew
and Gentile

The absence
of personal
conflict

The absence of spiritual
conflict; "enmity, hostility,"
between God and mankind

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**προσαγωγή, *prosagoge*
approach; access,
admission,
to the presence of anyone,
Rom. 5:2; Eph. 2:18; 3:12**

Rom. 5:10, “For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

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**καταλλάσσω *katallassō* 1
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to reconcile: to restore after
a period of hostility**

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“For if when we were enemies were restored to our previous position through our Lord Jesus Christ. Having been restored to our previous position of peace we shall be saved by His life.” [paraphrase]

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- 1. God performed the action of reconciliation in vs. 10**
- 2. We must receive the reconciliation, vs. 11**

2 Cor. 5:19, “that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Cor. 5:20, “Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”

The Sin Barrier Between God and Man

All Humanity

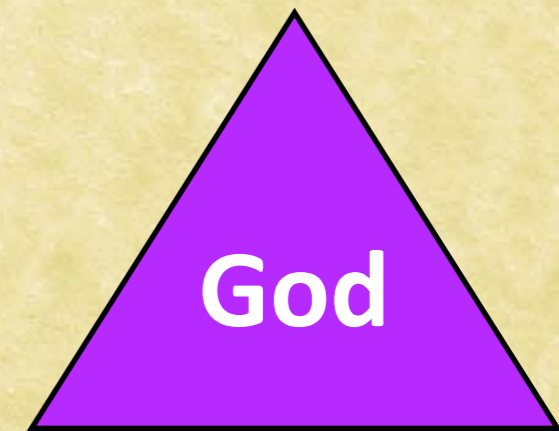
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Rom. 3:23, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

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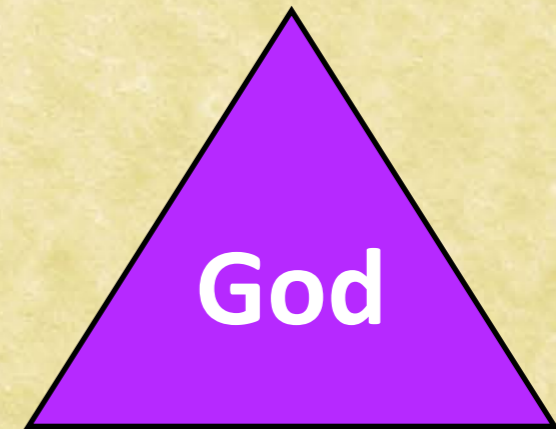
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Gen. 2:17, “but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Rom. 5:12, “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—”

Eph. 2:1, “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,”

Col. 2:14, “having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

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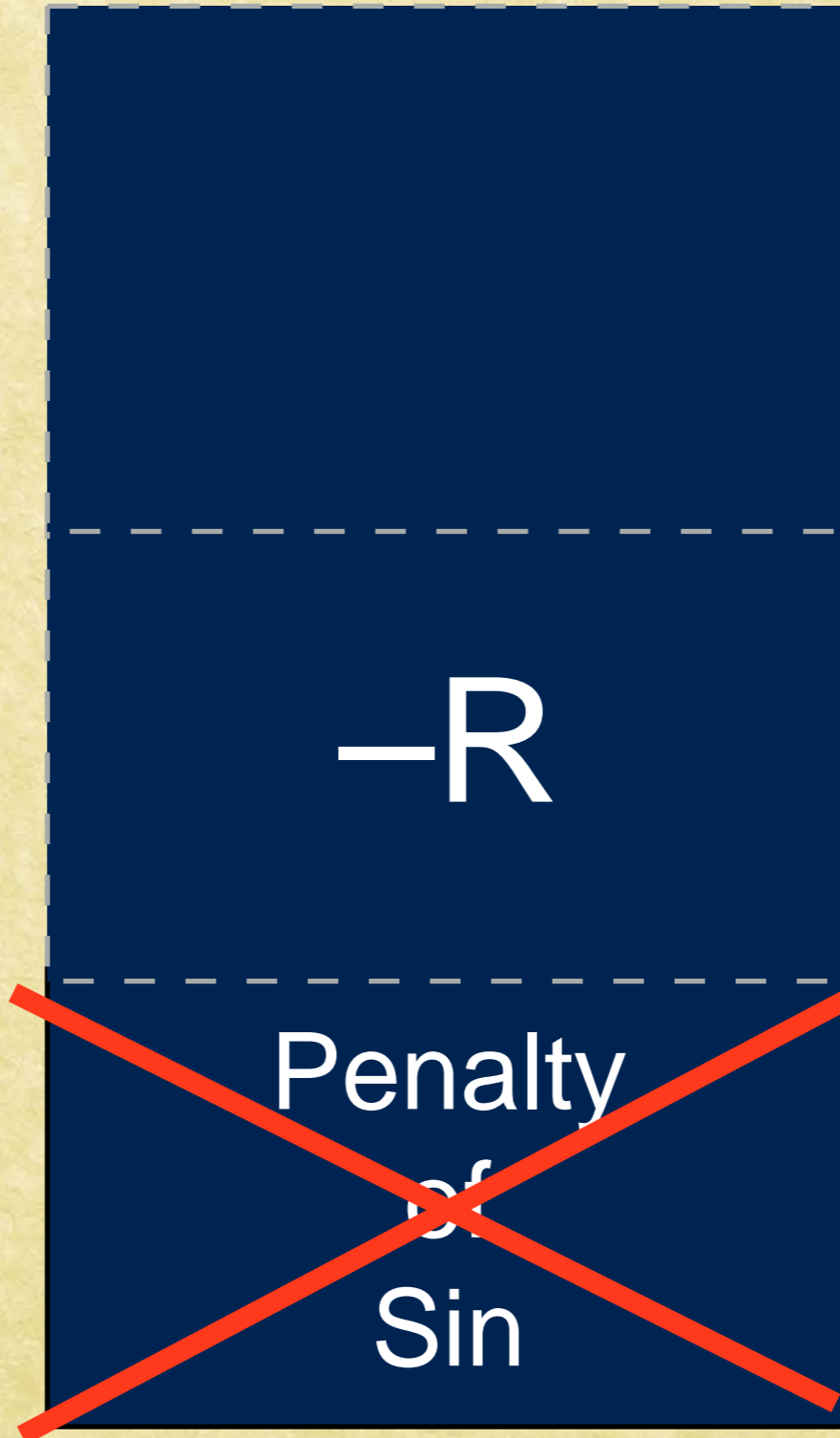
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Isa 64:6, “But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

Rom. 3:10, “As it is written: *‘There is none righteous, no, not one;’*”

Rom. 5:6, “For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom. 5:7, “For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Rom. 8:32, “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”

1 Cor. 15:3, “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,”

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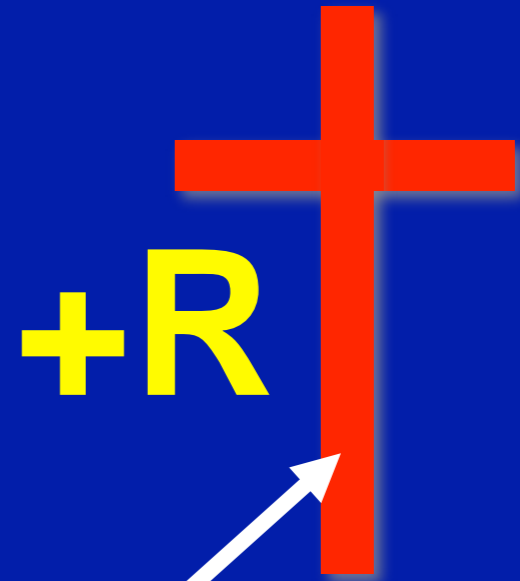
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**Isaiah 64:6,
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2 Corinthians 5:21,
“He made Him who
knew no sin *to be* sin
on our behalf, so that
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righteousness of God
in Him.”

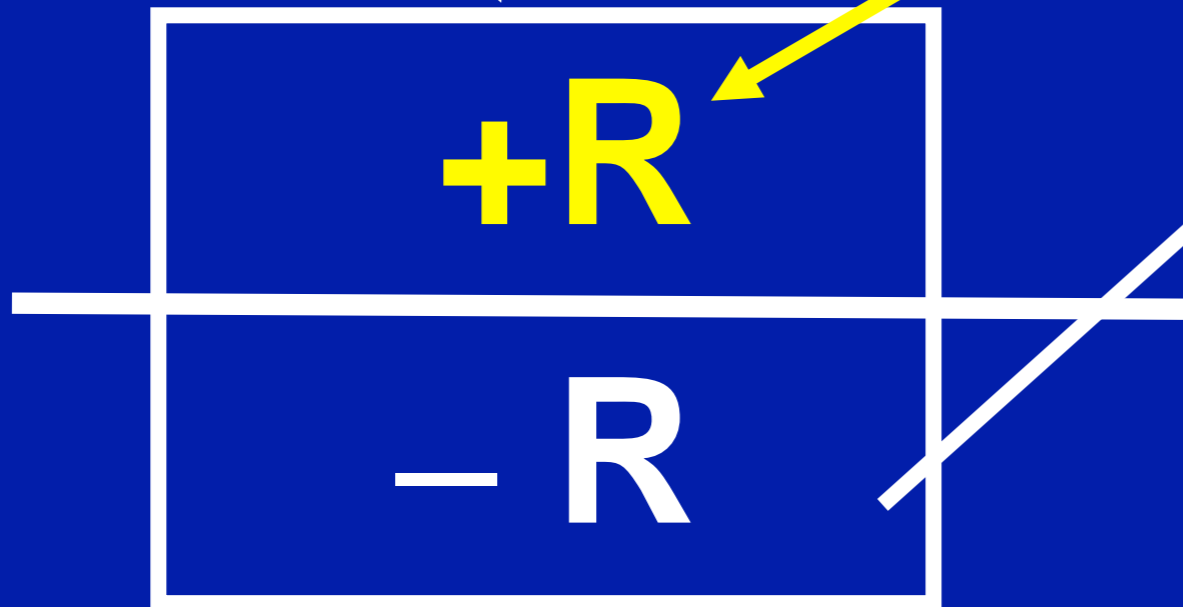
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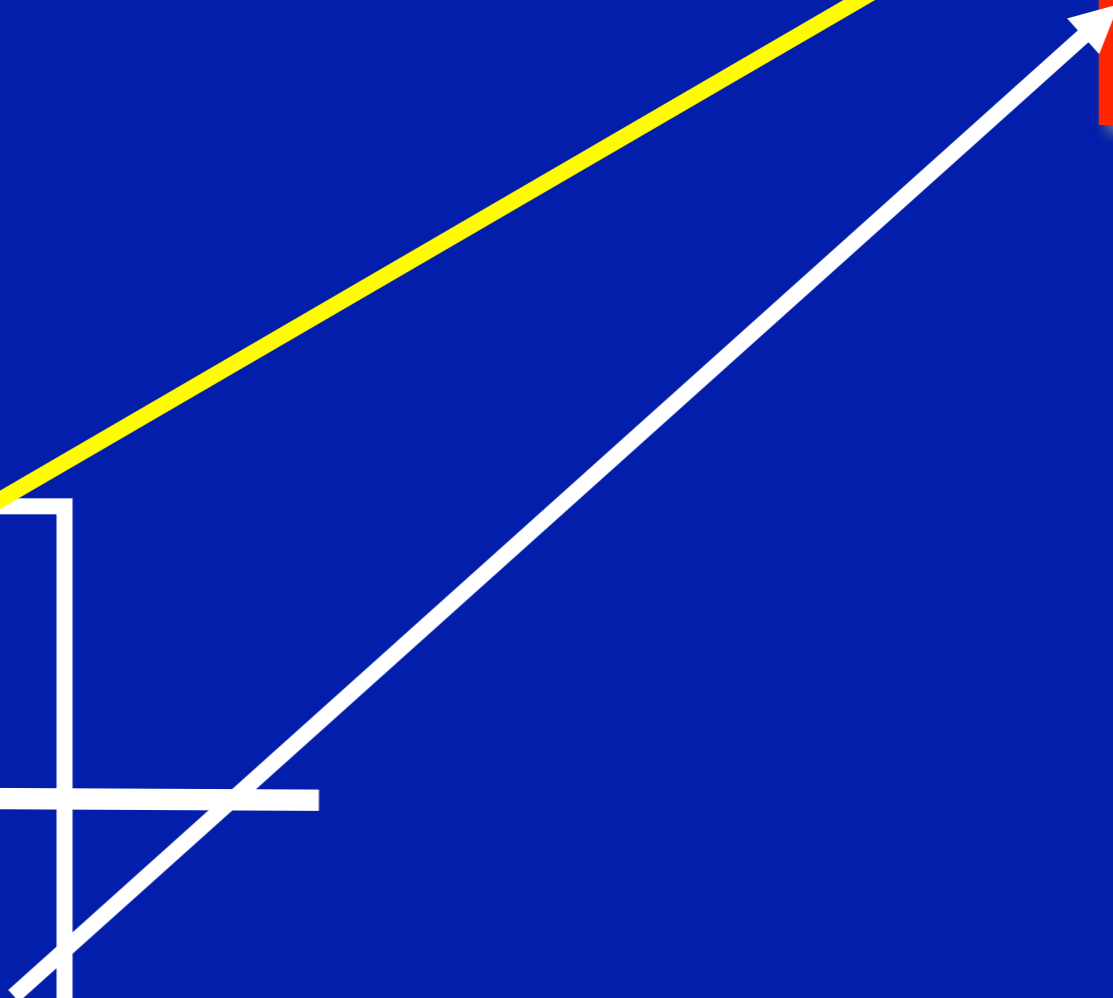
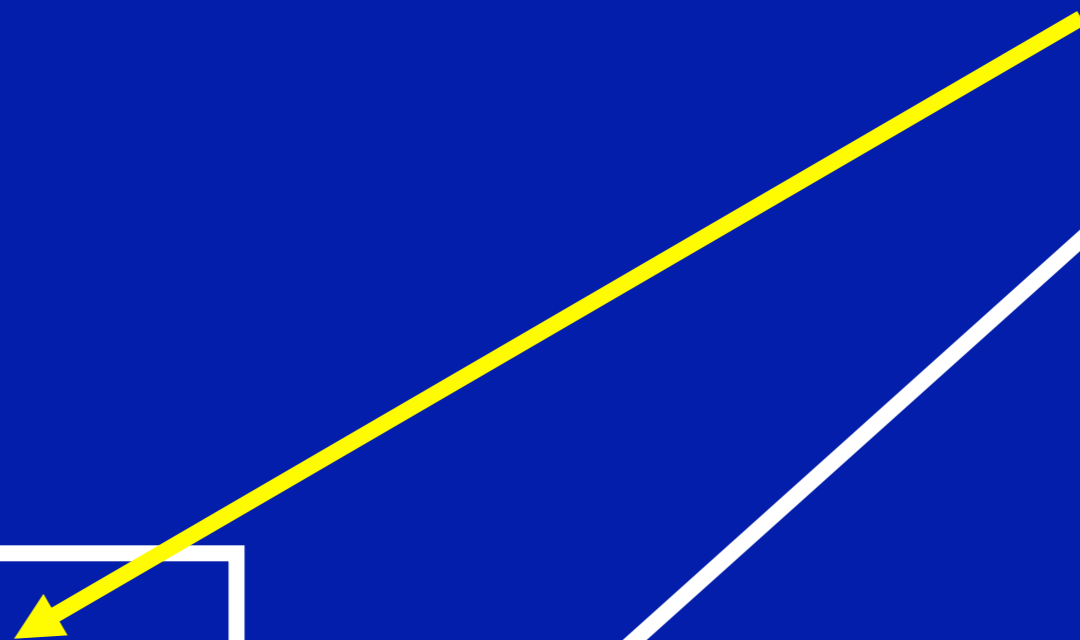


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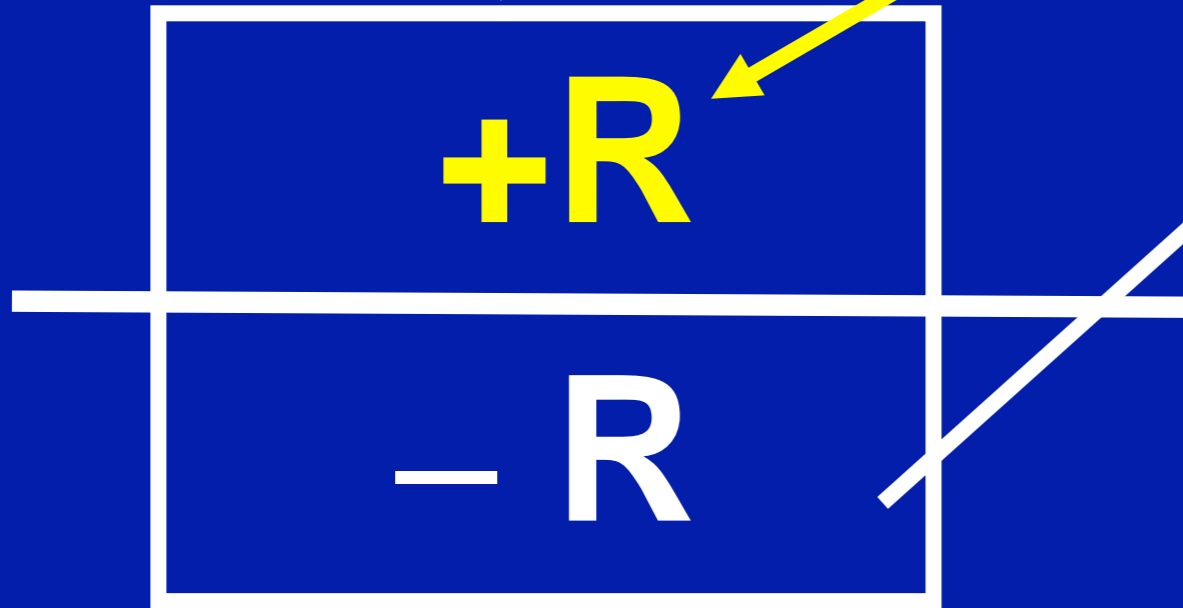
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Rom. 4:1, “What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?”

Rom. 4:2, “For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.”

Rom. 4:3, “For what does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ ”

Gal. 2:16, “because we know that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.”

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Rom. 4:4, “Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

Rom. 4:5, “But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,”

The Sin Barrier Between God and Man

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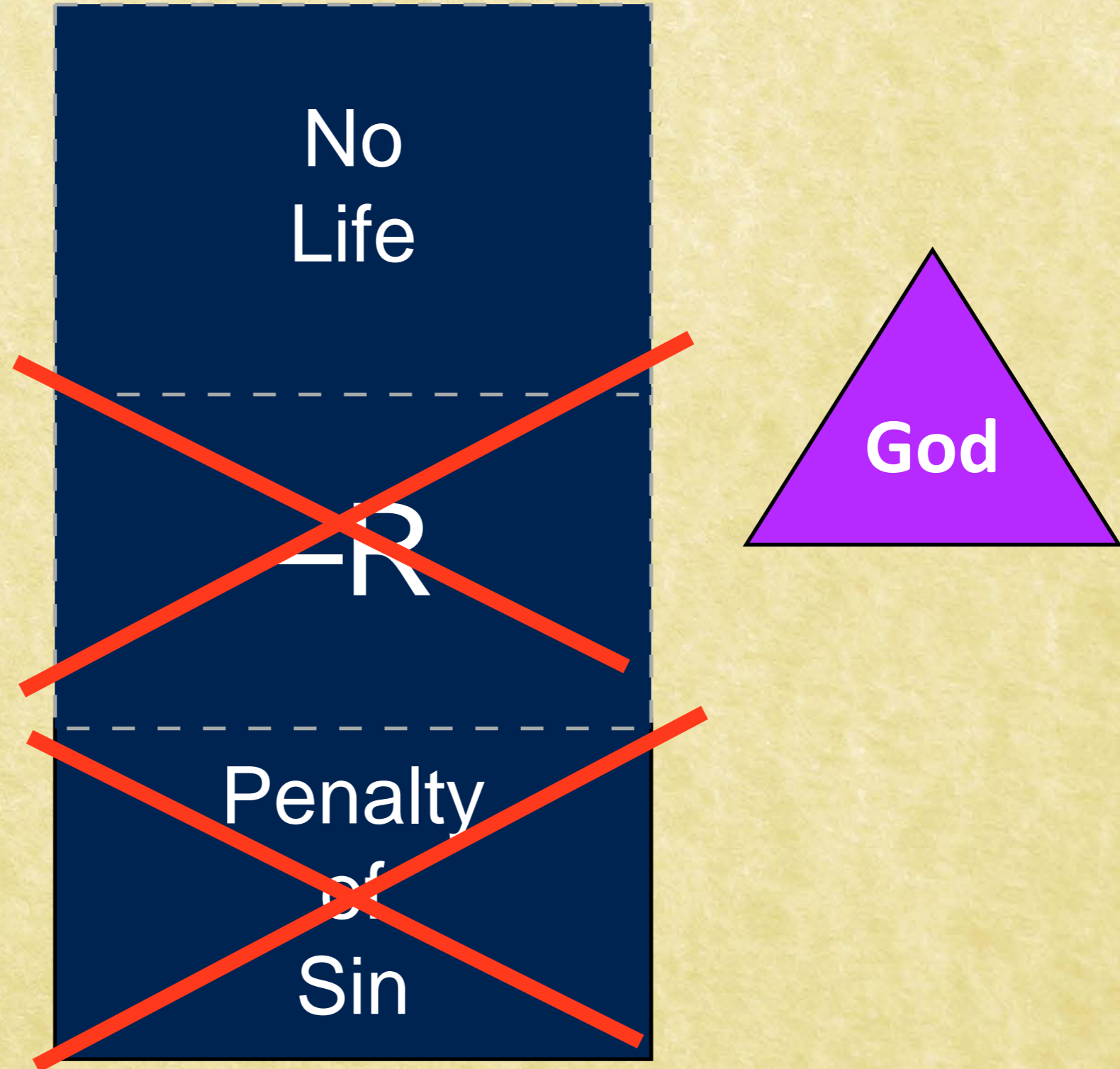
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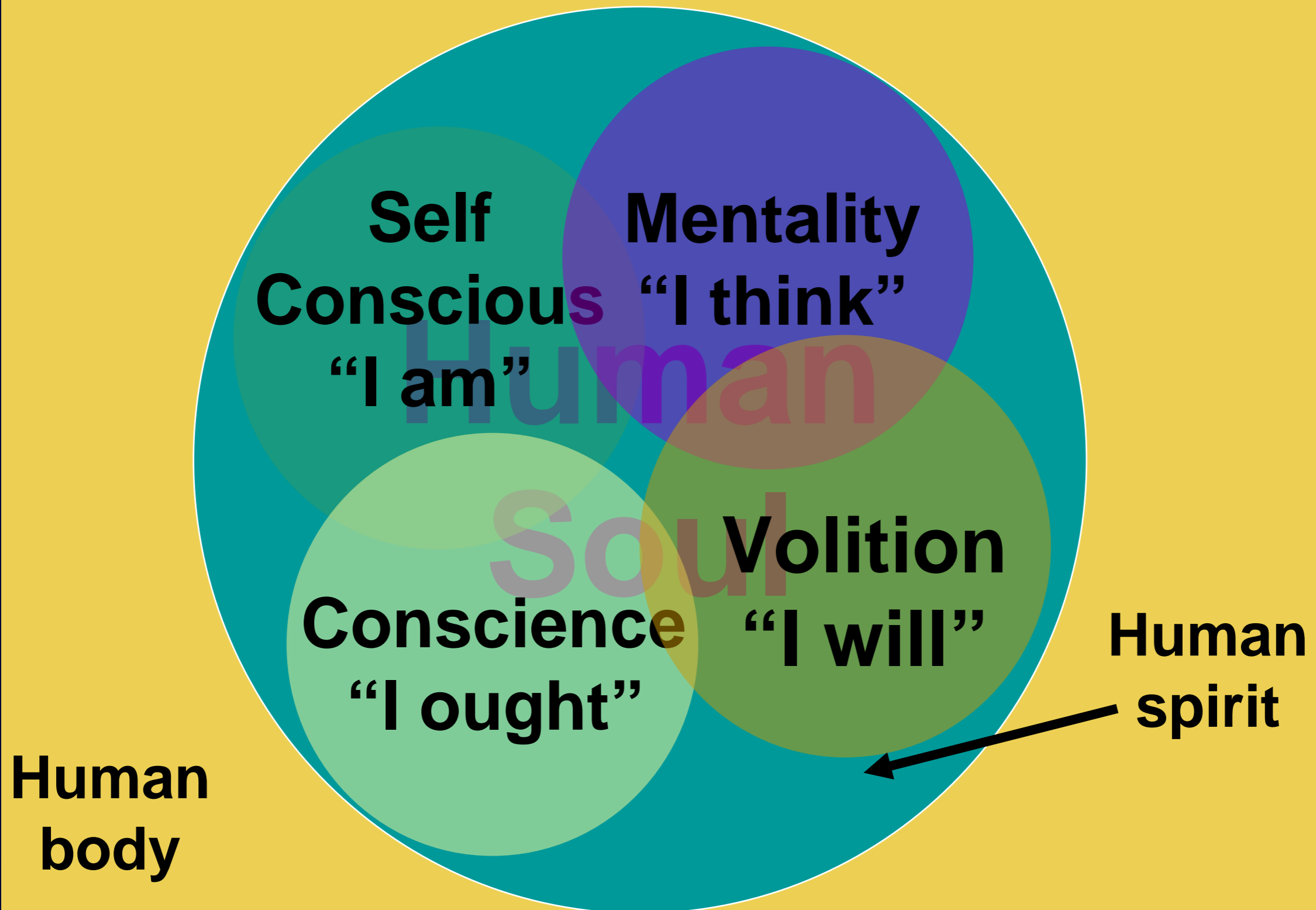
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The Three Parts of a Human Being: Body, Soul, and Spirit



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Eph. 2:4, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Eph. 2:5, “even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),”

John 3:3, “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ ”

John 3:5, “Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

John 3:6, “ ‘That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:7, “ ‘Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.” ’ ”

God Reconciled us to Himself through the Cross

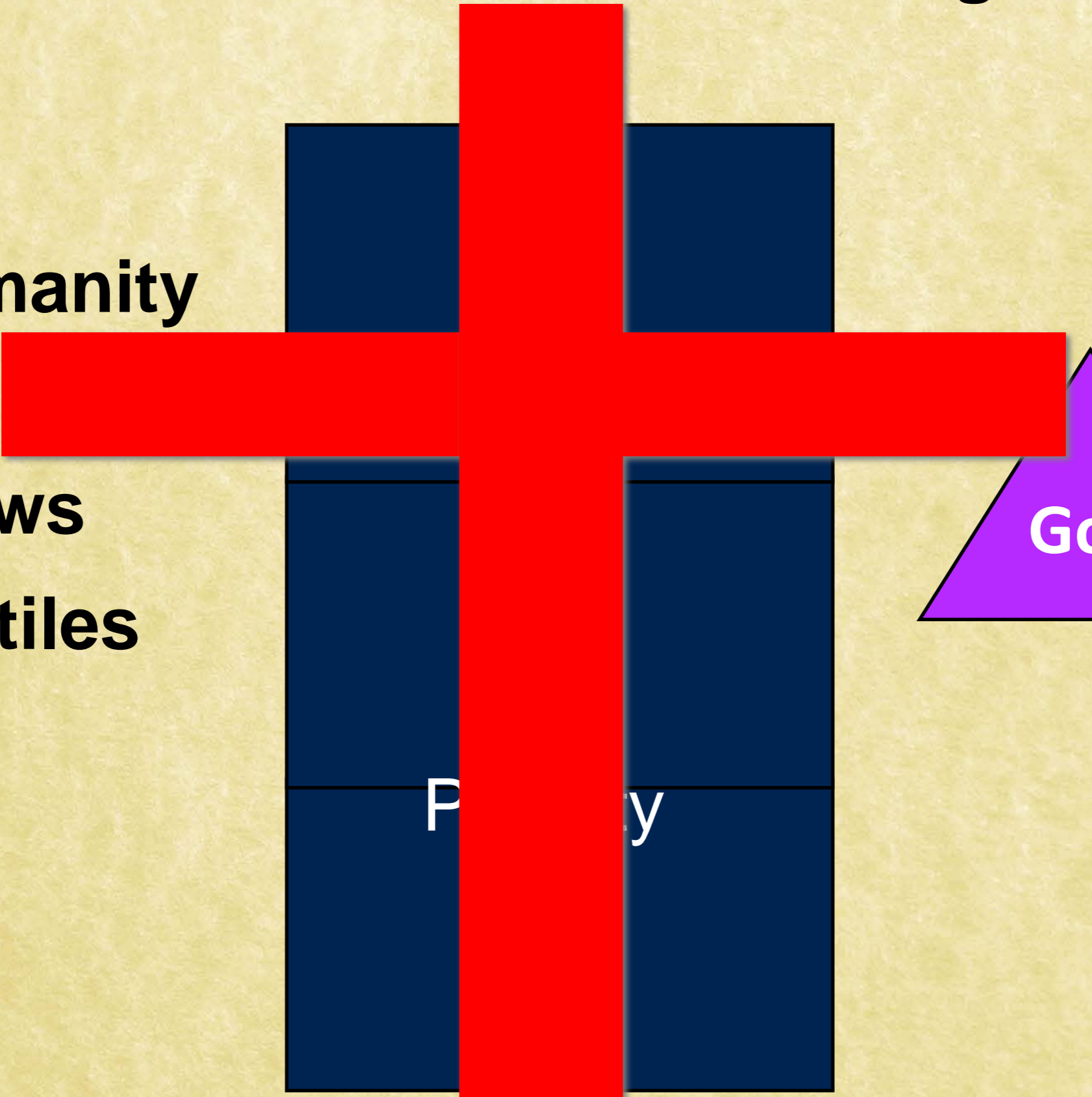
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