

Honor and Unity

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Philippians 1:15-18

1 Timothy 4:16

Personal Application

Questions for Discussion and Further Reflection

1. In what ways has the “spirit of the age” found it’s way into the present-day American church?
2. Why do we Christians, who all have the Holy Spirit, still need to work at maintaining the “unity of the Spirit”?
3. How does the realization that everything we have has been given to us by God help us to maintain an attitude of humility?
4. How highly do you value unity in the body of Christ?
5. How will you work for unity in the body of Christ?
6. The Circle of Orthodoxy: What are *your* convictions? What are *your* secondary issues?
7. Do you more watch your own life, or more watch the lives of others?

HONOR AND UNITY

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Philippians 2:3-4

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, Who is over all and through all and in all."

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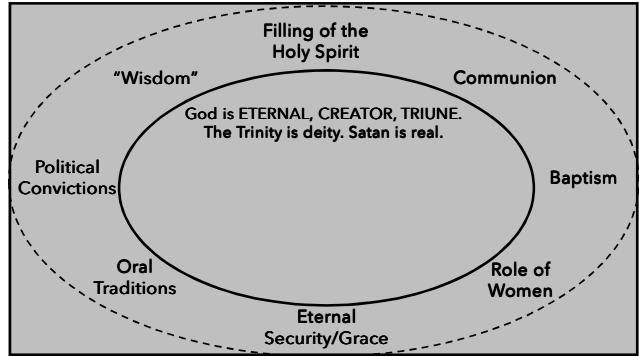
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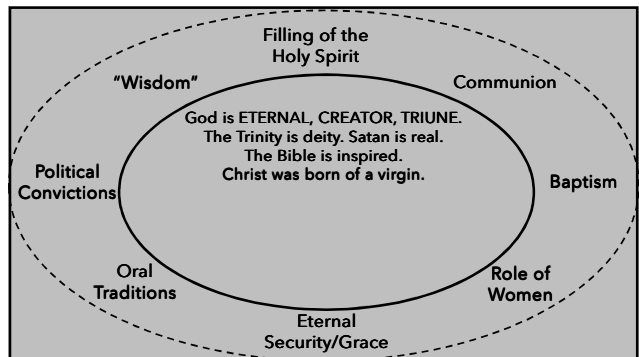
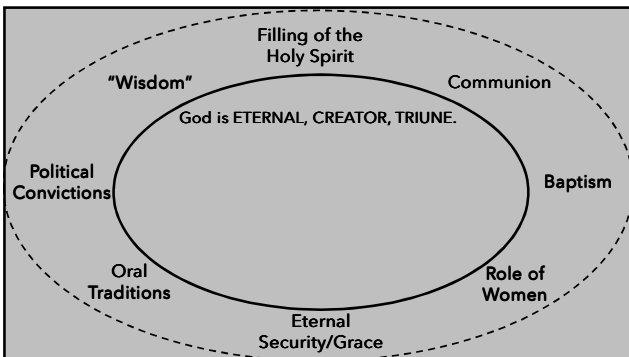
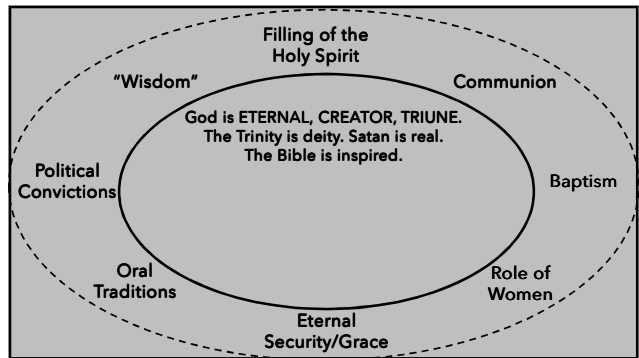
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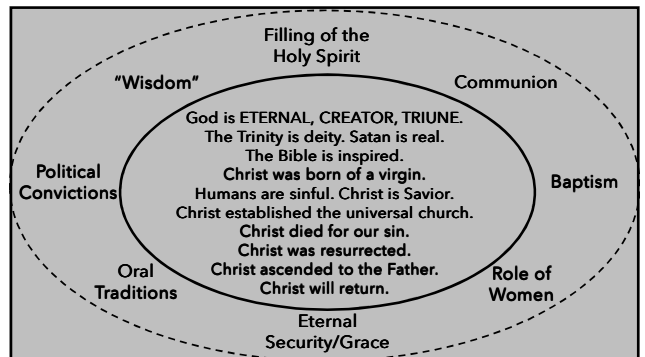
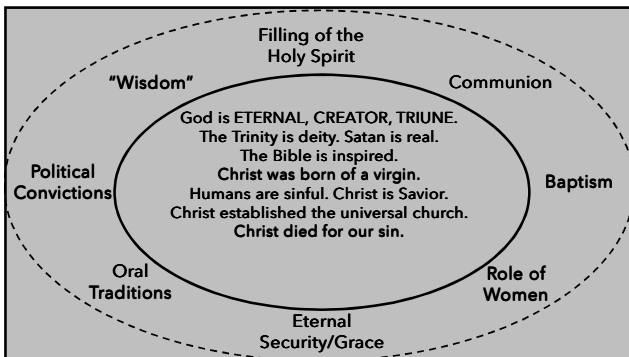
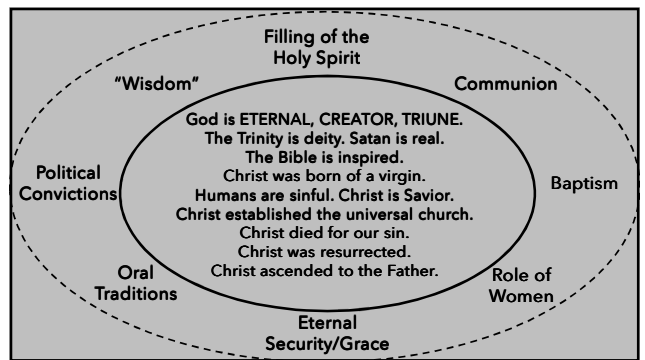
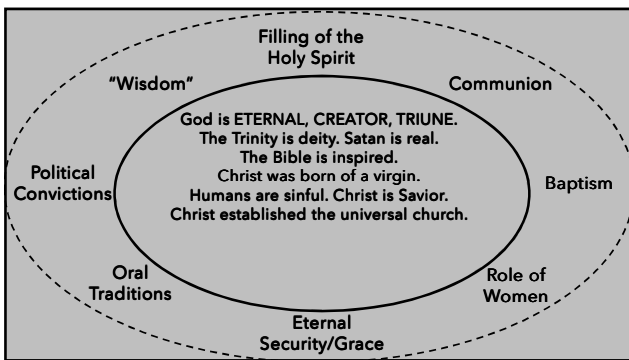
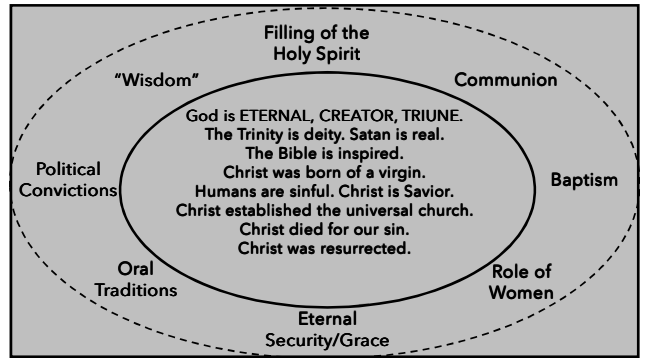
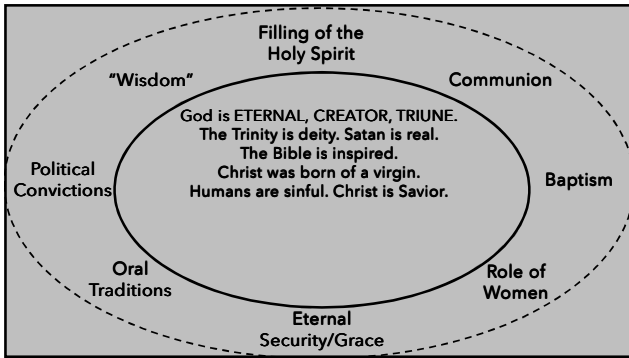
"It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice..."

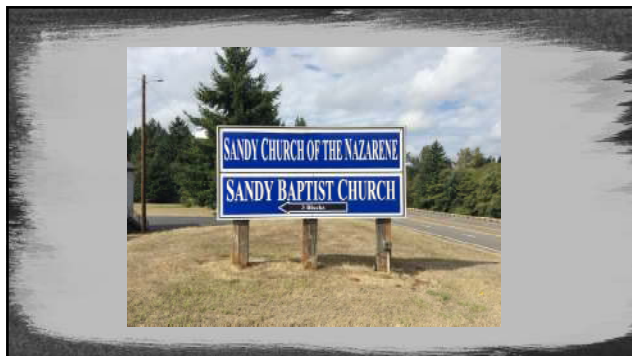
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CIRCLE OF ORTHODOXY







"Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."

1 Timothy 4:16

PERSONAL APPLICATION