

DIVISIONS OF CHURCH HISTORY



ANCIENT
CHURCH

MODERN
CHURCH

MEDIEVAL
CHURCH

POSTMODERN
CHURCH

A.D. 600

1500

1700

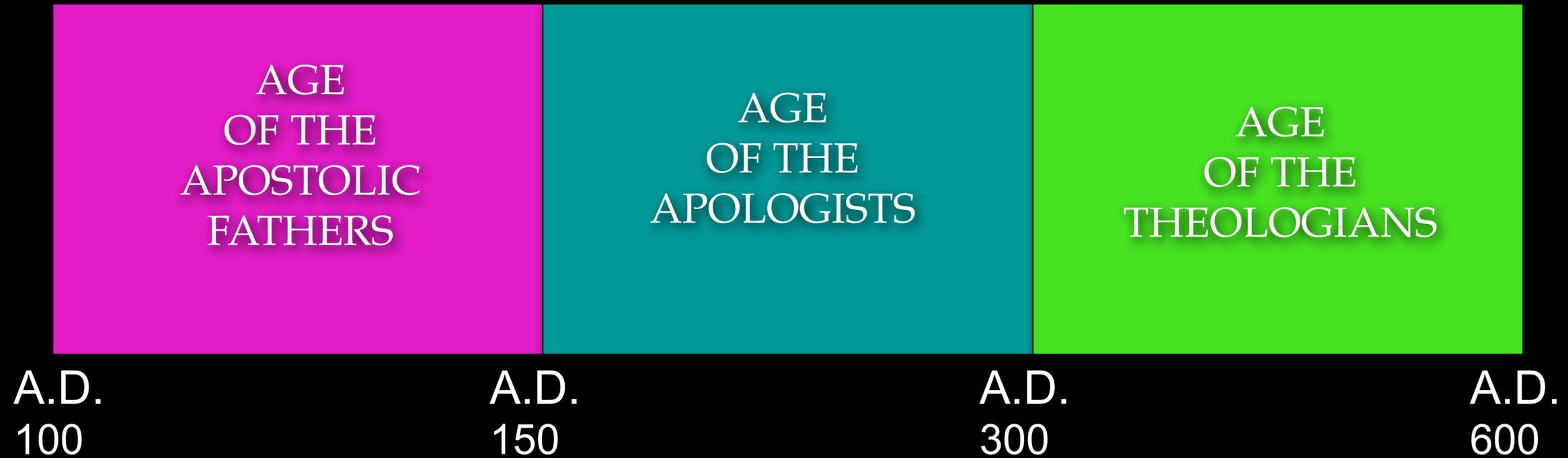
1900

Reformation

Enlightenment

THE ANCIENT CHURCH

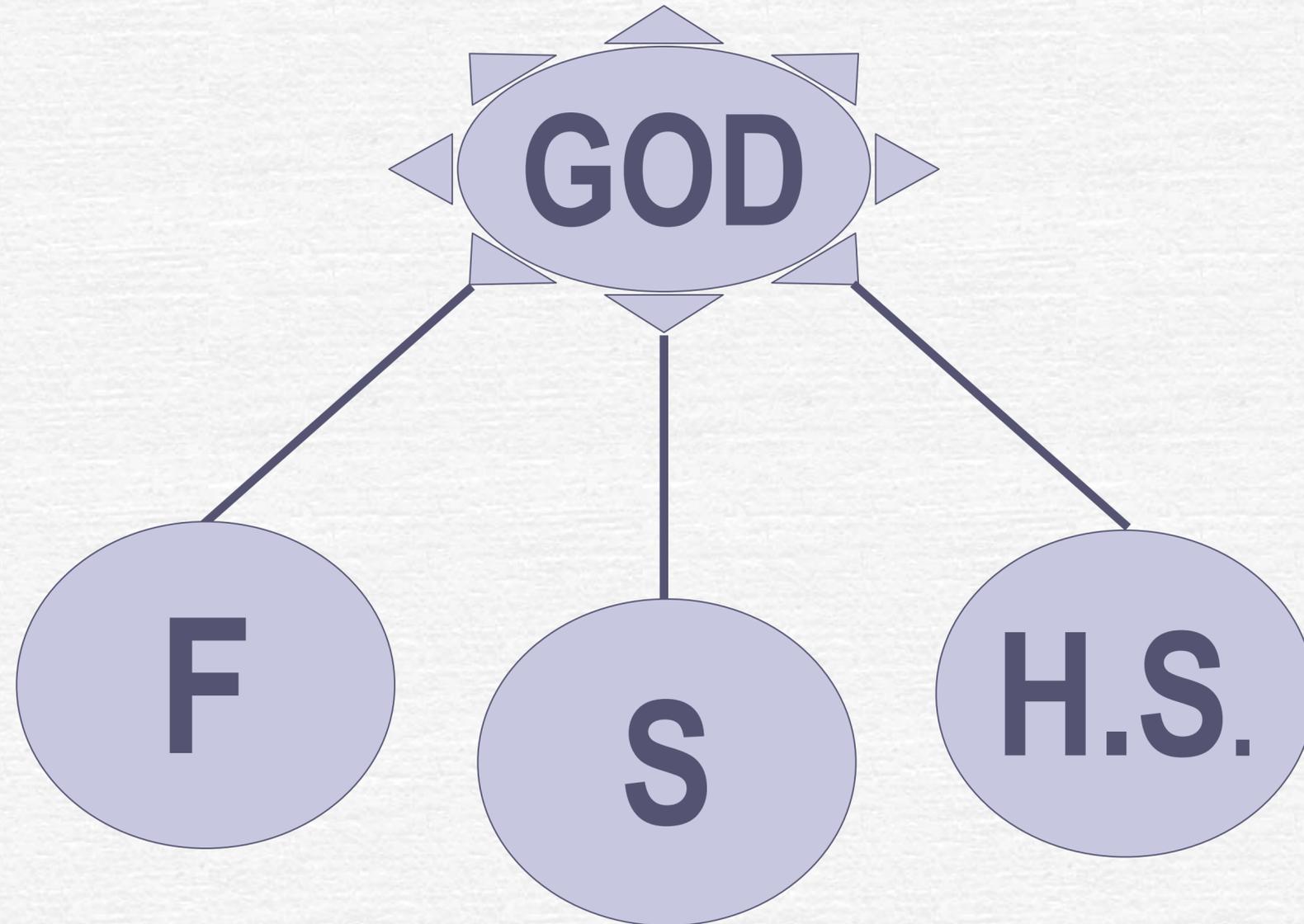
A.D. 100-600



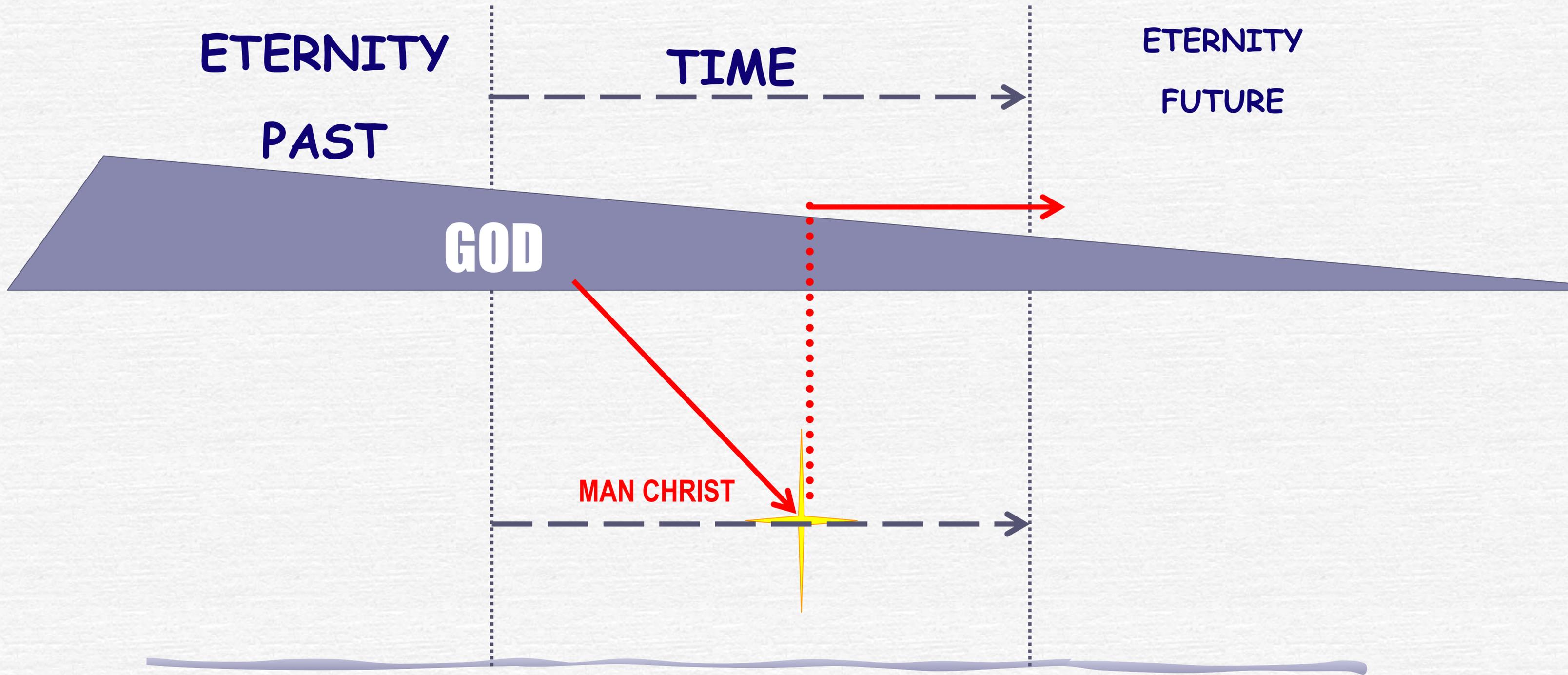
What was Jesus BEFORE He came?

What was Jesus WHEN He came?

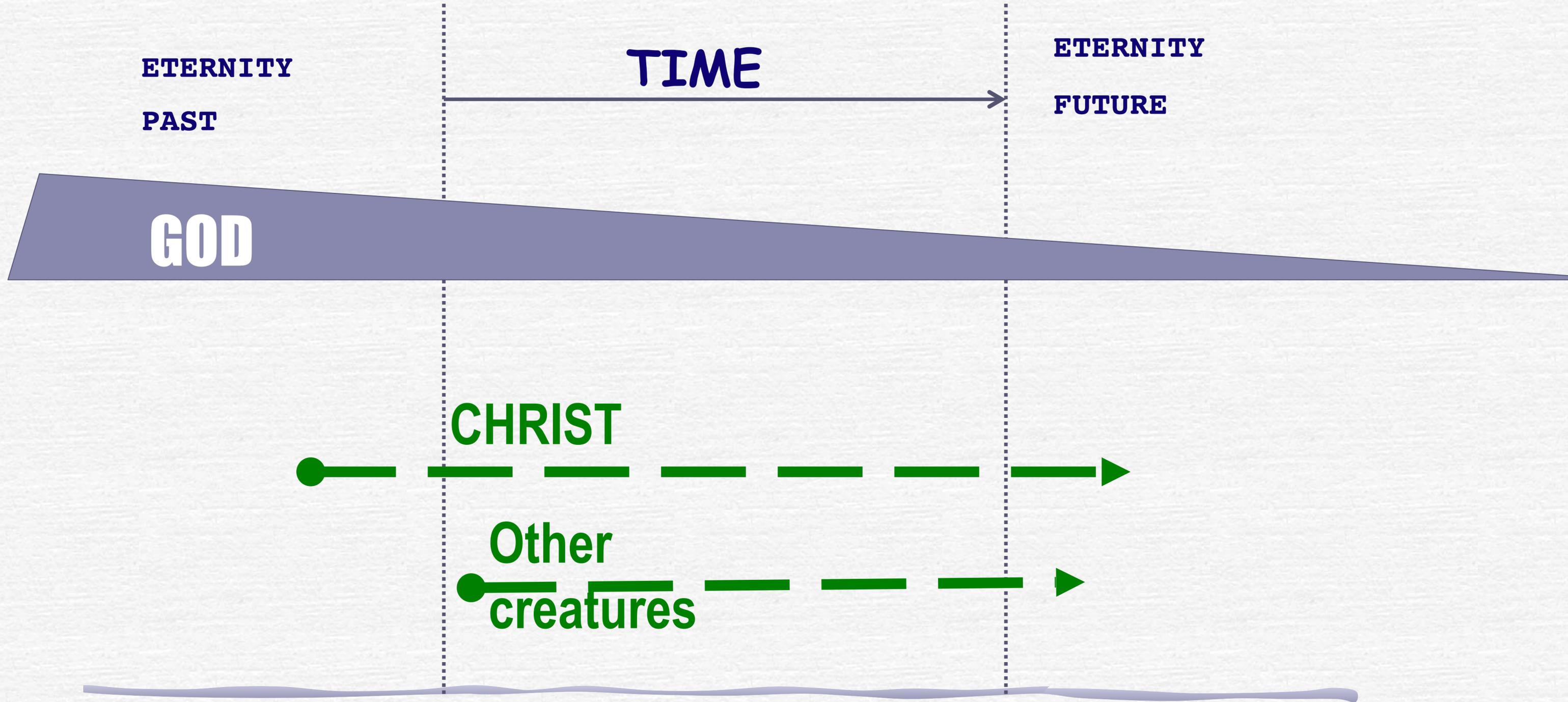
Modalism: The Son is NOT Distinct from the Father



ADOPTIONISM: The Son is subordinate to the Father in Essence



ARIANISM





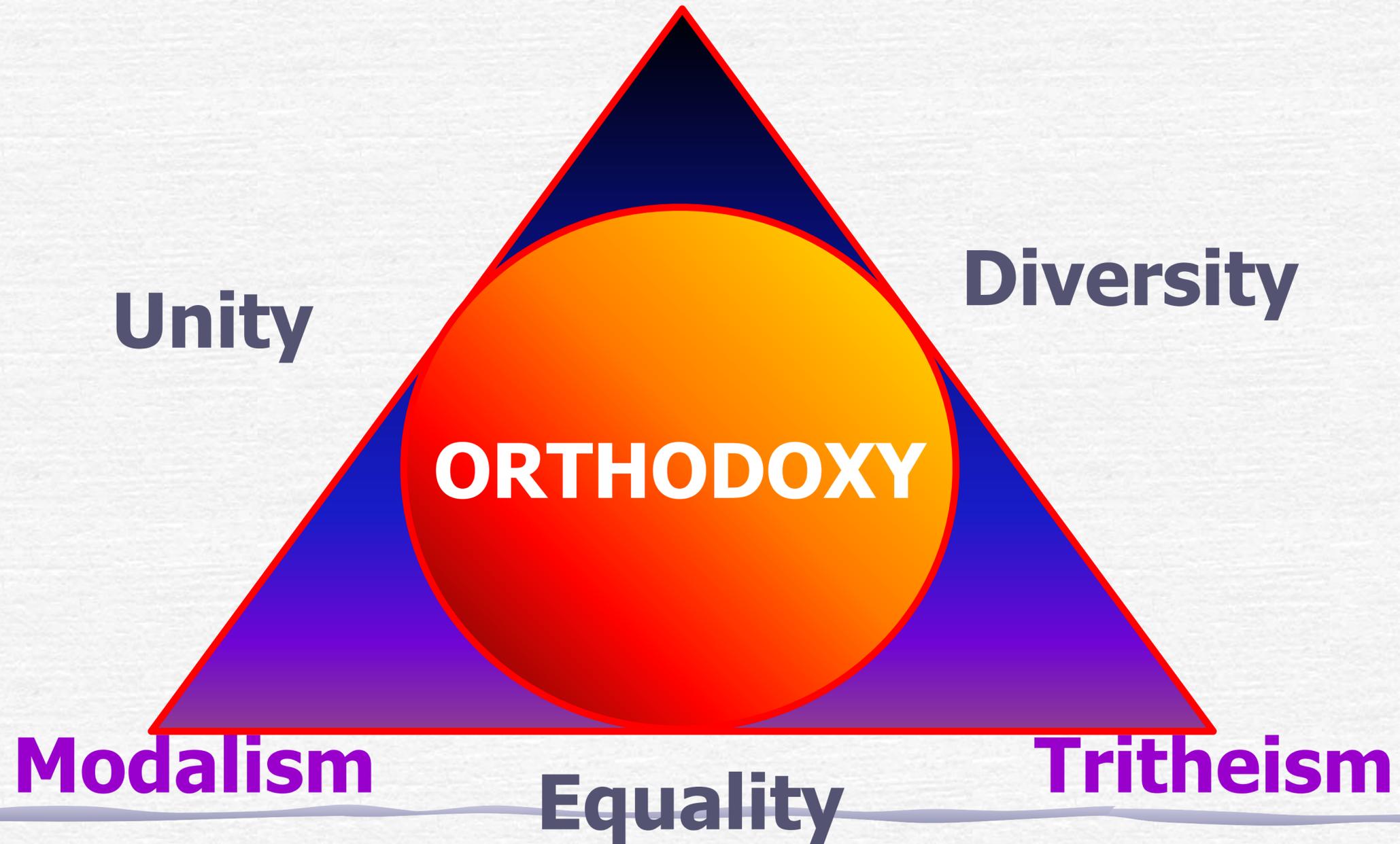
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Trinitarianism:

Subordinationism



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And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all time [*pro panton ton aionon*], Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not created [*poiethenta*], of the same essence [reality] as the Father [*homoousion to patri*], through Whom all things came into being, Who for us men and because of our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became human [*enanthropesanta*]. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried, and rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and ascended to heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father, and will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. His Kingdom shall have no end [*telos*].

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and life-giver, Who proceeds from the Father, Who is worshiped and glorified together with the Father and Son, Who spoke through the prophets; and in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the remission of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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