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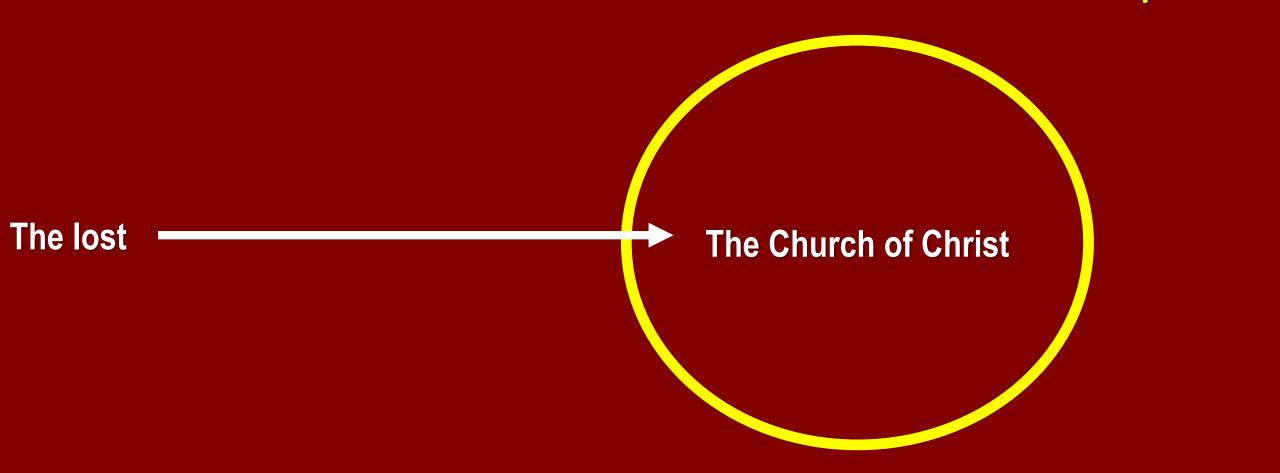
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## Christ did <u>not</u> build a religious system

- Was Paul a "Church of Christ preacher"?
- Did he go on "Church of Christ preaching/missionary tours" in Acts?
- Were his letters "Church of Christ epistles"?
- Did he appoint "Church of Christ elders"?
- Were the various sermons in Acts, "Church of Christ sermons"?
- Did Peter preach a "Church of Christ sermon" on Pentecost?
- Did Paul help to start "Church of Christ churches"?
- What does the "Church of Christ believe/teach?"

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Christ did not build something that, once established, apostatized/ceased to exist, and was later restored

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Alexander Campbell did not restore "the church" because nothing ever happened to cause it to need to be restored.

Christ did not build some religious system composed of local churches



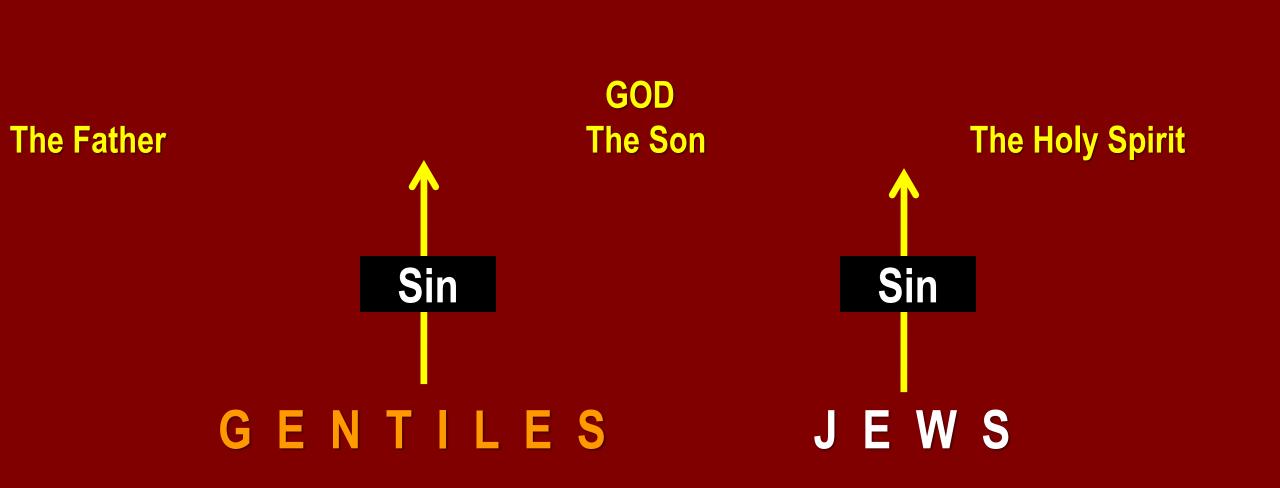
"Congregations of the churches of Christ"; "Sister churches"

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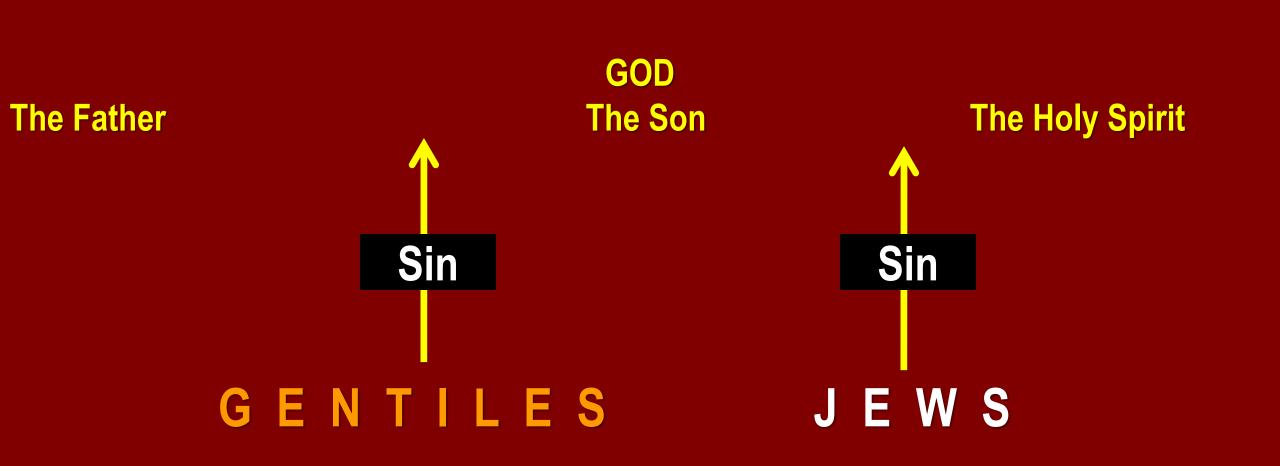
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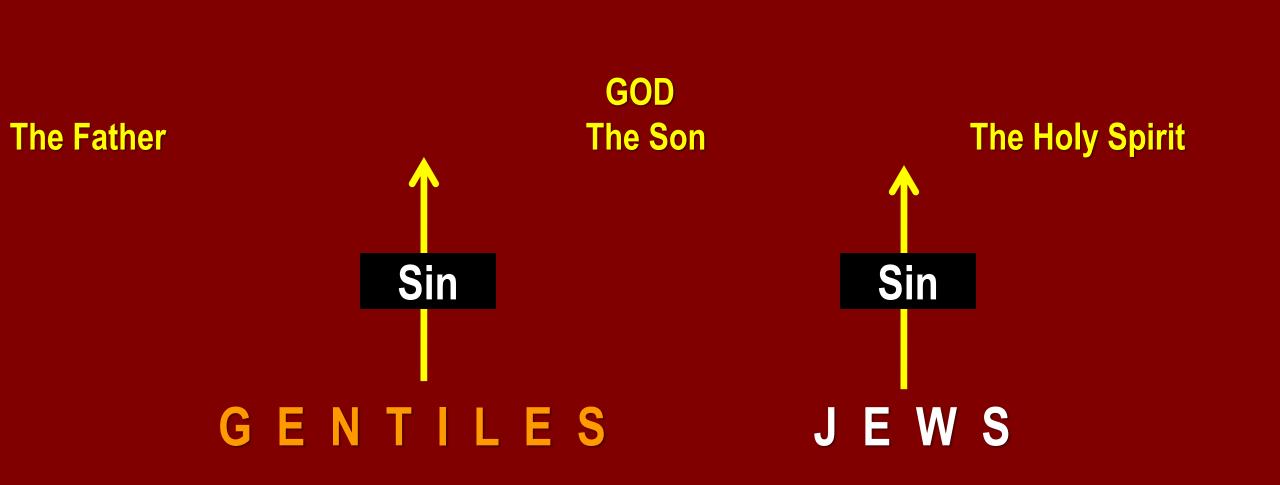
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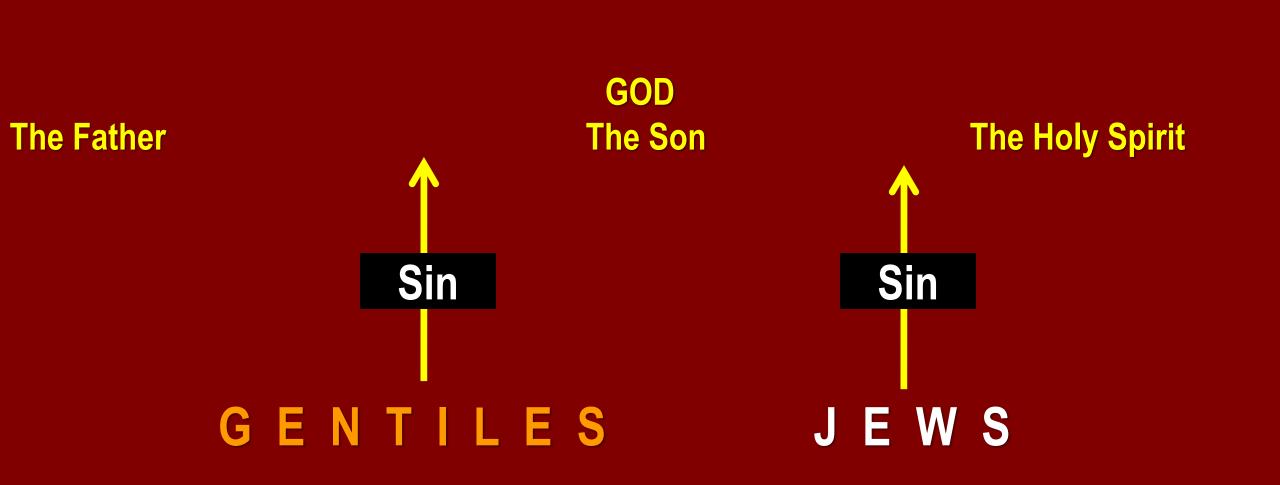
Ephesians 2:12 remember that you were at that time <u>separate</u> from Christ, <u>excluded</u> from the commonwealth of Israel, and <u>strangers</u> to the covenants of promise, having <u>no hope and without God</u> in the world.



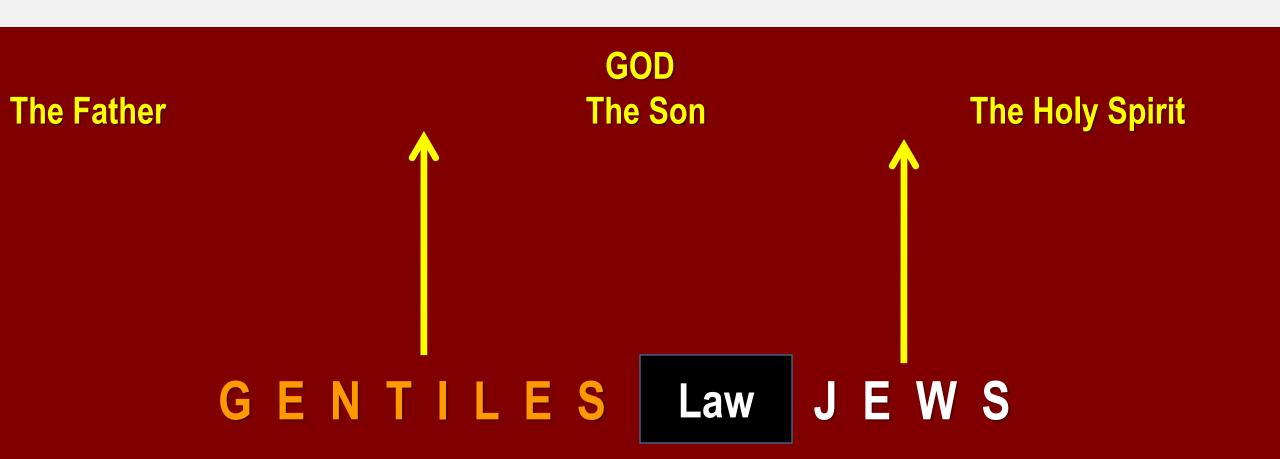
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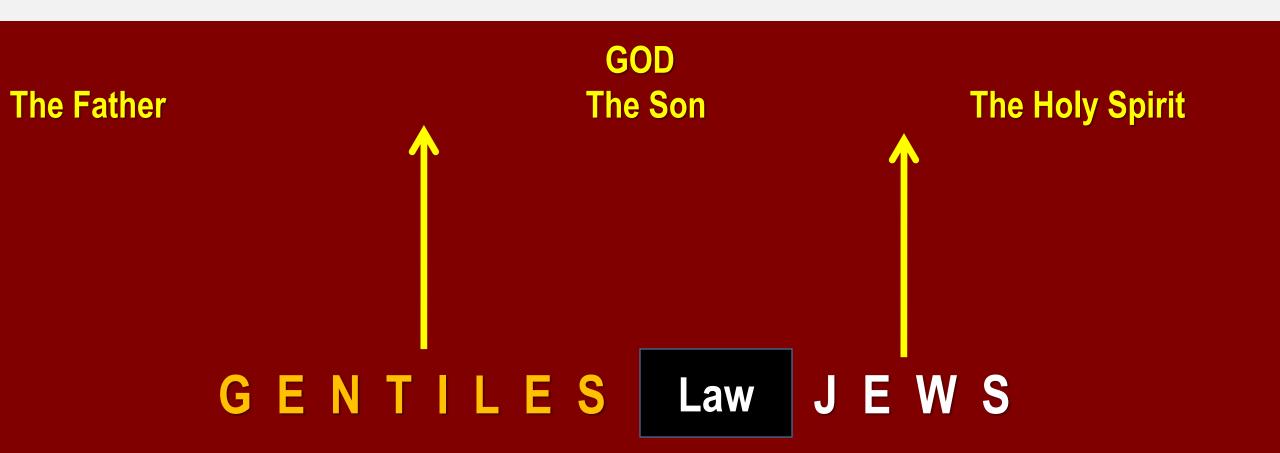
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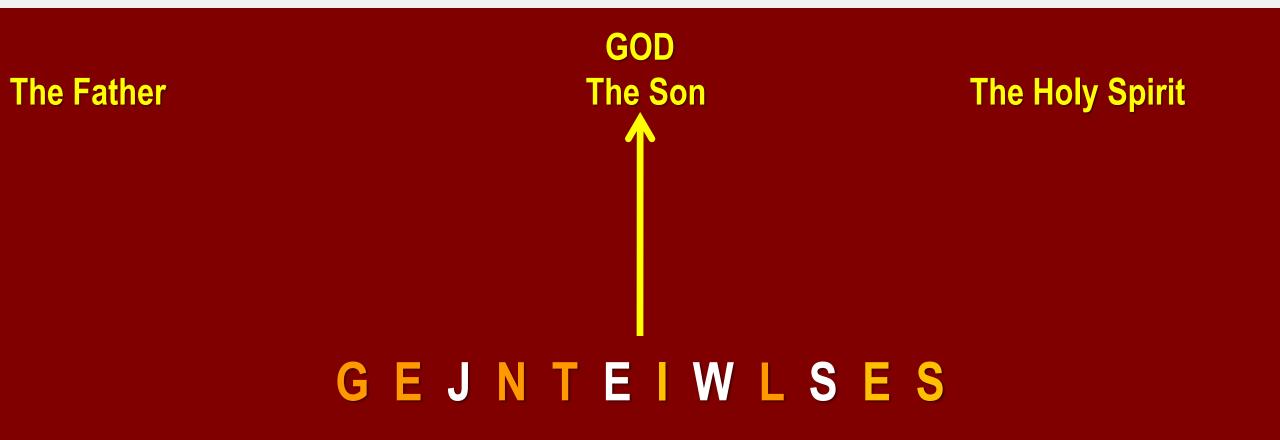
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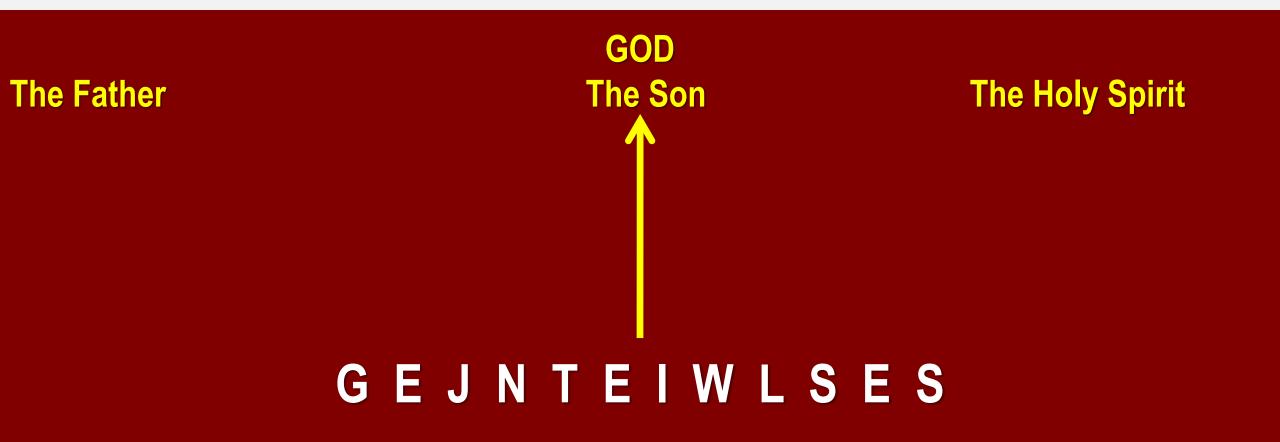
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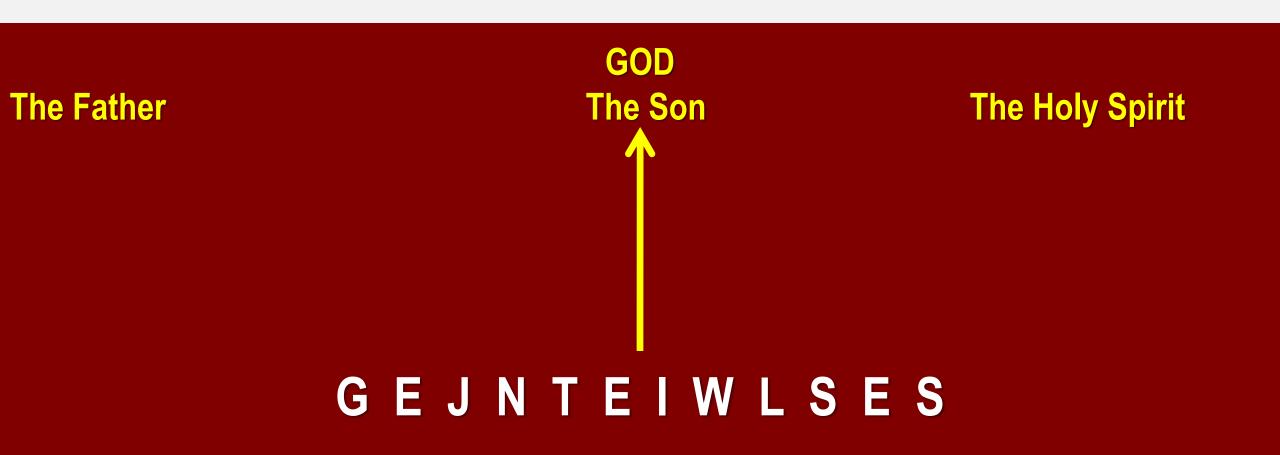
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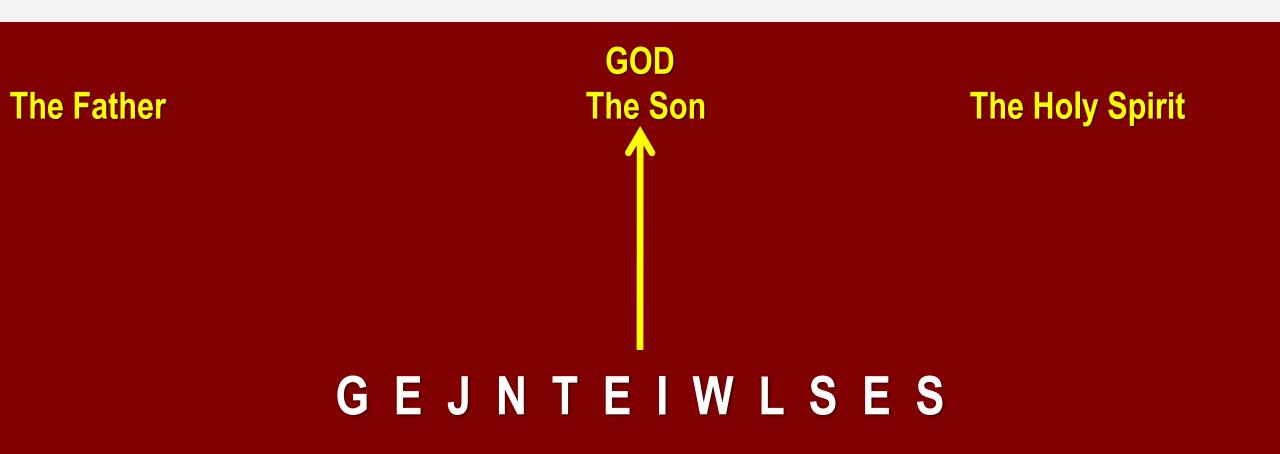
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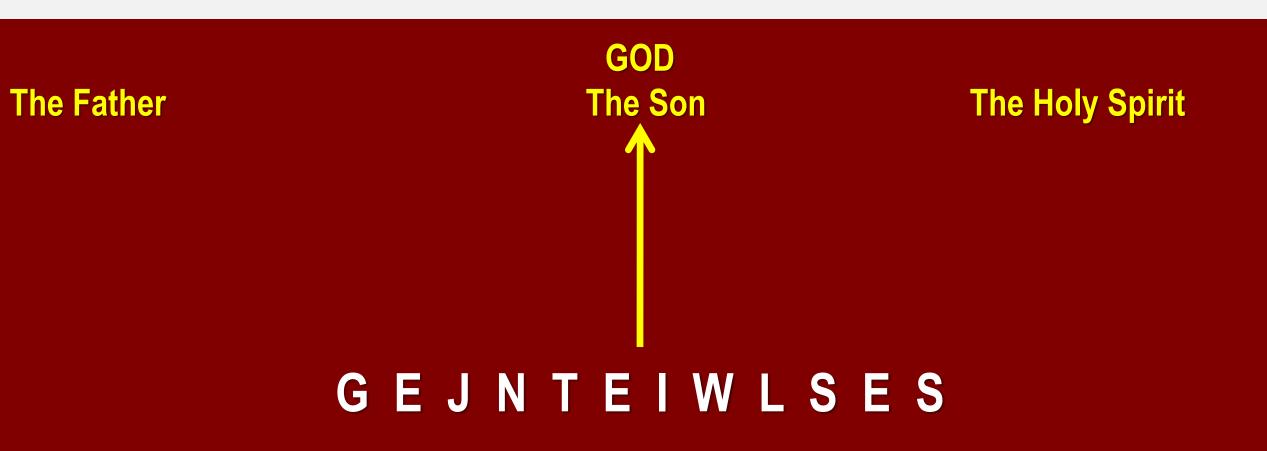
Ephesians 2:16-17 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. 17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;



Ephesians 2:18-19 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

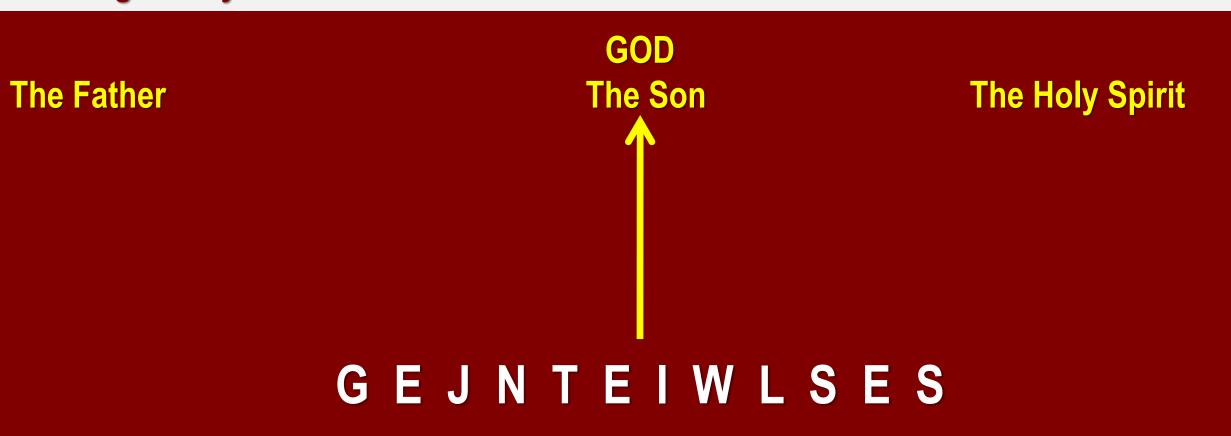


Ephesians 2:20-22 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

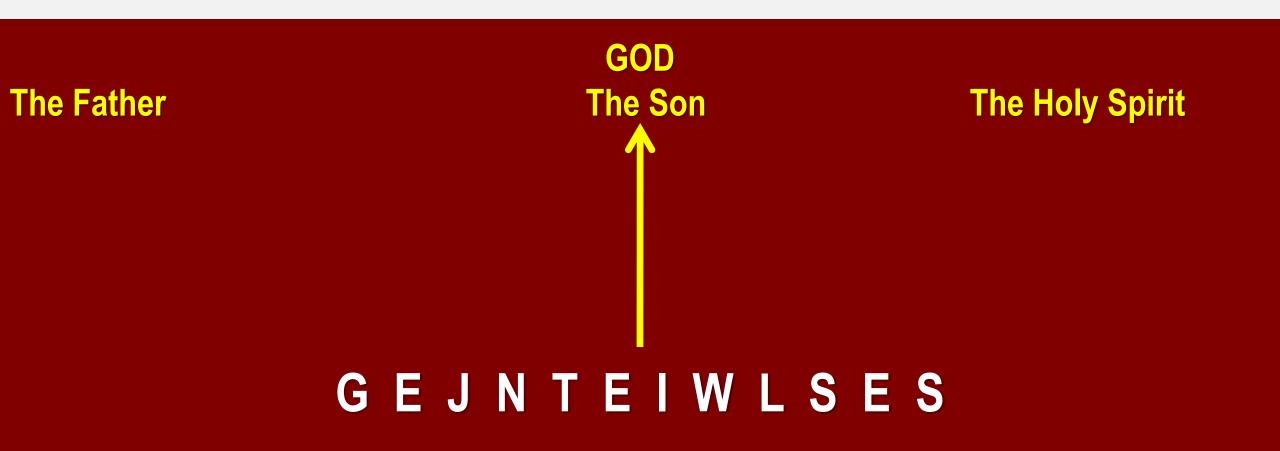


## **Christ did not build a Church of Christ**

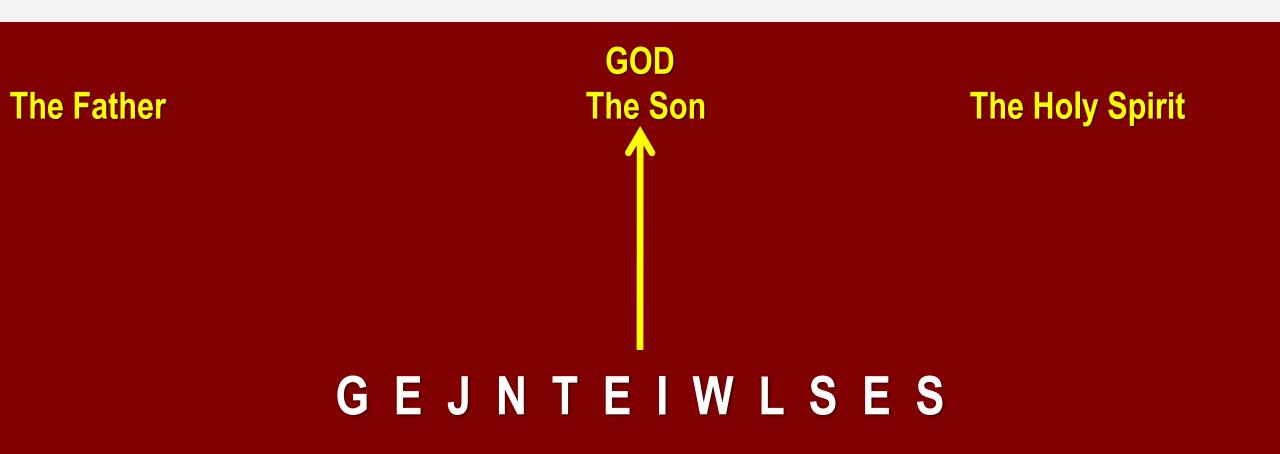
- Institution, organization
- Denomination
- > Religious system



He established a <u>relationship</u> in which all men of whatever race are gathered together in <u>fellowship</u> with Him as their are forgiven in obedience to His will.



1 Peter 2:17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.



Heb.12:22-24 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus...



Are you in fellowship with God?

