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WORTHY

Trust and Relationships

Someone tells us
what they are
like

They behave
certain ways

We gather
evidence and
formulate a view
of the person

We trust the
behavior that we
can't see

Trusting God

God reveals who He is by revelation, history, creation, the Holy Spirit ...

He acts in line with His character

We observe behavior and formulate a view of Him

We trust the behavior that we can't see

1. Let God be God

this is the chief business of faith – Os Guinness

2. Inheritance

- Jews v11-12
- Gentiles v13-14

Whose Inheritance?

Ephesians 1:11–14 ESV

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:11-14 NIV

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14 ESV

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14 NIV

13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Our Inheritance

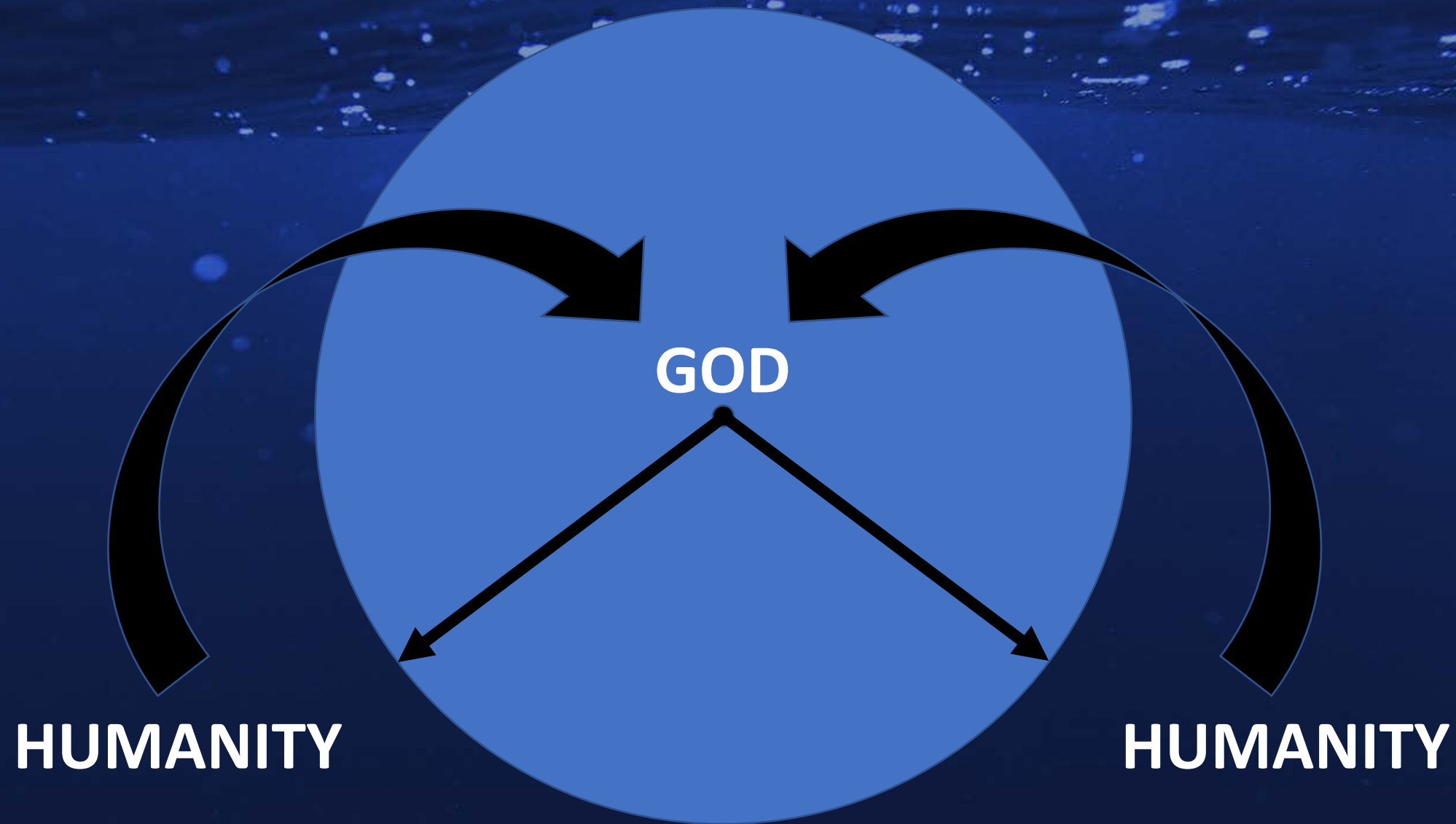
- For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. Romans 8:15–17
- ... giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Colossians 1:12

His Possession

- “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. Deuteronomy 7:6
- When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. But the LORD’s portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage. Deuteronomy 32:8–9
- ... who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Titus 2:14

3. Doctrine to Doxology

- V6 – to the praise of his glorious grace
- V12 – to the praise of his glory
- V14 – to the praise of his glory



Or ... Like Gravity



Finish ... We are Gods possession

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9