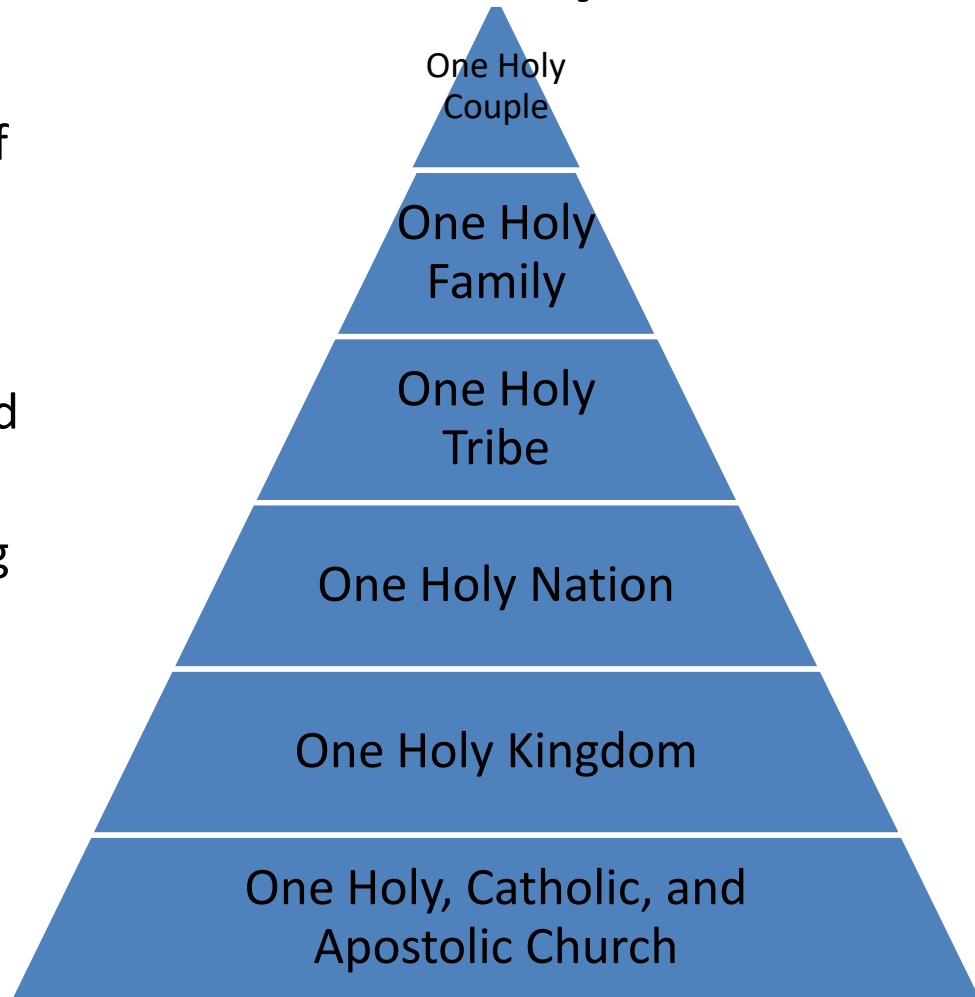


# Chapter 1 Lesson Guide and Salvation History recap

# Salvation History

- God's plan to save **each** of us from the consequence of sin
- Began with Creation and continues through the End of Time
- The story unfolds showing God's love and mercy becoming more evident over and over again
- Through Jesus Christ as well as His Church and Grace received through the Sacraments



# Salvation History

Old Covenant

New Covenant – fulfillment of the Old

Salvation History Timeline



Creation

Patriarchs

Egypt

Promised Land

United Kingdom

Divided Kingdom

Kingdom Restoration

Universal Kingdom

Kingdom of Heaven

Adam & Eve

Abraham

Joseph

Judges

Kingdom Of Israel

Northern Kingdom  
10 Tribes

Maccabees

Jesus Christ

Incarnation

Life

Death

Resurrection

Ascension

Pentecost

The Church

One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic

Cain & Abel

Isaac

Moses

Prophets

Saul

David

Solomon

Southern Kingdom  
(Judah)

Seth

Jacob

Kings

Noah

Shem

The fall, God's promise

Exodus

Exile

Redemption

Salvation

First Passover

Last Supper/Eucharist

2000 BC

1600-1300 BC

1200 BC

1000 BC

800-586 BC

880 BC-Assyrians

625 BC Babylon

537-533 BC – Persian Empire

333-142 BC Greek Empire

100 BC Roman Empire

AD

Roman Empire

# Covenants

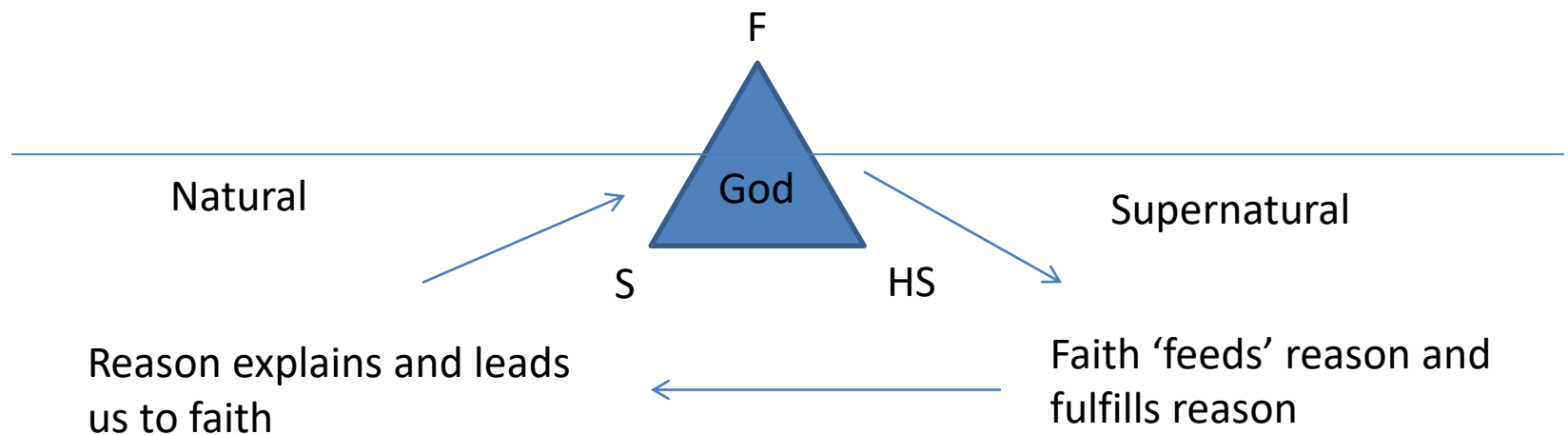
- A binding agreement or promise
- God always keeps his promises, do we?
- Most commonly known covenants
  - Adam and Eve (Promise to individual / couple)
    - Redemption (even after The Fall), will send you a redeemer
  - Noah (Promise to family)
    - No more Flood to wipe out everything; Rainbow...saving us part by part "in their lands, each with [its] own language, by their families, in their nations"
  - Abraham (Promise to tribe)
    - "In you all the nations of the earth shall be blessed"
  - Moses (Promise to nation)
    - Mount Sinai; The Law...so we can recognize Him and serve Him alone
  - King David (Promise to Kingdom)
    - God promises to David a son who will "build God's temple, be the Son of God, and rule over Israel forever."
    - Prefiguring of Christ
  - Eucharistic Covenant: Jesus (Promise to whole World/Church)...the last Covenant
    - New Covenant...Fulfills Old Covenant / Eternal Life
    - "this is My blood of the Covenant" "Take and drink..."

# Why Covenant's?

- Perpetual cycle of man's Sin against God
  - As an individual, a family, a tribe, a nation, etc.
  - Each time we fall God does not abandon us
- Hope
  - For His mercy
  - Getting back on the Path to Salvation
- God never changes...we do
  - Free will
  - We choose to sin, or not to sin
  - We choose to love God, or not to

# Chapter 1 Knowing God through Creation

- How do we know God exists?
  - Through Reason, the power which human beings have in which we are able to think and grow in our understanding of the Truth
  - Reason alone can't tell us everything we need to understand God
- When science or scientific theory reveals and expresses something natural to be true, it will correspond with God's truths (sometimes scientists will get it wrong, there human).



St. JP2 "faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth"

# Chapter 1 Knowing God through Creation

- St. Thomas Aquinas' proofs that God Exists
  - First Mover; anything moved is moved by another
    - Had to be a first mover
  - First Cause; anything caused is caused by another
    - Must have been a first cause
  - Necessary Being; contingent beings require an already contingent being to bring them into existence
    - creator of 1<sup>st</sup> mom and dad
  - Greatest Being; whatever is great to any degree gets its greatness from that which is greatest
    - When someone is "great" at something who are we comparing it against?
  - Intelligent Designer; whatever acts for an end must be directed by an intelligent being.
    - The world must have an intelligent designer who directs all things in it.
- But still the greatest mystery of our Faith is the Blessed Trinity

# Chapter 1 Knowing God through Creation

- Before man were Angels
  - Pure spirits
  - Good Angels assist us in living holy Christian lives
  - Fallen Angels
- Man was created with Body and Soul...and
  - Given gift of sanctifying grace



# Explain

- How can it be we are all created in the image and likeness of God?
  - We do not all have the same talents, strengths, weaknesses, height, weight, intellect, etc.
  - Be we all equally share in the same human dignity
    - No matter what religion, race, health, age, size, etc.
  - Our souls all have two special powers; intellect and free will
    - This puts us above the animals, plants, rocks, water, etc.