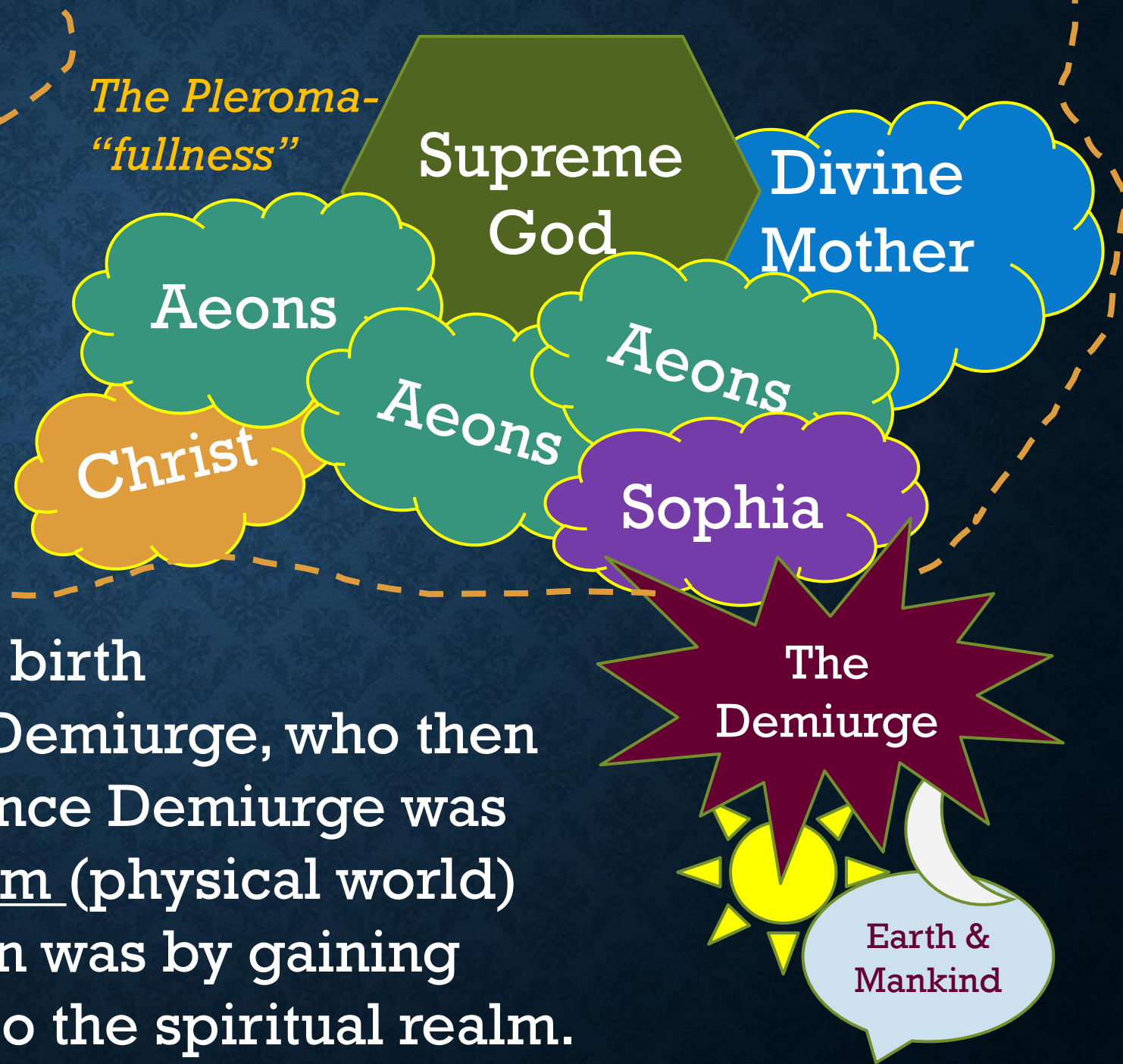


**“JESUS CHRIST:  
SUPREME AND SUFFICIENT”**

The Book of Colossians

# Gnostic view of God & creation:

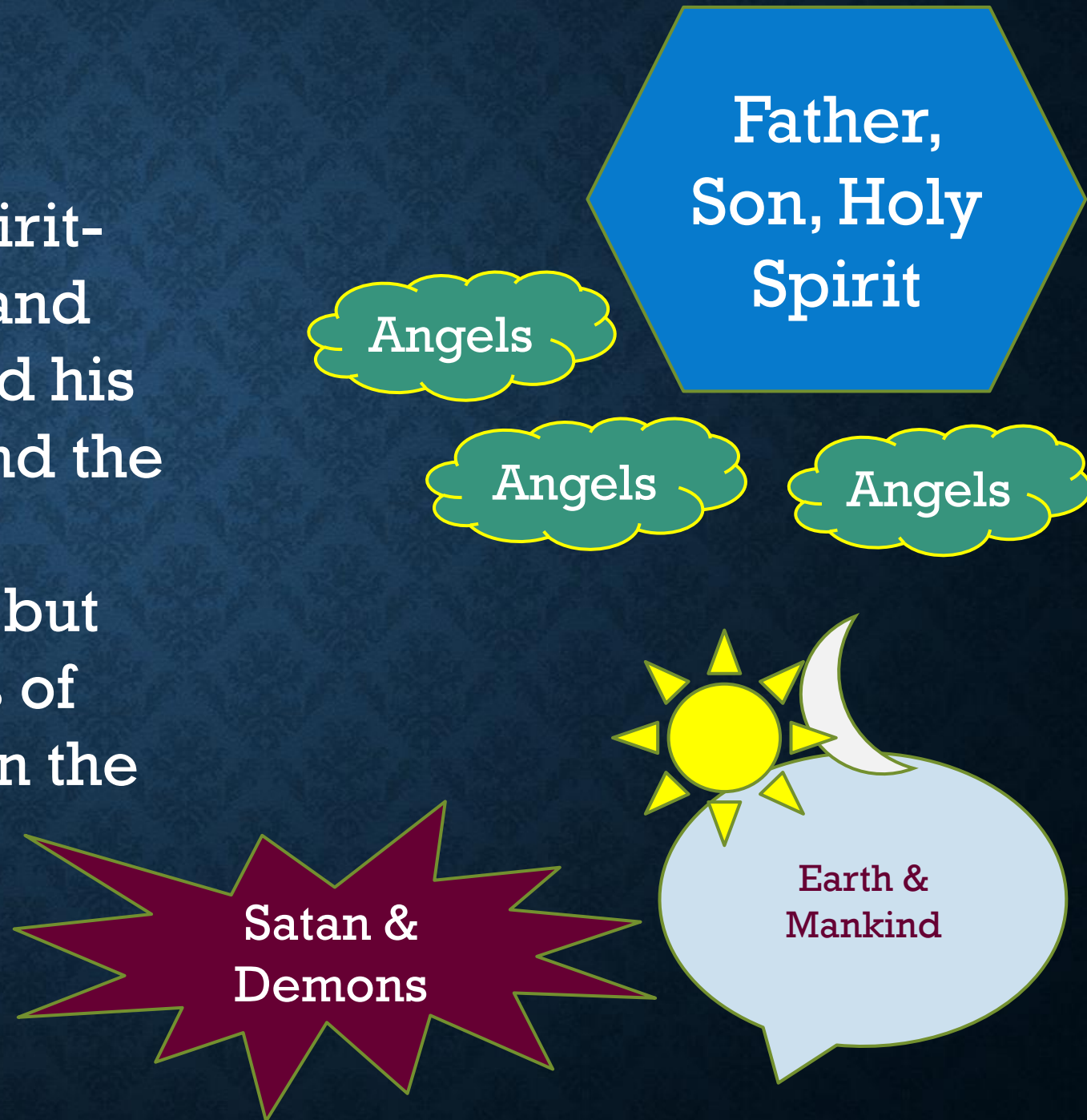
In the Spiritual Realm, the supreme God gave rise to many aeons (heavenly beings), of which Christ was one. Sophia gave birth (without permission) to the Demiurge, who then made the material world. Since Demiurge was corrupted, the Material Realm (physical world) was viewed as evil. Salvation was by gaining knowledge “gnosis”, to get to the spiritual realm.





# Biblical Christianity:

God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-are distinct from the creation and supreme over it. God declared his creation “very good”. Satan and the fallen angels (demons) have corrupted the material world, but God will restore the goodness of creation and redeem people in the new heaven and new earth. Salvation is a gift of grace from God, accepted by faith.



Graciously, in the midst of humanity's rebellion, God has, through Christ, reconciled people to himself.

1. Our need for reconciliation
2. The one way of reconciliation
3. The goal and certain hope of reconciliation



# 1. Our need for Reconciliation with God-

“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,” **Colossians 1:21 ESV**

Status- alienated

Attitude- hostile in mind

(Even as Christians,  
sin disrupts our fellowship  
with God)

Actions- doing evil deeds

# Ever since sin entered the world:

- Mankind is in rebellion against God...
- Men and women are alienated from one another...
- Mankind is alienated from creation, and creation itself is in bondage. (Romans 8:21)



## Question-

What does “reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven” mean?

Some have argued for universalism.

Universalism- the idea that all creation- even  
Satan, demons, and unbelievers will ultimately be  
saved.

And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— **Jude 6 ESV**

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” **Matthew 25:41 ESV**



Our need for reconciliation:

The Bible clearly teaches that God is preparing a heaven and a hell. Unredeemed humanity, demons, and Satan himself will ultimately be in hell.

In hell there will be eternal, conscious punishment-

“where the worm never dies, unquenchable fire”

## Luke 16:24-26

And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'



- Doesn't your own need for reconciliation with God melt your heart and make you run to Jesus?
- Does the reality of hell come to our minds often, so that you and I are compelled to share Jesus with people?

*“Holy Spirit- please make our hearts burn with the Father's love for people who do not know you, so that we pursue them and invite them to meet Jesus.”*