

Paul, His Life and Teachings

Paul's Letter to the Colossians

Lesson 32

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Stop this Train!



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No I'm not color blind; I know the world is black and white.

I try to keep an open mind, but I just can't sleep on this tonight.

Stop this train. I want to get off and go home again. I can't take the speed it's moving in. I know I can't, but honestly, won't someone stop this train?



Stop this Train!

Don't know how else to say it; I don't want to see my parents go.

One generation's length away from fighting life out on my own. Oh come on stop this train. I want to get off and go home again. I can't take the speed it's moving in. I know I can't, but honestly, won't someone stop this train?



Stop this Train!

I'm so scared of getting older; I'm only good at being young. So I play the numbers game to find a way to say my life has just begun. Had a talk with my old man. Said, "help me understand." He said, "Turn 68, you'll renegotiate. Don't stop this train. Don't for a minute change the place you're in. Don't think I couldn't ever understand. I tried my hand – tried honestly. We'll never stop this train."



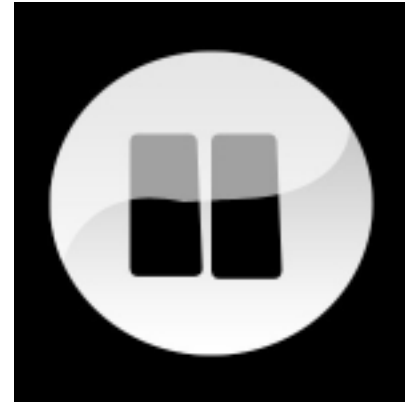
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Once in a while when its good, it'll feel like it should – and they're all still around and you're still safe and sound and you don't miss a thing – till you cry when you're driving away in the dark singing, "Stop this train." You want to get off and go back again. I can't take the speed this thing is moving in. I know I can't, cause now I see... I'm never going to stop this train."

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Paul was acutely aware of the time as he wrote the Colossians







Ephesus



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Colossae

The “Twin Epistles”



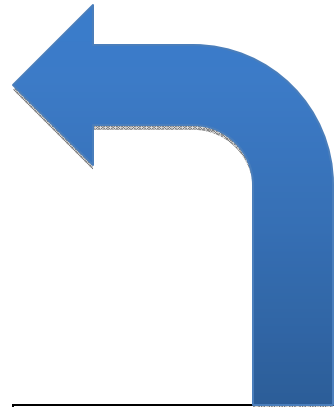
Paul starts with prayer

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Blessing of
eternity with God

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Faith



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Paul wants their intimacy with God to
grow



With greater intimacy (growth) comes
greater works (fruit) for God

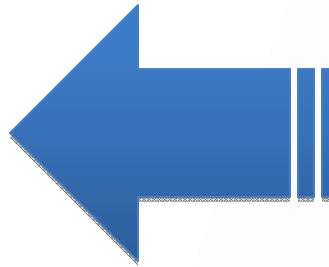


Paul wants their walks strengthened
with God's power

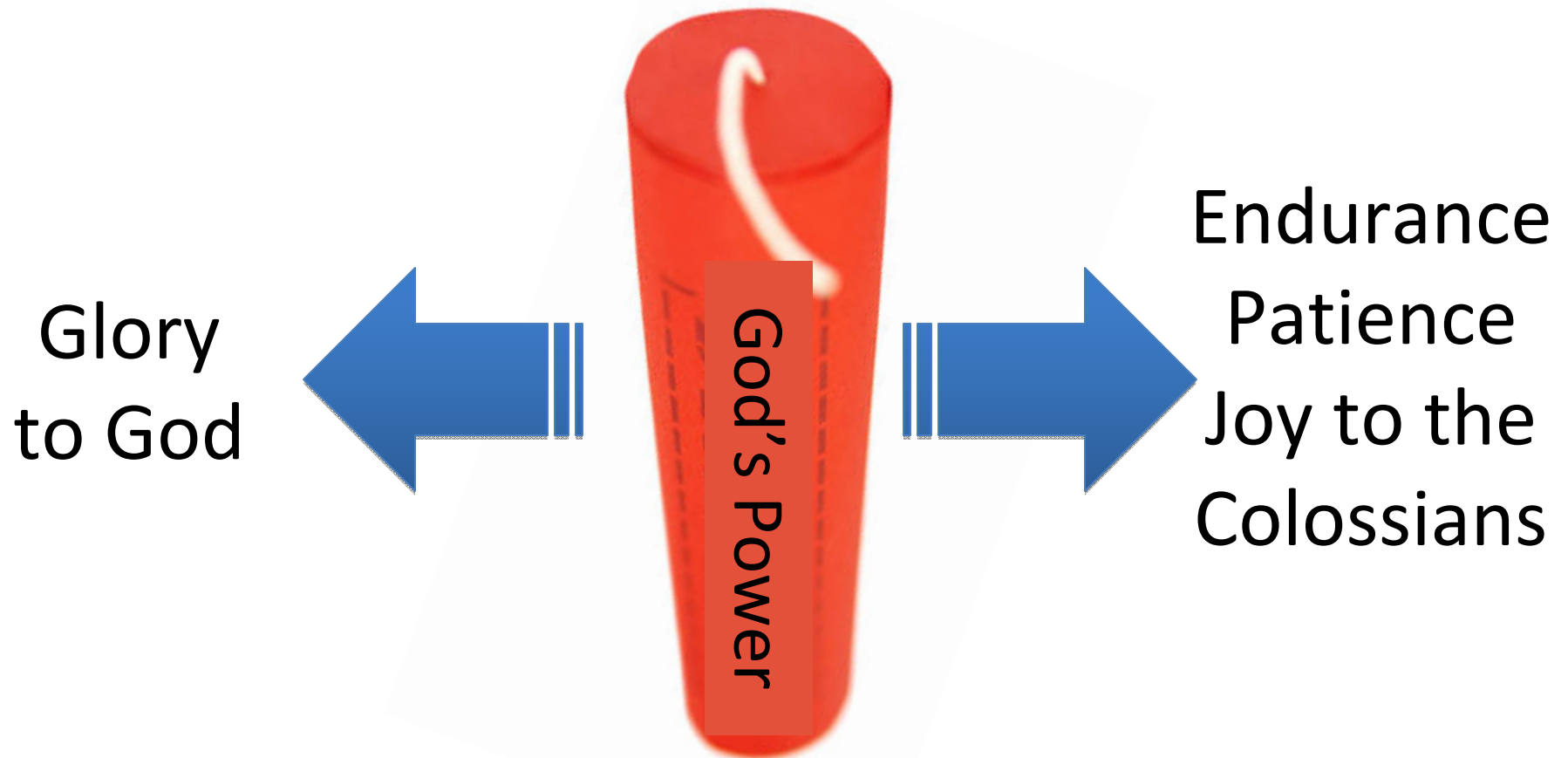


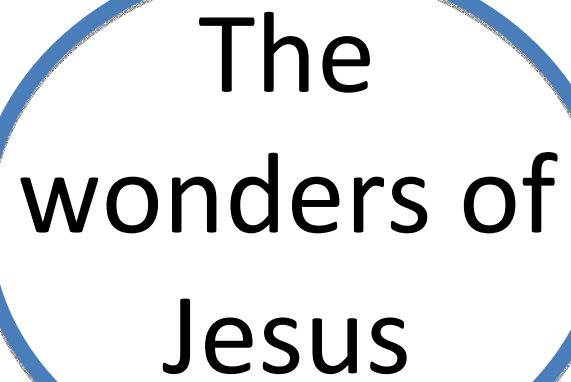
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Glory
to God



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The
wonders of
Jesus

Image of the
invisible God

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Image of the
invisible God

Firstborn of
all creation

The
wonders of
Jesus

A diagram consisting of a central circle with a blue border containing the text 'The wonders of Jesus'. Two lines extend from the top of the circle to two rectangular boxes above it. The left box contains the text 'Image of the invisible God' and the right box contains the text 'Firstborn of all creation'.

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invisible God

Firstborn of
all creation

Created all
things

The
wonders of
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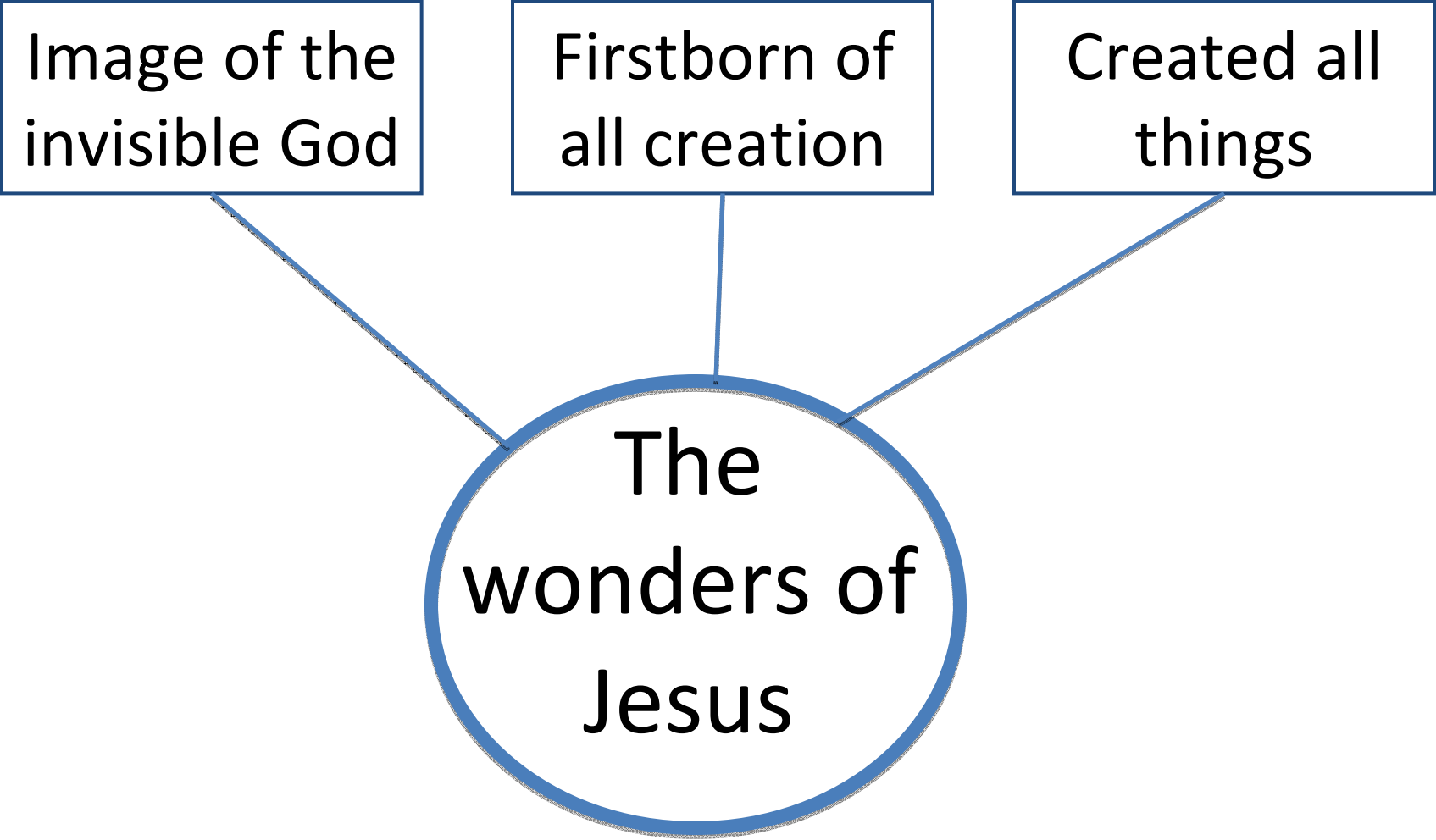


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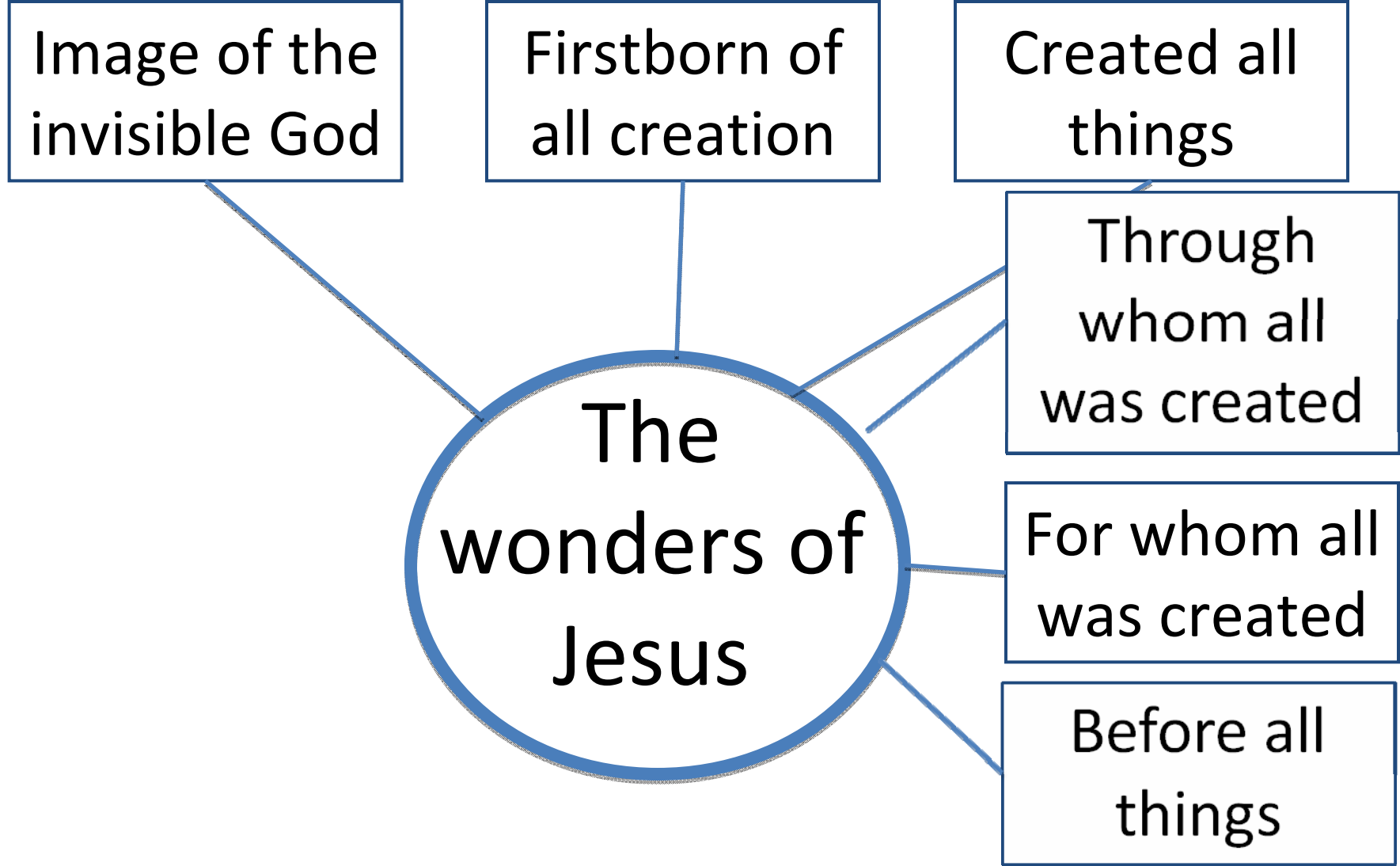
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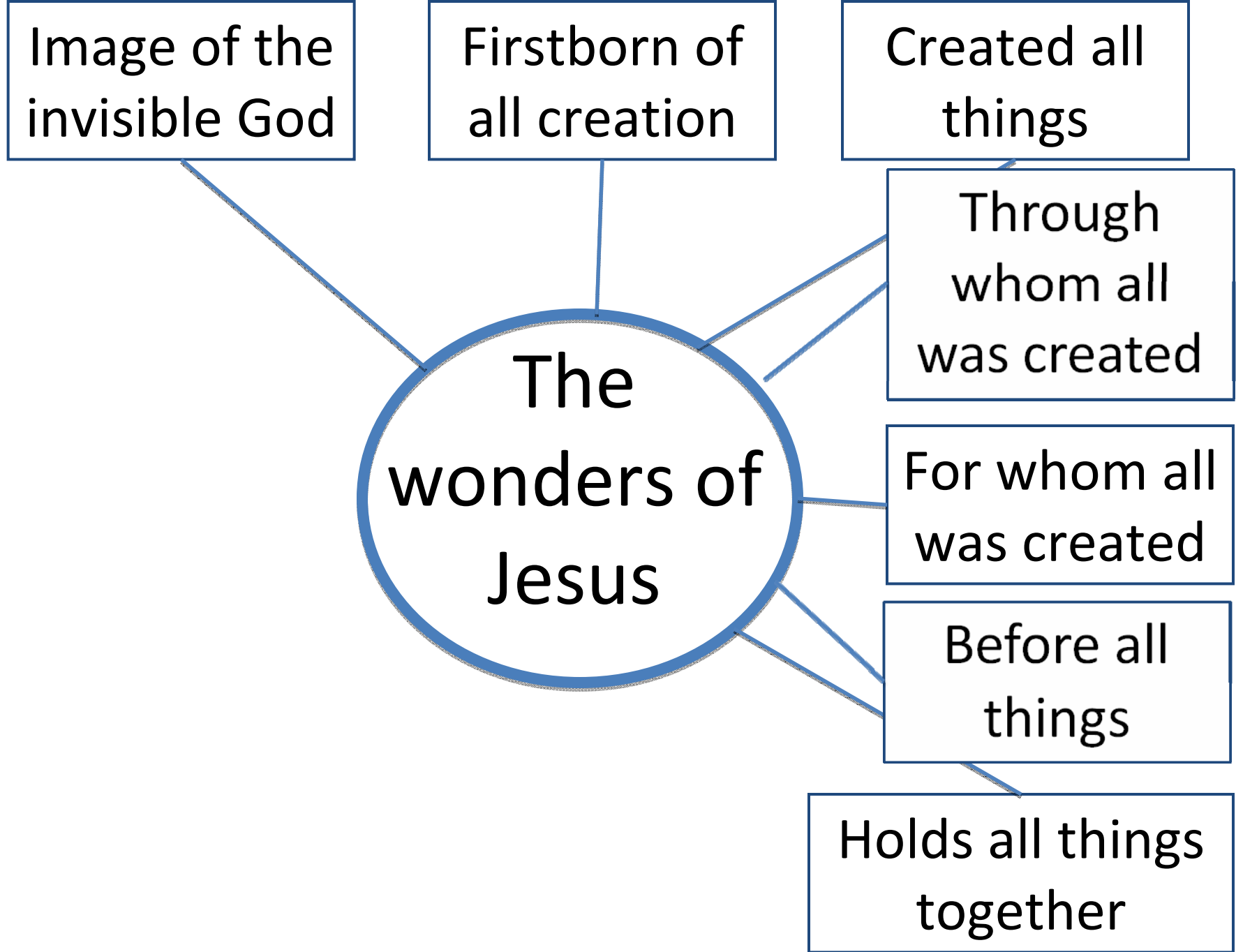
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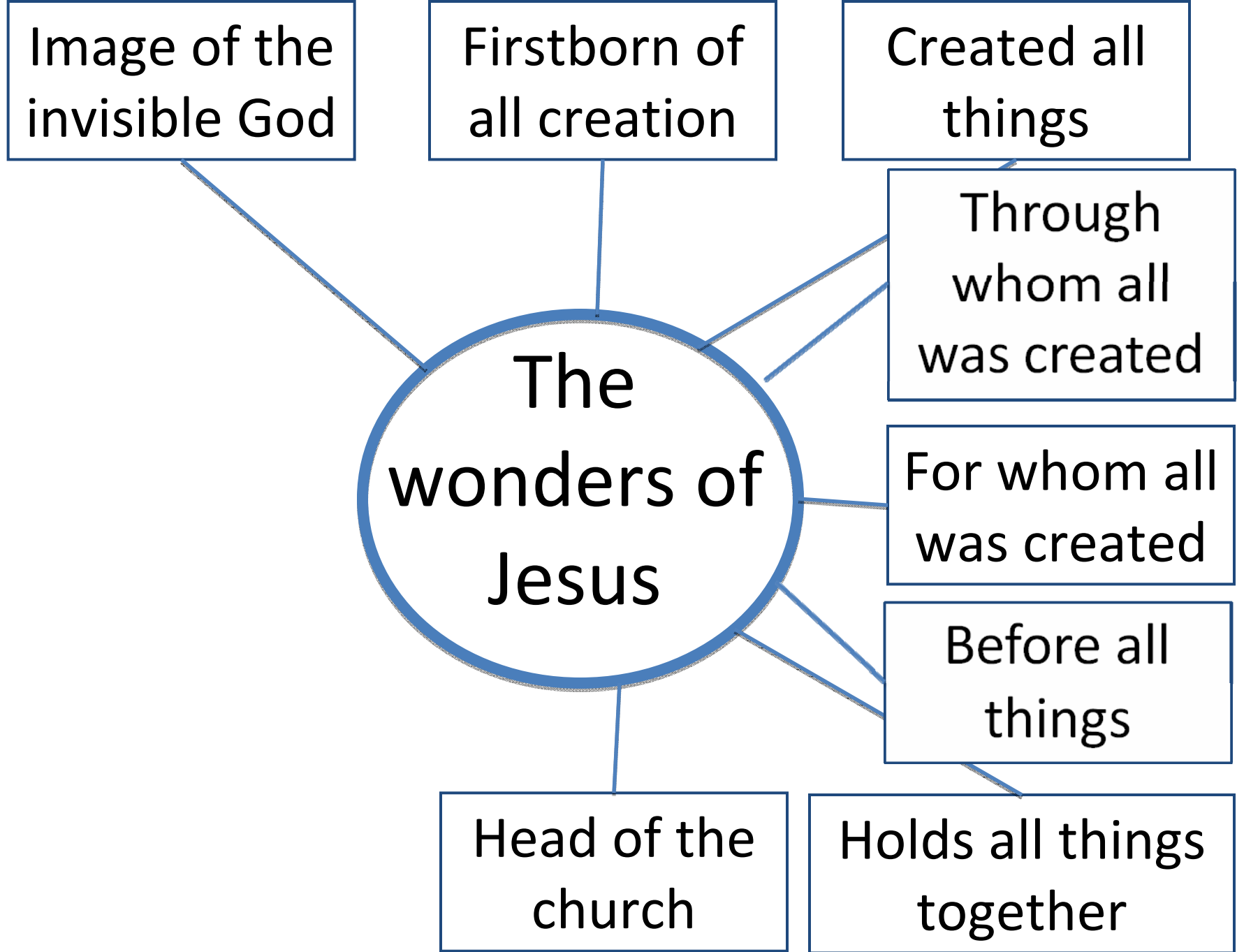
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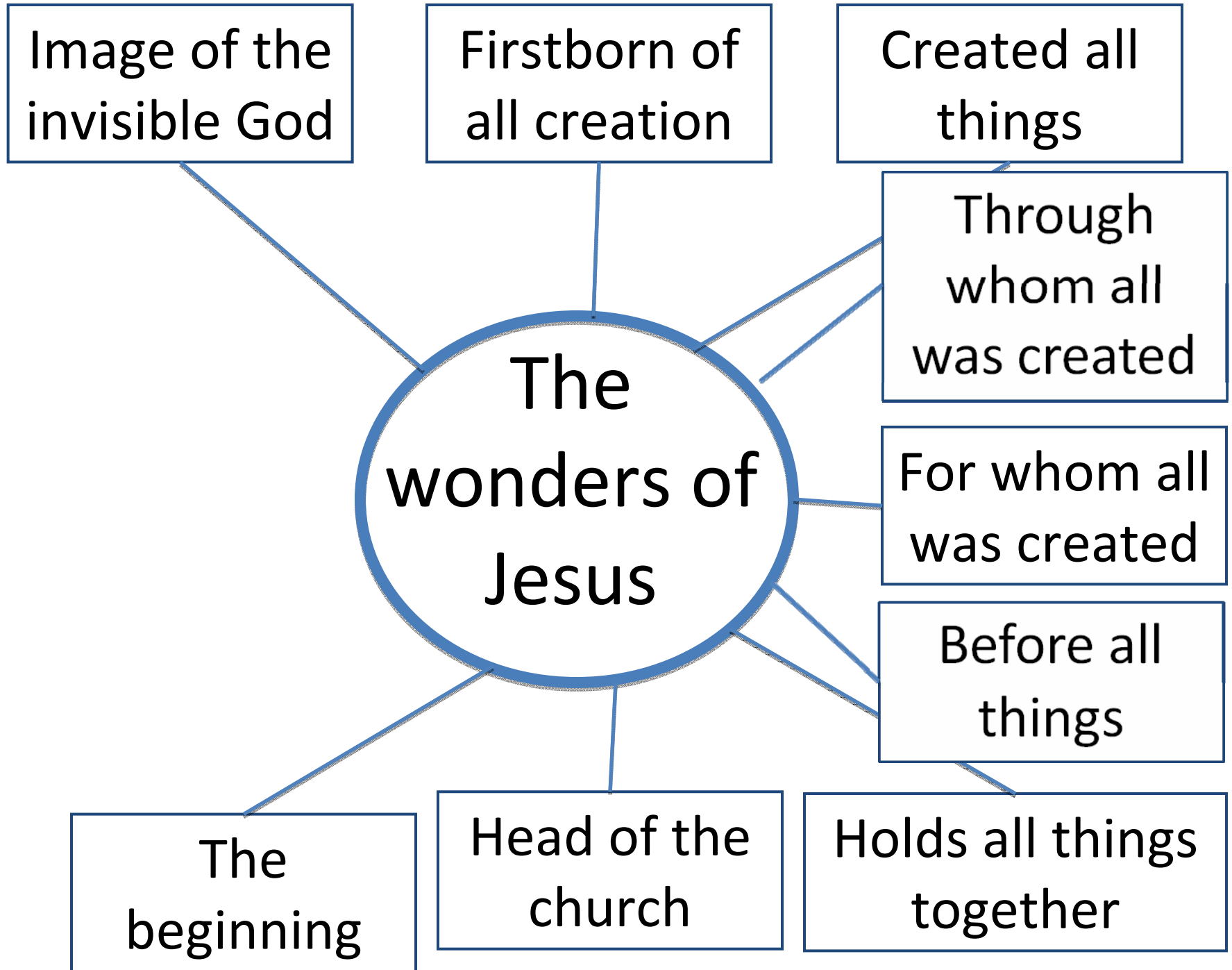
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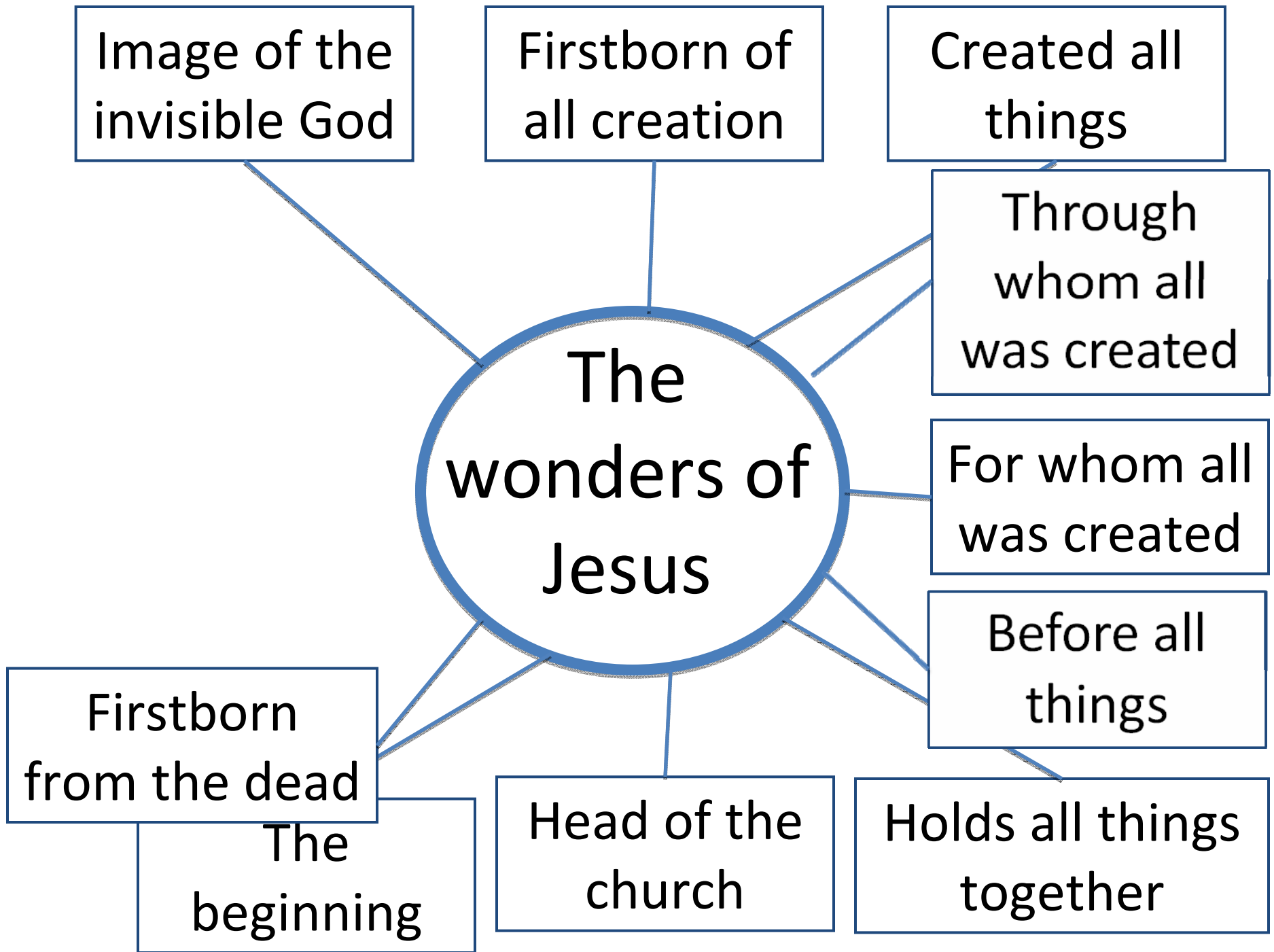
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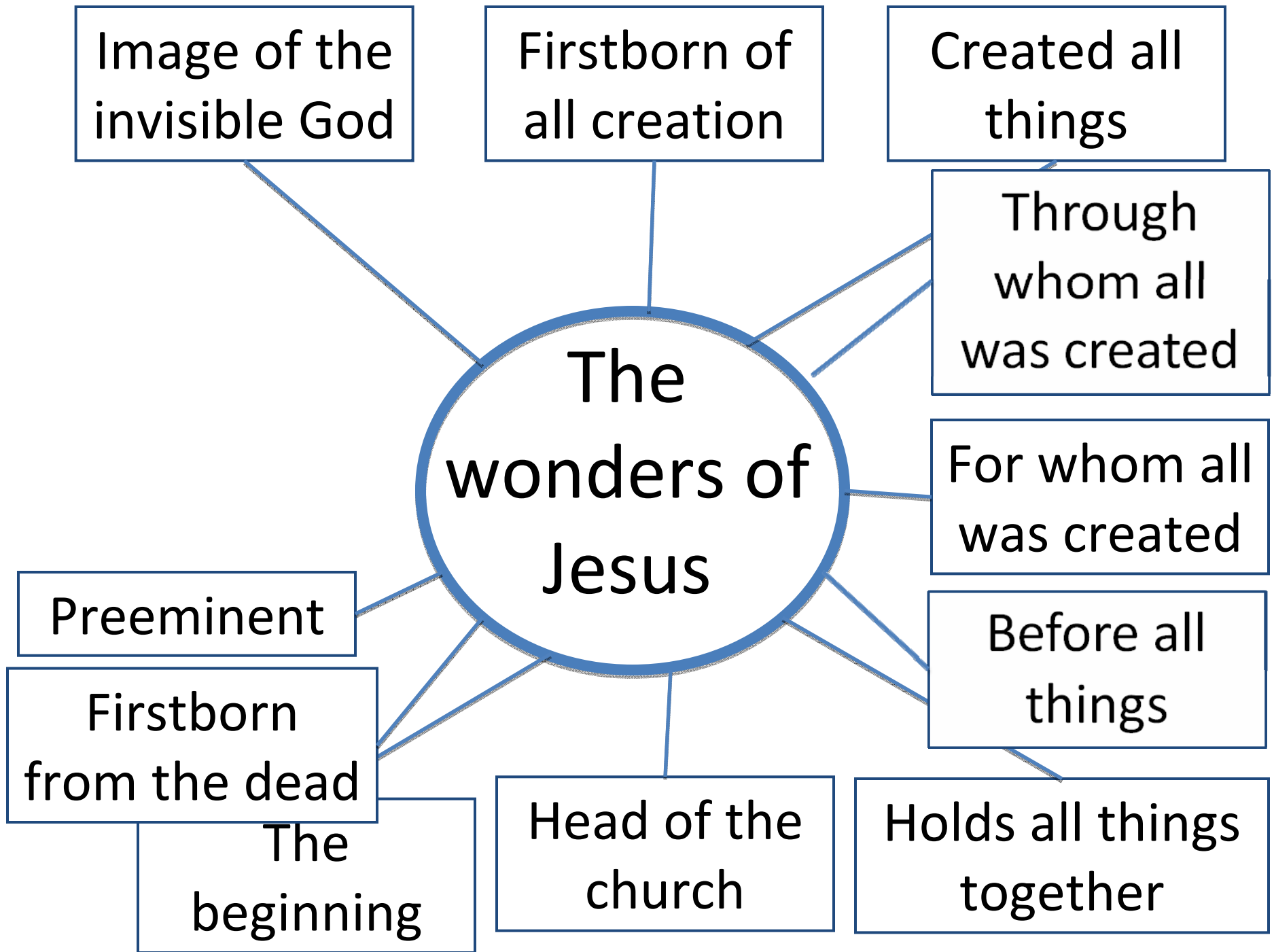


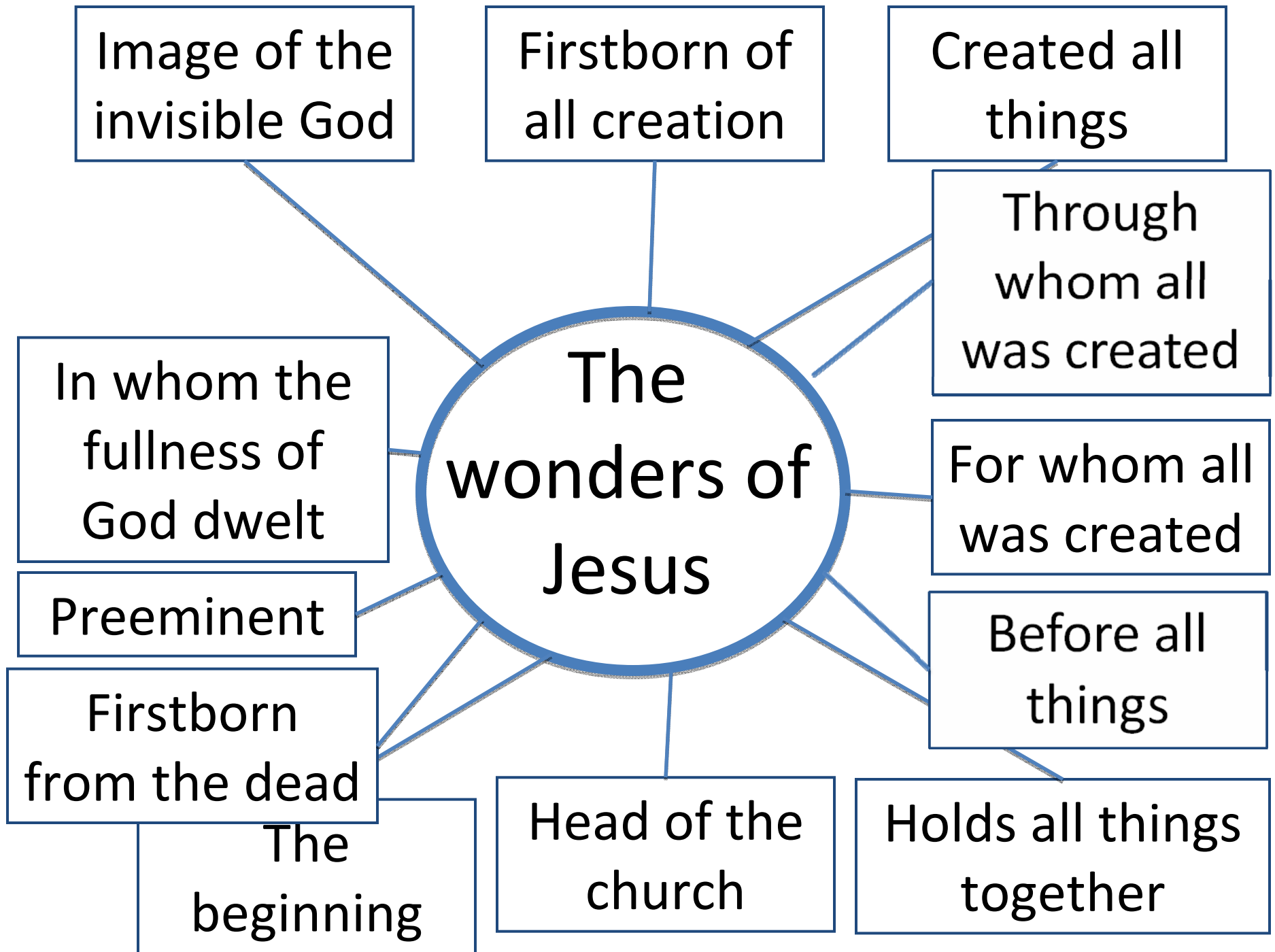


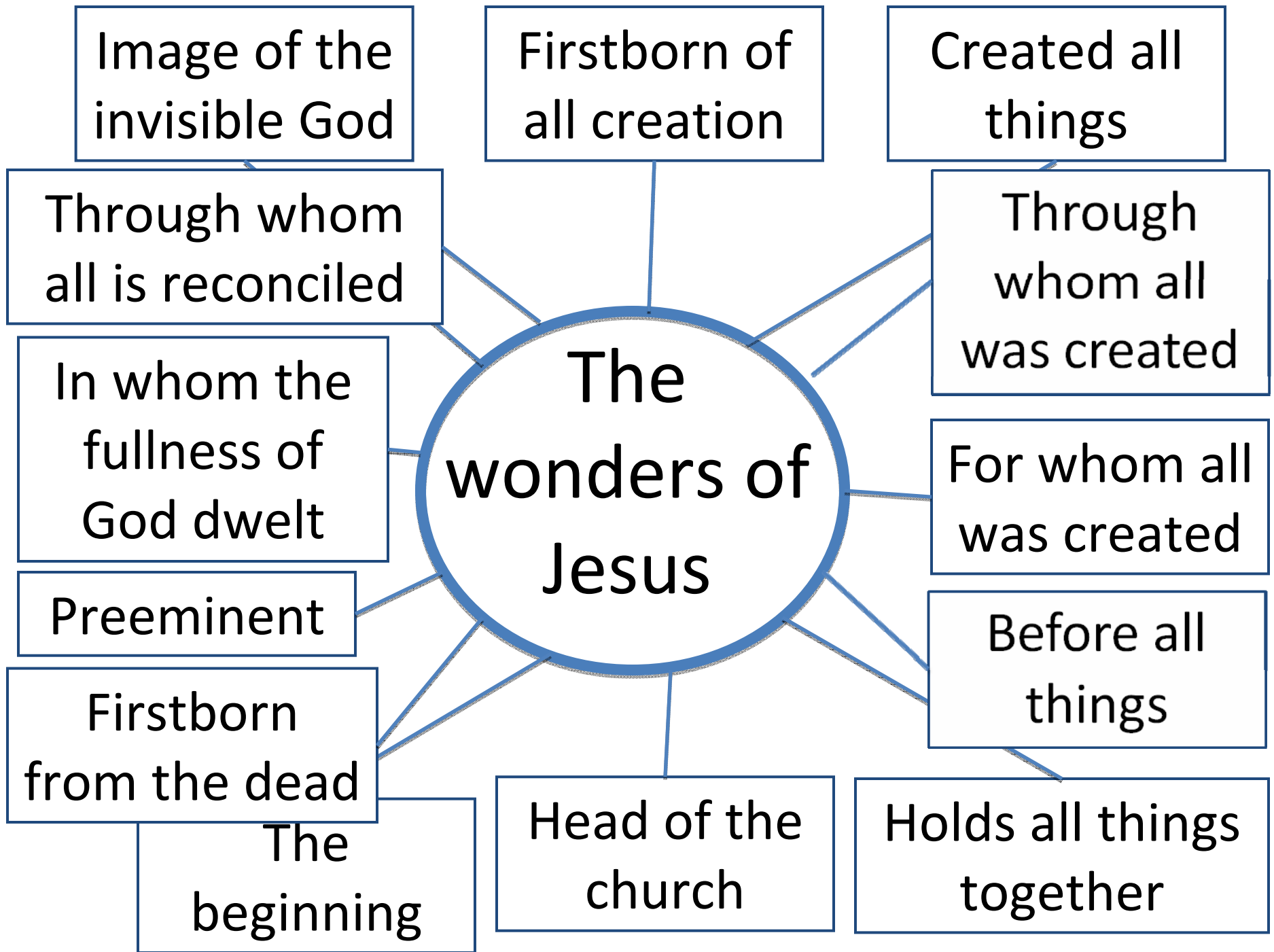












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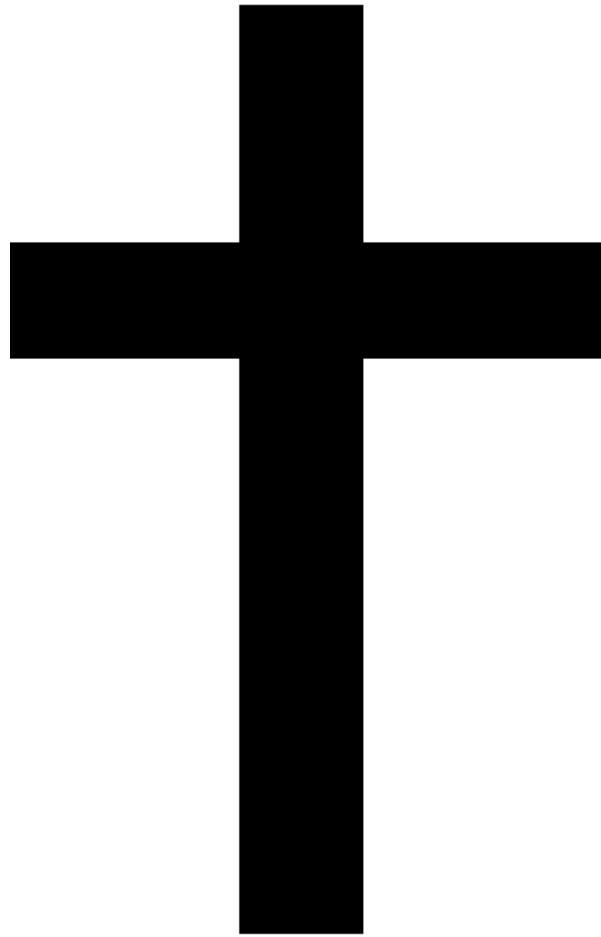
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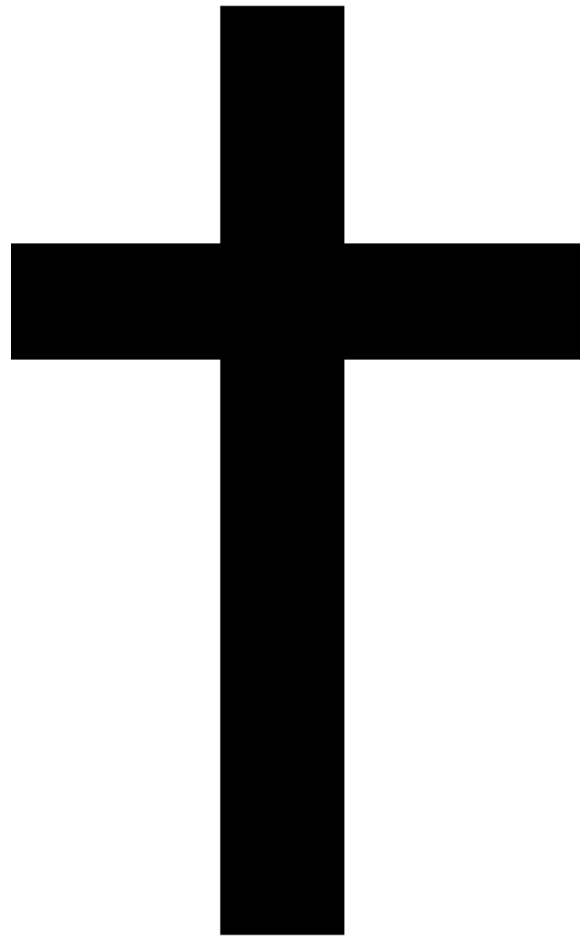
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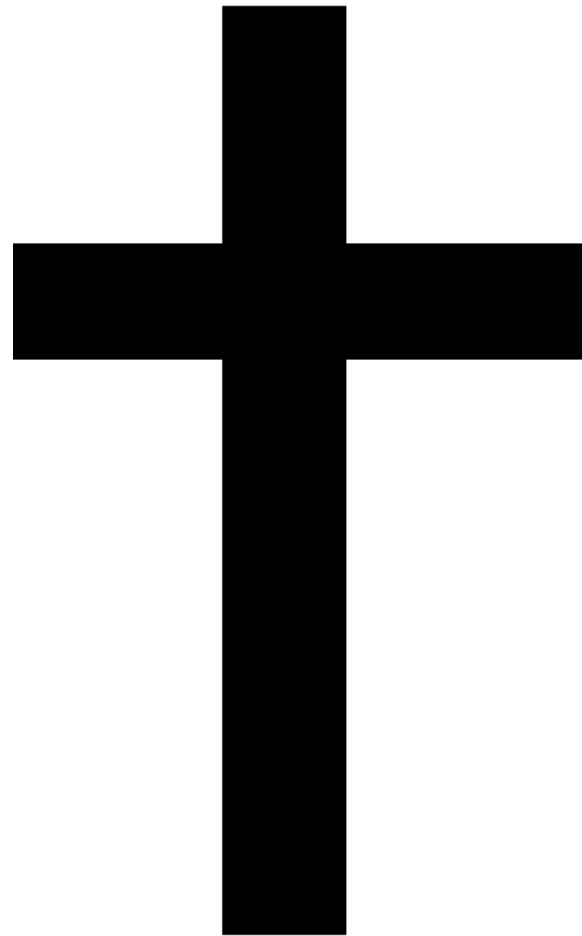
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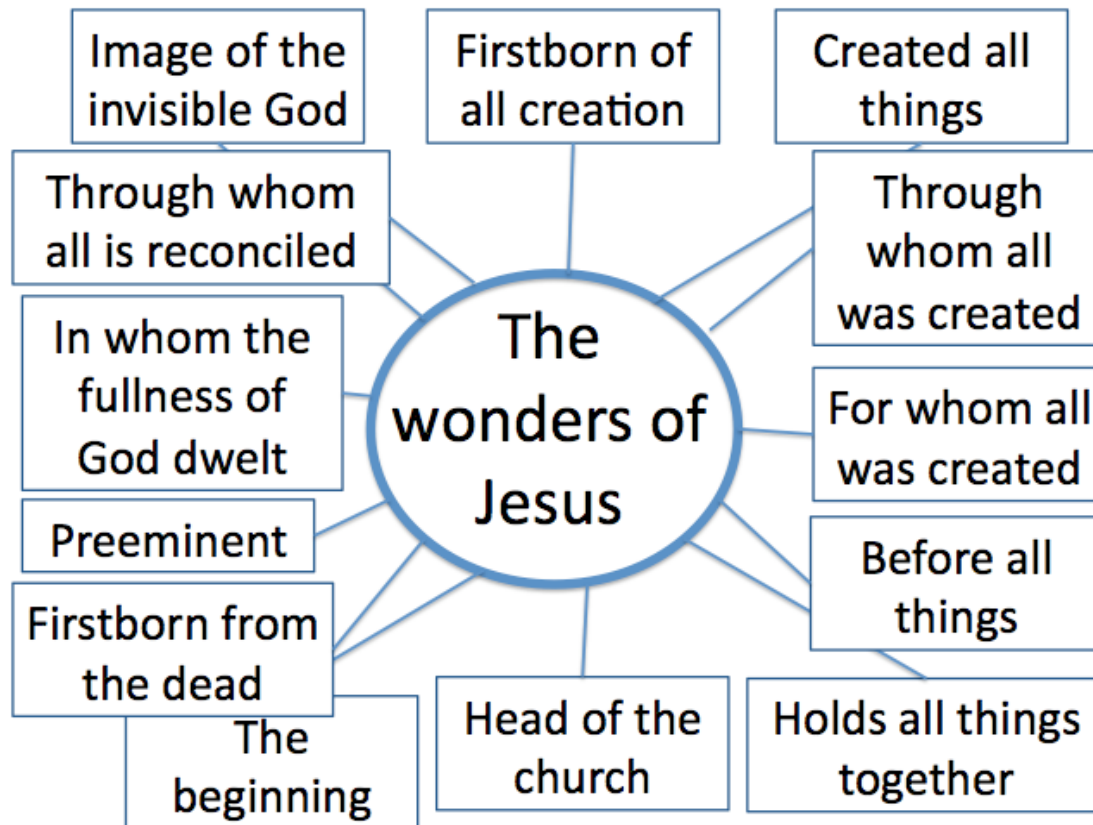


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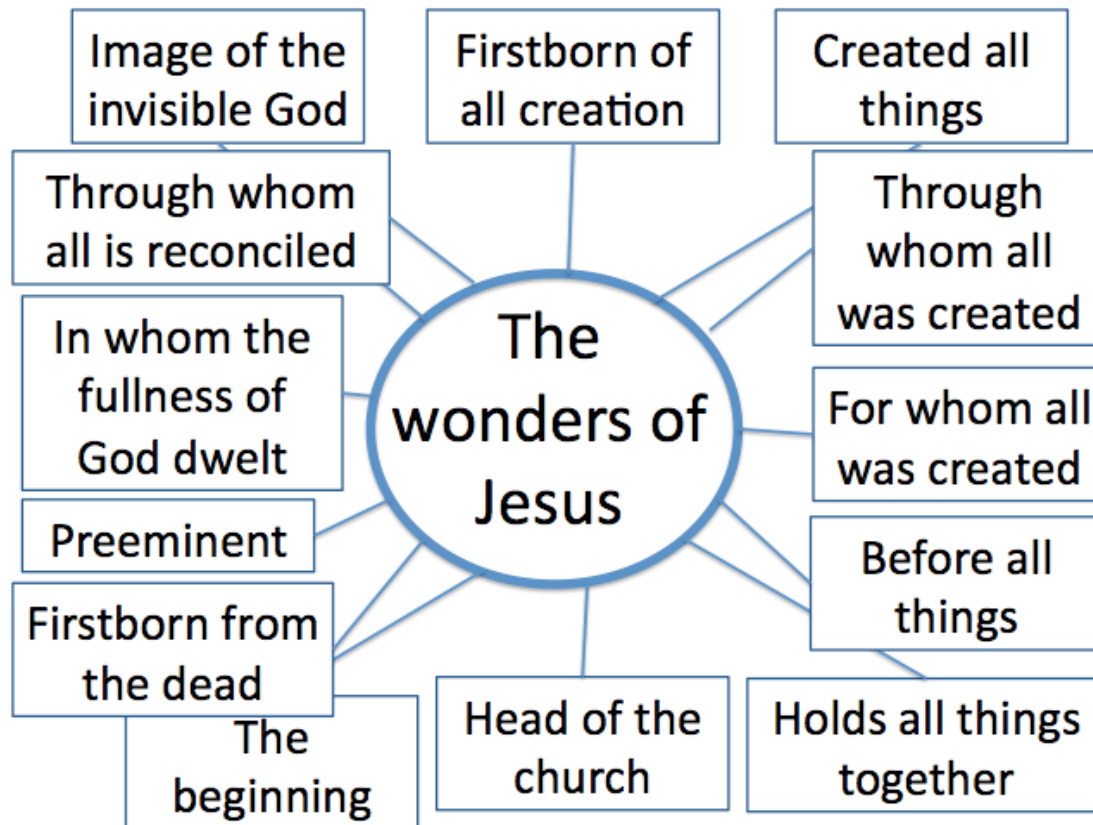


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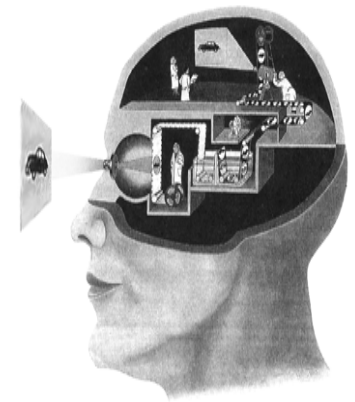
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OR



Human
Philosophy

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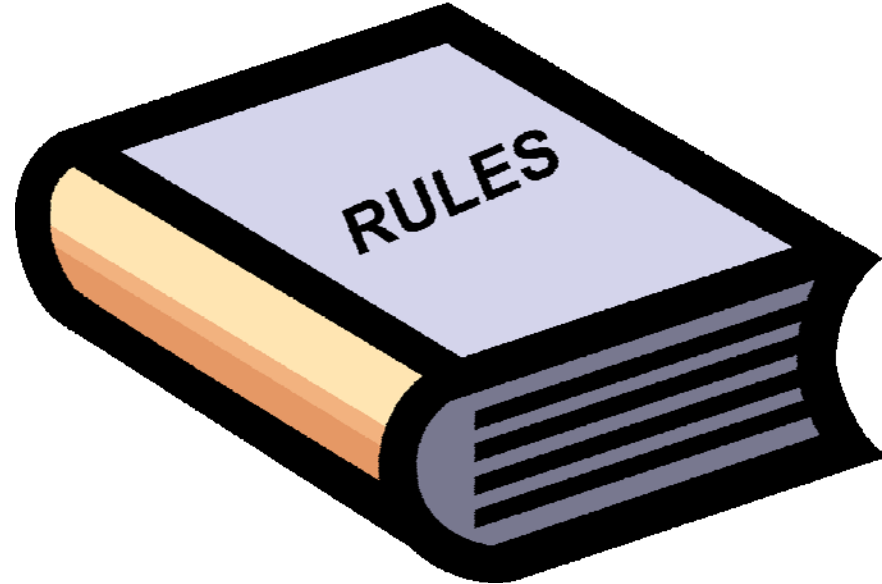
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Raised
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- Malice
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Replace with



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Replace with



- Compassionate hearts
- Kindness
- Humility
- Meekness
- Patience

Do everything in the name of Jesus

Everything

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Our Church Family

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Make the best
use of your time

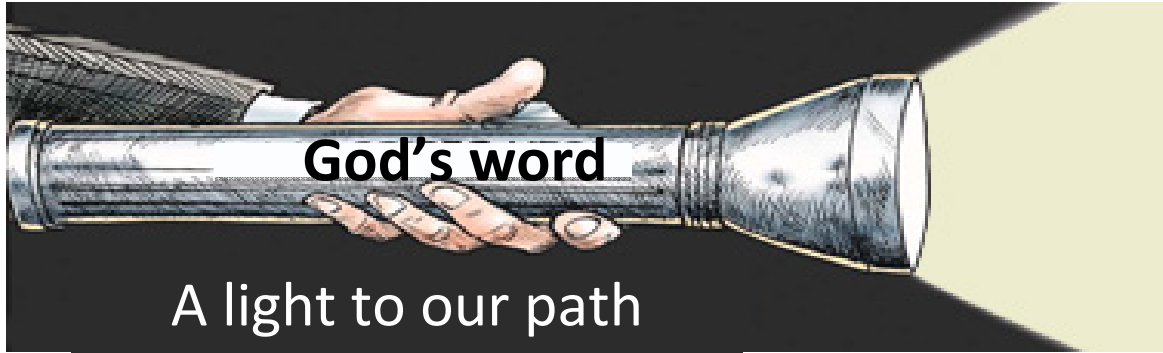
Speech should be “seasoned with salt”



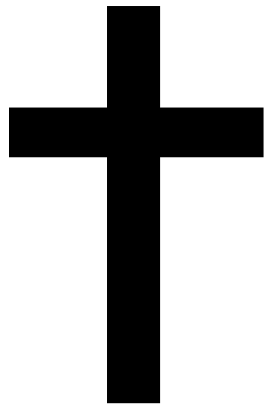
Paul closes with personal notes



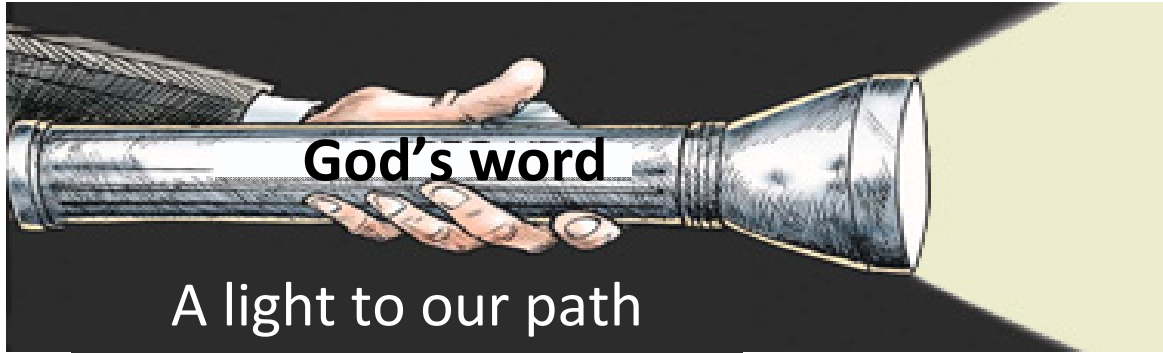
“faithful and
beloved brother
Onesimus”



Points for Home

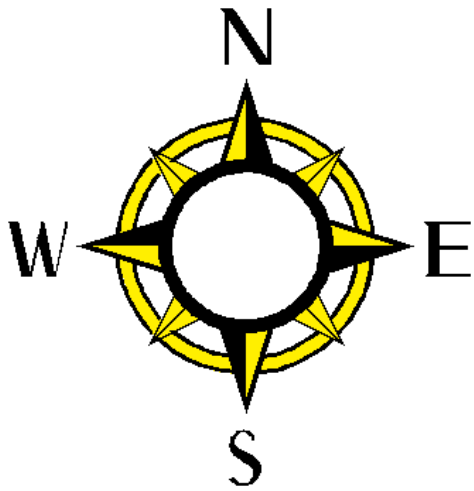


“[Jesus] is the image of the
invisible God” (Col. 1:15)

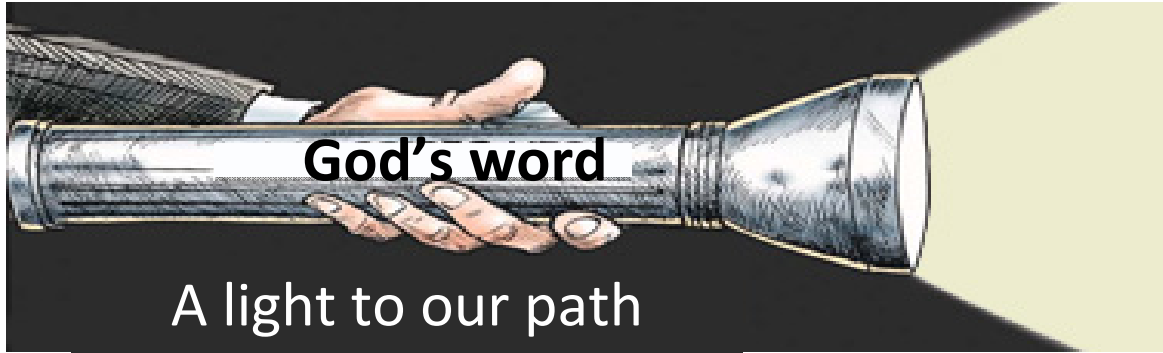


A light to our path

Points for Home



“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus”
(Col. 3:17)

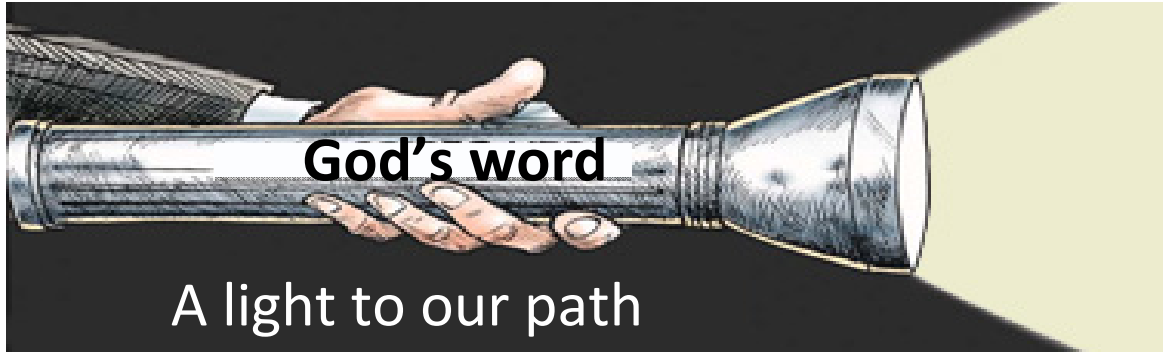


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“Walk in wisdom ... making the best use of time” (Col. 4:5)



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There is no stopping
the train!