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If God and His Son, the Holy Spirit, were not together, there could be no salvation for mankind.

Salvation is obtained by faith in Christ and His teachings. Those who believe in Him and follow His commandments will inherit eternal life. Those who reject Him will be cast into the fiery furnace of Hell.

The salvation of the soul is a matter not only of faith, but also of works. One must not only believe, but also do good deeds. The works that are pleasing to God include charitable acts, kindness to the poor, and obedience to the laws of the Church.

The Church is the body of Christ, and its leaders, the bishops, are His representatives on earth. They have the authority to interpret the teachings of Christ and to instruct the faithful in the ways of salvation.

Those who are baptized into the Church and confirmed in the faith are considered members of the Church and are entitled to the benefits of its teachings and sacraments. The Church is the means by which salvation is obtained, and its leaders are the ones who guide the faithful towards eternal life.
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