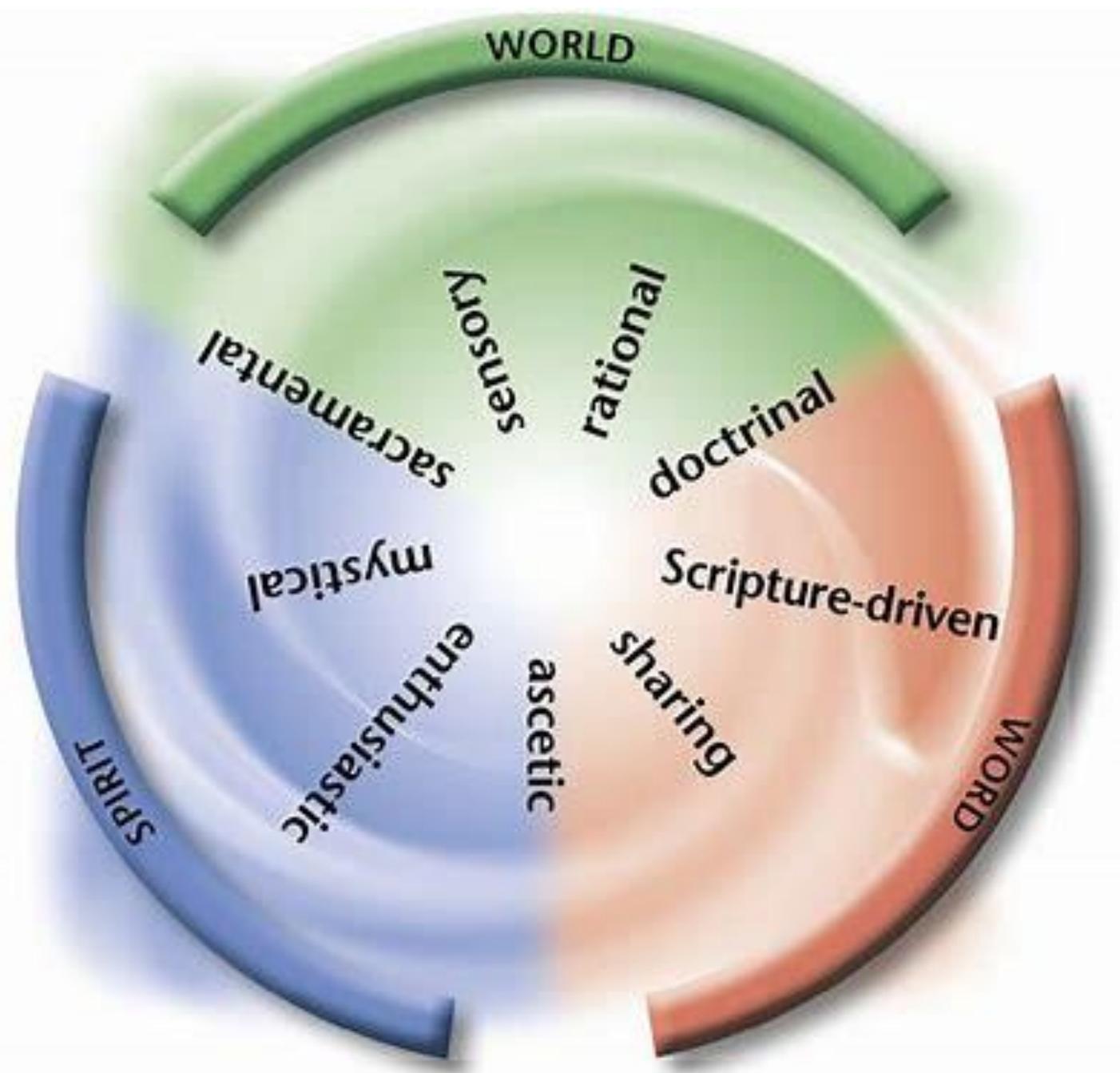




The God We Worship
Our spiritual mother tongue



Ascetic

the practice of severe self-discipline and abstention from all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons.



Ascetic

- It is not giving up something for a time period (Lent)
- It is not giving up something that is bad for you.
- Rather it is giving up something to make room for The Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3



Benefits of Ascetic

**Disciple can help reduce yourself
interest.**

Make room for God's work in you.

John 3:30

Ascetic issues

See the world as evil

So distance themselves from the world that they have no credibility with those around them

Ascetic issues

Become critical of others who do not share the same disciplines.

The background of the slide features a warm, golden-hued, hazy scene. In the foreground, the silhouettes of a diverse group of people are visible, appearing to be in motion, possibly dancing or celebrating. Some individuals have their arms raised, and they seem to be holding hands or interacting with each other. The overall atmosphere is one of joy and community, contrasting with the critical message of the text.



**What is God asking you to give up to
make room for the Holy Spirit?**

