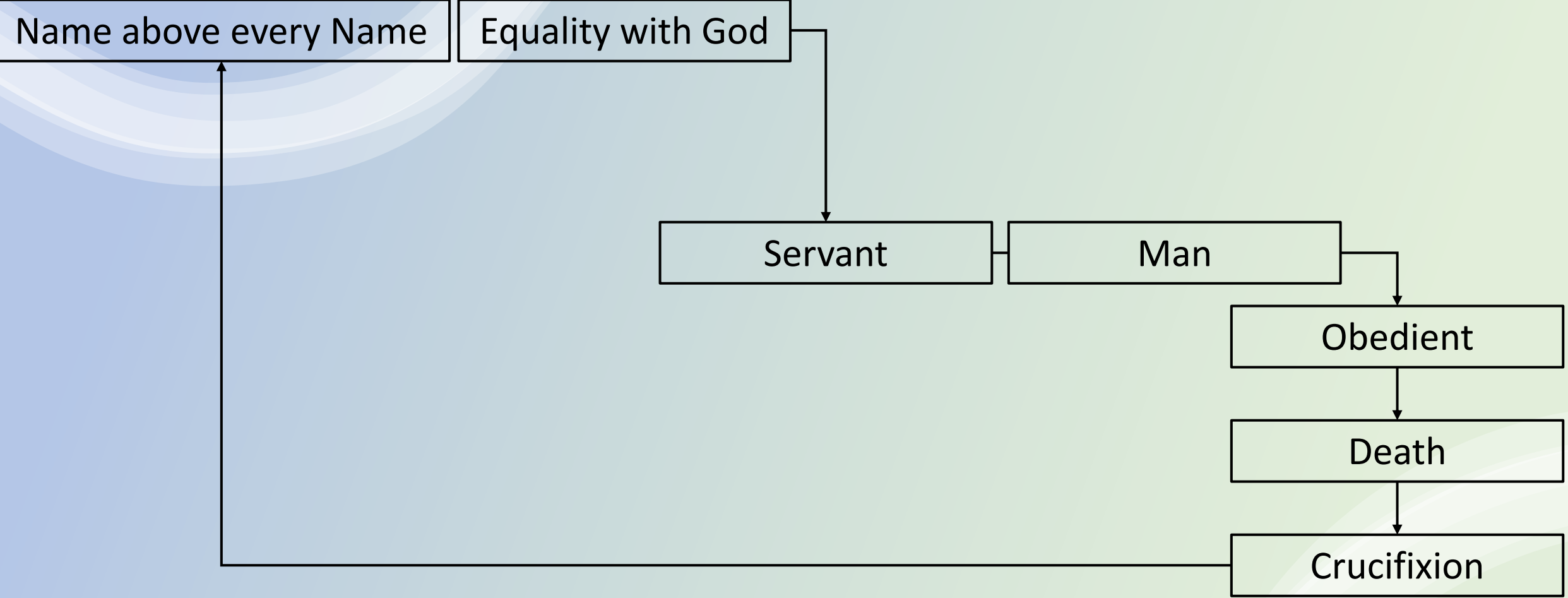


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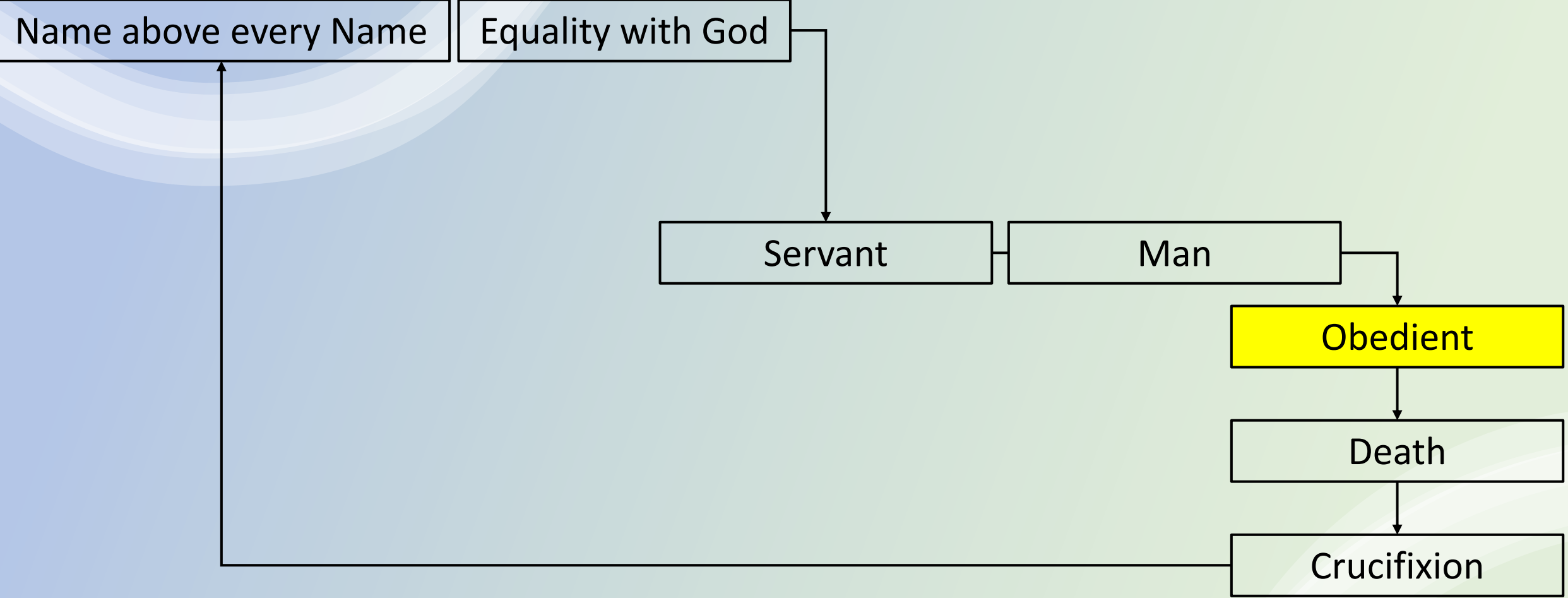
Work out your own salvation...wait, what?!

Philippians 2:12-18

Introduction: Christ the Pattern



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Make a full effort to walk in obedience and grow in Christlikeness

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We have a responsibility!

- II Cor. 7:1 “Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.”
- II Peter 1:5 “For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ...”
- See also Eph. 4:22-24, Romans 6, Galatians 5, etc.

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But God is the enabler

- John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."
- I Corinthians 15:10 "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."

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