



HOLINESS







THERE ARE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD
THERE ARE SEVEN CONTINENTS
THERE ARE SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK
THERE ARE SEVEN DECADES
THERE ARE SEVEN CHAKRAS
THERE ARE SEVEN COLORS OF THE RAINBOW
IF YOU BREAK A MIRROR IT'S SEVEN YEARS OF BAD LUCK
SNOW WHITE
SEVEN YEARS OF BAD LUCK





Popular Christian Tradition



HOLINESS

- Moral purity
- Renounce the world
- Flesh is evil
- Prohibition against drinking, dancing, playing cards, movies, jewelry, profanity
- Sexual purity
- Fasting, Bible Study, meditation, speaking in tongues
- Deeper relationship with God (Holiness Movement)

Dilemmas

- Defining holiness only in terms of moral purity (sin) problematic



- 1. God was holy before sin entered the cosmos*
- 2. 7th day, Piece of land, Utensils, temple called holy*
- 3. Hence, holiness much more than moral purity*

Dilemmas



- Be you holy
as I am holy
(Peter quoting from OT)

- *In terms of moral purity, can we ever be as holy as God?!*

- Biblical terms for holiness

- *Qadash (Hebrew)*
= *set apart,*
dedicated

- *Hagios (Greek)* =
sanctify,
blameless, pure

Trinitarian / Incarnational Understanding

- God is love
- Love is other centered
- They move towards each other / indwell / interact / fellowship / make room / contain
- **Perichoresis / Circumincession**
- the theological doctrine of the reciprocal existence in each other of the three persons of the Trinity