



HOLINESS

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

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- God is Holy
- Mutual reciprocal existence in each other is in complete harmony, cooperation, honour, peace, mutual delight, mutual glorification.
- Because they are holy
- They don't move toward each other in opposition, dishonor, competition, strife, jealousy, hatred, violence ...

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- John 17:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,
- John 16:14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
- How does God relate with creation?
- Moves towards them ... Love
- Moves towards them in redemption, reconciliation and reformation, renewal ... Holiness

WHAT IS HOLINESS?

- That which promotes agreement, peace, harmony
- James 3:[17](#) But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. [18](#) Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.
- HOLINESS: Something to do with relationships, relational, promotes good relationships.

Ezek 28

- You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

- 16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor.

Gal 5

- **Fruit of the Spirit: Gal 5:²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.**

- HOLINESS
PROVES
THAT ...

- *GOD IS
TRIUNE*

WHY ARE DAYS, LAND, UTENSILS, ETC CALLED HOLY?

- **Their function is elevated beyond its normal context and becomes a participant in the divine life or action.**

BE YOU HOLY AS I AM HOLY

- Just as God moves towards each other / us in complete harmony, cooperation, honour, peace, mutual delight, etc ...
- We are to move towards others in the same way!
- When we relate **(love)** with others within the framework of joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control – we are being holy as God is holy.
- Participate in His passion.
- **How you manage your relationships indicate your level of holiness.**

Problems when Holiness is not relational

- Holiness becomes self-righteousness (eg. Pharisees)
- Holiness becomes exploitative (eg. godmen)
- Holiness become murderous (eg. Holy war)

Psalm 96:9

- Worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

