# The "Dance" of the Trinity Community--part 1 January 2, 2022

"The world forgot, in its concern with Left and Right, that there is an Above and Below." -Glen Drake

## **Trinity defined**

- One God revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- One essence of the Godhead; 3 distinguishable "persons"
  - Coequally and coeternally God.

## **Trinity basis**

- Old Testament: ONE God Deut. 6:4
  - Deity of Jesus: John 1:1; 8:58; 20:28; Matt.16:16
  - Deity of the Holy Spirit: John 14-16

### **Trinity implications:**

- God, the ultimate reality of life, is personal and relational.
- The ultimate point of life is to be engaged with God and His purposes as our greatest reality.

# **The Greatest Community**

#### "One" with God and with one another

John 17:21 ... that all of them <u>may be one</u>, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

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## The relational glory of God

John 17:22 I have given them <u>the glory</u> that you gave me, <u>that</u> they <u>may be one</u> as we are one

John 17:1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. <u>Glorify</u> your Son, that your Son may <u>glorify</u> you.

John 17:2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might **give eternal life** to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: **that they may know you**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

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## God's love for you is like THAT???

John 17:23 "I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

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#### You're included!

John 17:24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world."

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