



Christian Community

It is God's purpose to make us like his son, Jesus, through the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit.

'The Son of God is so integrally connected with the reception of the indwelling Spirit that the Spirit can now be called the "Spirit of adoption".

[IVP Dictionary of Paul & His Letters : via Logos]

'Relationships are entwined, entrenched, elusive, messy, enabling, enrapturing, maddening, exhilarating, frustrating, exposing, and too beautiful for words'

[Richard Rohr : The Divine Dance : 2016 : SPCK : p.21]

Week 8. Trinitarian Community

- Last year we thought about the Trinity in terms of a 'Divine Dance' (Rohr) in which there is dynamic movement between God as Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Bearing this helpful imagery in mind read Romans 8:12-17.
- What happens when we allow God free reign in our lives?
- Think about the powerful imagery of adoption that Paul uses. Do you find it helpful? Why? Why not?
- How is our status as a child of God linked to the Trinity?
- In becoming Children of God we are heirs to many benefits. Can you think of any?
- How might being one of God's children help us identify with other Christians?
- Look at the quote from Richard Rohr about relationships - does this apply only to human relationships?
- How might knowing 'God for us as Father, God alongside us, as Jesus & God within us, as Holy Spirit' give us confidence in our relationships?
- Close in prayer, remembering those for whom relationships are difficult and feel threatening, that they may find a relationship with God that brings healing and a new way of being.

Trinity Prayer

God for us, we call you Father.
 God alongside us, we call you Jesus.
 God within us, we call you Holy Spirit.
 You are the eternal mystery that enables, enfolds and enlivens all things,
 Even us and even me.
 Every name falls short of your goodness & greatness.
 We can only see who you are in what is.
 We ask for such perfect seeing ~
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
 Amen.

[Pauline Press]

