

# Dance of Love

## Dance of Fear



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# Our Relational Reality

*Life is relationships; the rest is just details.*

(Dr. Scott Stickel)

*“At the core of our being is this truth - we are designed for and defined by our relationships.”*

*“We are relational beings because we are created in the image of a relational God.”*

# 1 John 4: 16-18 (NLT)

**God is love**, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

And as we live in God, **our love grows more perfect**. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

**Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear.**

# There is no fear in love

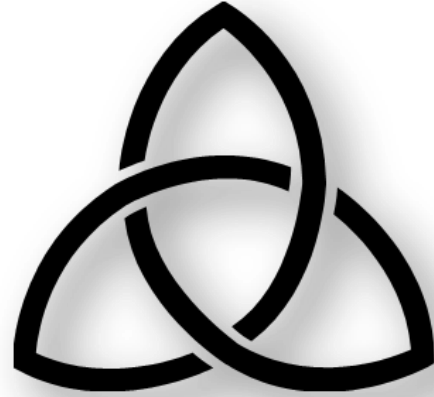
*There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear (ESV)*

*There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear (MSG)*

*Love contains no fear—indeed fully-developed love expels every particle of fear (Phillips)*

*There is no fear in love...But perfect (complete, full-grown) love drives out fear (AMP)*

*God is love...Love is from God*

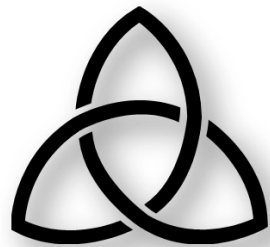


## ***PERICHORESIS:***

**THE LOVE DANCE OF THE TRINITY**

a mutual self-giving love centered on the interest of the others

# *The Initiator of Love*



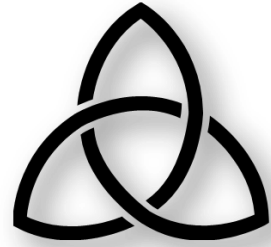
God loves Me



*In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

1 John 4:9-10

# *New Commandment of Love*



God loves Me



*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

(1 John 4:11)

*Love one another as I have loved you* (John 13:34, 15:12)

# Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’  
<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’



# Dance of Love



I love God

You love me



I love myself

I love you

# Dancing with the God opens the door to dancing well with others

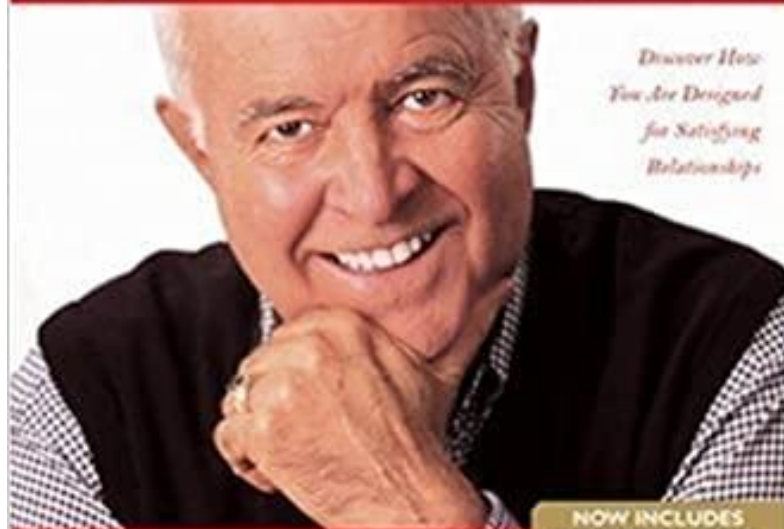
- ▶ *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being **like-minded**, having the **same love**, being **one in spirit** and of **one mind**; (2:1-2)*
- ▶ *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus (2:5)*

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but perfect love casts out fear.*

1 John 4:18 (ESV)



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# Dance of Fear

*(Pain, Grief, Anxiety)*



Dance of Fear: See Gary and Michael Smalley, *The DNA of Relationships*

# God does and will respond to our deepest fears

- ▶ “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” (2 Timothy 1:7)
- ▶ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. (Romans 8:15)
- ▶ Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, (Psalm 23:4)