

Transformation

A Unifying Vision of Christ-Likeness

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What Do You Want Most?

- To be Happy?
- To be Healthy?
- To be Holy?
- To change the World?
- To change Yourself?
- To serve and glorify God?

Transformational Christianity

- New perspective integrating biblical truth
 - Blessing God
 - As He blesses us
 - As we bless others
- Centered on **Becoming Like Christ**
 - Individuals, Communities, Systems

Transformation Is:

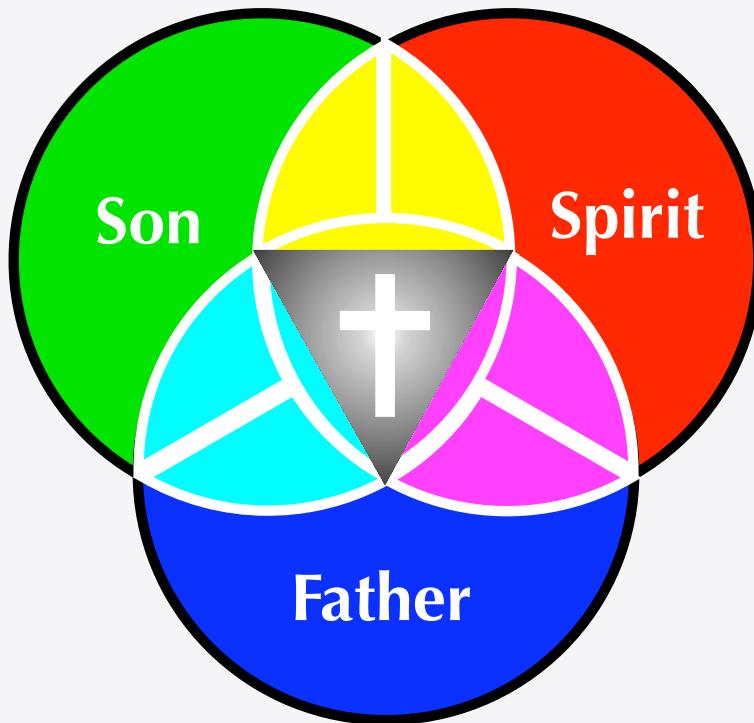
- The Whole Work
- of Whole People
- of the Whole God
- *Includes:*
 - How the **Father** works in and through people
 - How people incarnate the **Son** into their work
 - How work can bring people to God by the **Spirit**

Agenda

- Thinking Transformationally
- Whole God: *Reconciliation*
- Whole People: *Sanctification*
- Whole Work: *Incarnation*
- Taking the Next Step

Thinking
Transformationally

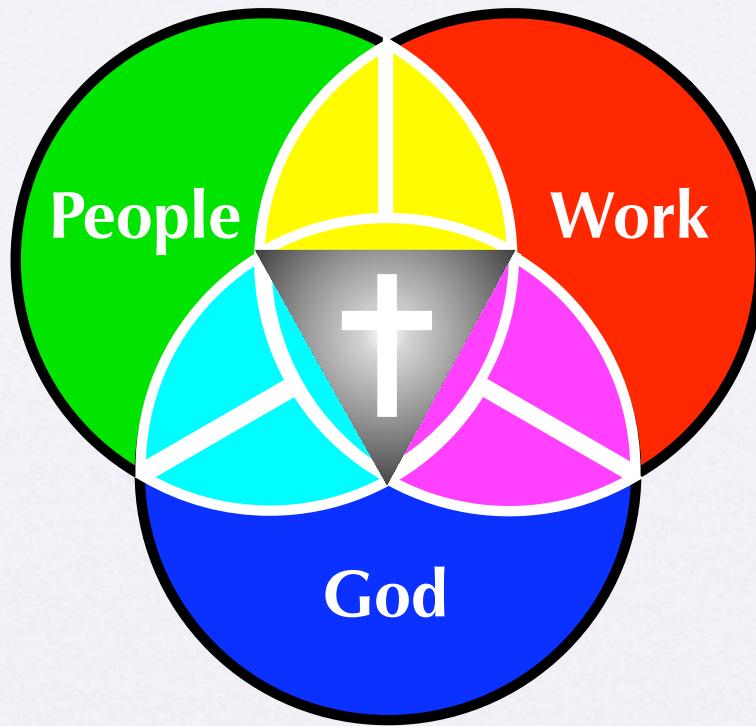
A Trinitarian Vision



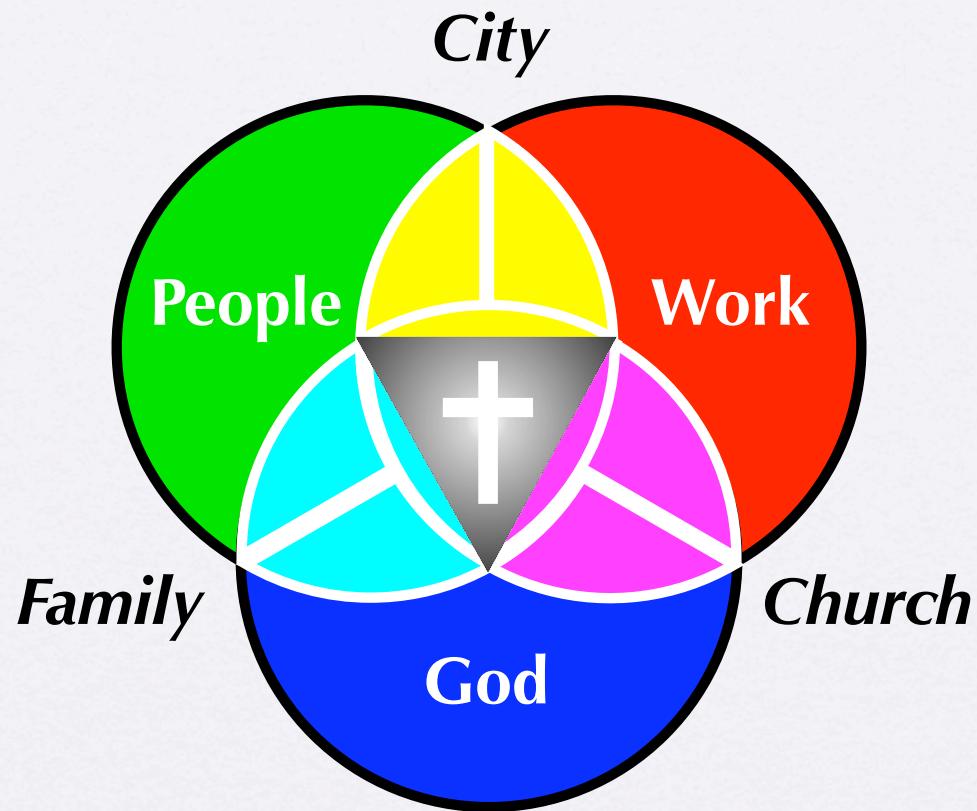
Trinitarian Thinking

- Provides a metaphor for understanding truth
- Reflects the triune nature of God
- Embodies the uniqueness of Christ
- Reconciles apparent contradictions
- Thrives on paradoxical tension

Transformed Understanding



Transforming Communities



Six Core Values

- *Visions of:*
 - God
 - People
 - Work
- *Visions for:*
 - Church
 - Family
 - City

Six Wellsprings

- Reforming Theology
- Reviving Peoples
- Revitalizing Work
- Nurturing Churches
- Empowering Families
- Redeeming Cities

Both What We Do...

- *Reform Theology*
- *Revive Peoples*
- *Revitalize Work*
- *Nurture Churches*
- *Empower Families*
- *Redeem Cities*

...& What We Seek

- *Theology* that Reforms
- *People* who Revive
- *Work* that Revitalizes
- *Churches* that Nurture
- *Families* who Empower
- *Cities* that Redeem

Six Streams

- Reforming Theology: *Spiritual Direction*
- Reviving Peoples: *Personal Renewal*
- Revitalizing Work: *Marketplace Ministry*
- Nurturing Churches: *Saturation Discipling*
- Empowering Families: *Community Development*
- Redeeming Cities: *Regional Pastoring*

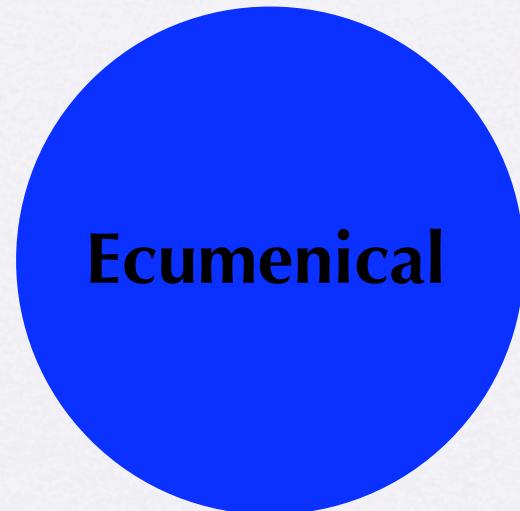
Holistic Holiness

- A comprehensive vision of wholeness:
 - The whole God over the whole Church
 - Whole People in whole Families
 - The whole Work of the whole City
- Enjoying Transformation together
- Being shaped in the likeness of Christ

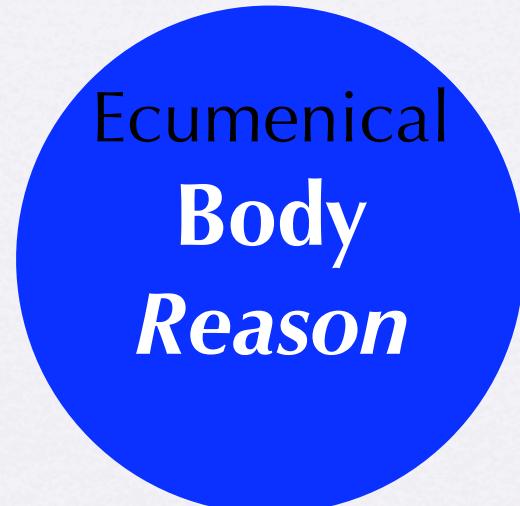
Whole God

Sectarianism to Reconciliation

Sectarianism



Three Paradigms



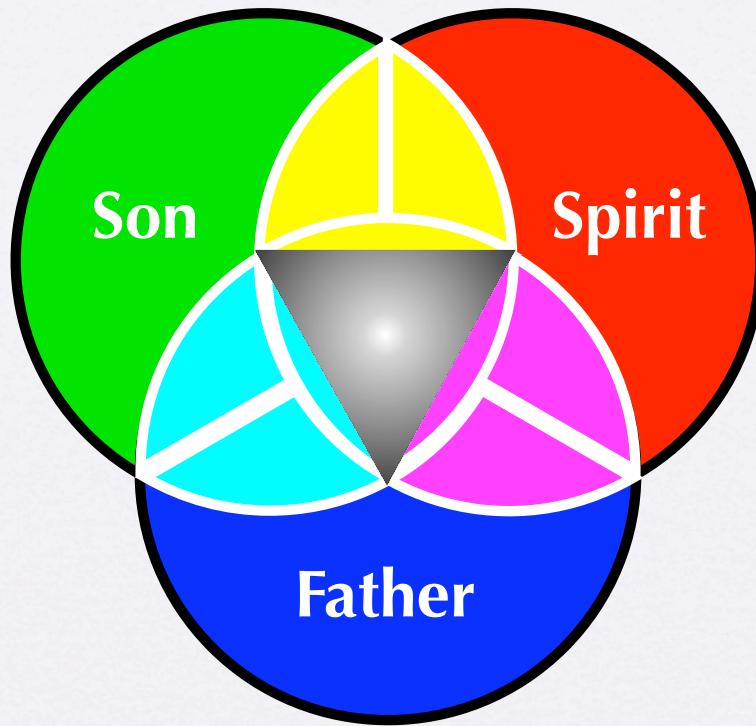
Differing Priorities

- Evangelical
 - Scripture > Reason > Experience
- Pentecostal
 - Experience > Scripture > Reason
- Ecumenical
 - Reason > Experience > Scripture

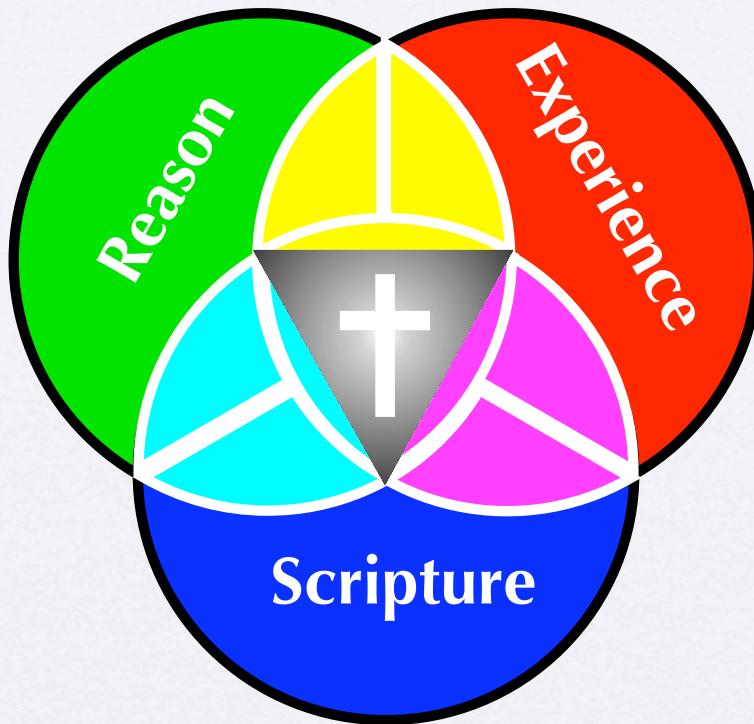
Three Persons



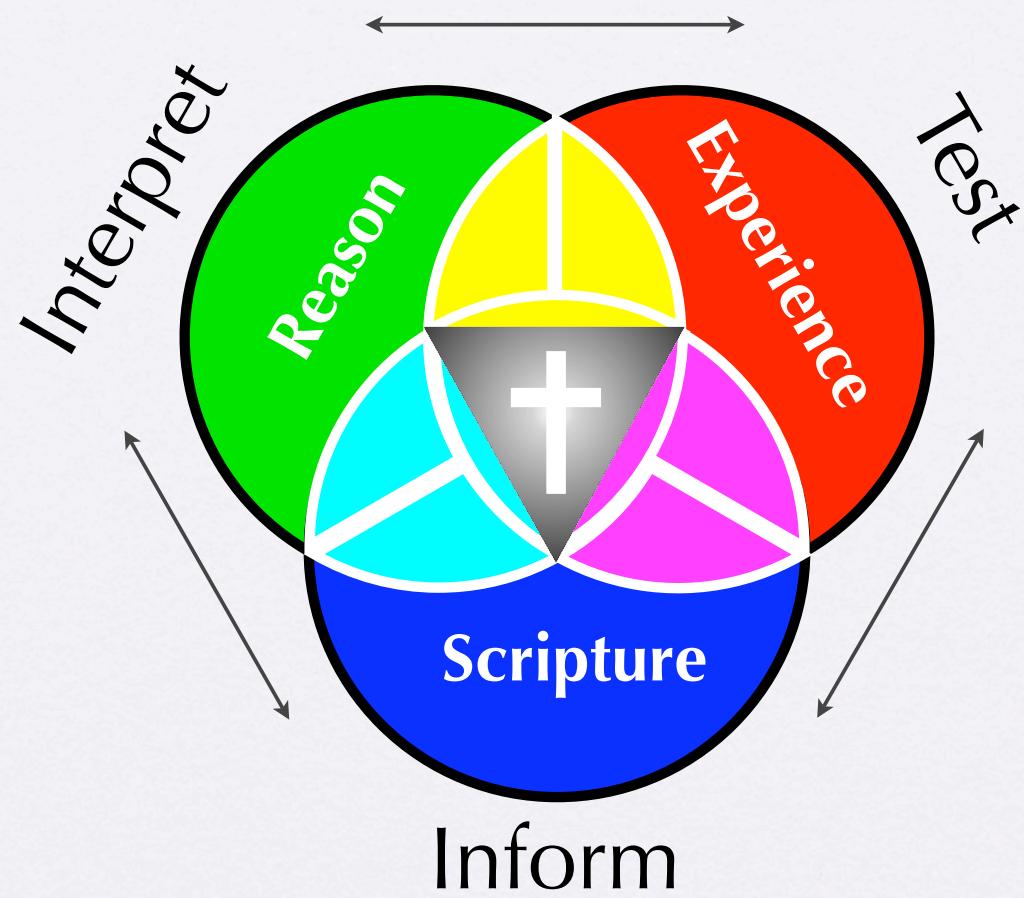
One God



One Faith



Reconciliation



Together for Transformation

- Scripture *Informs* reason and experience
- Reason *Interprets* scripture and experience
- Experience *Tests* reason and scripture
- Each aspect serves the others
 - Fulfilling their proper role
 - Neither idolized nor ignored

Whole People

Consumerism to Sanctification

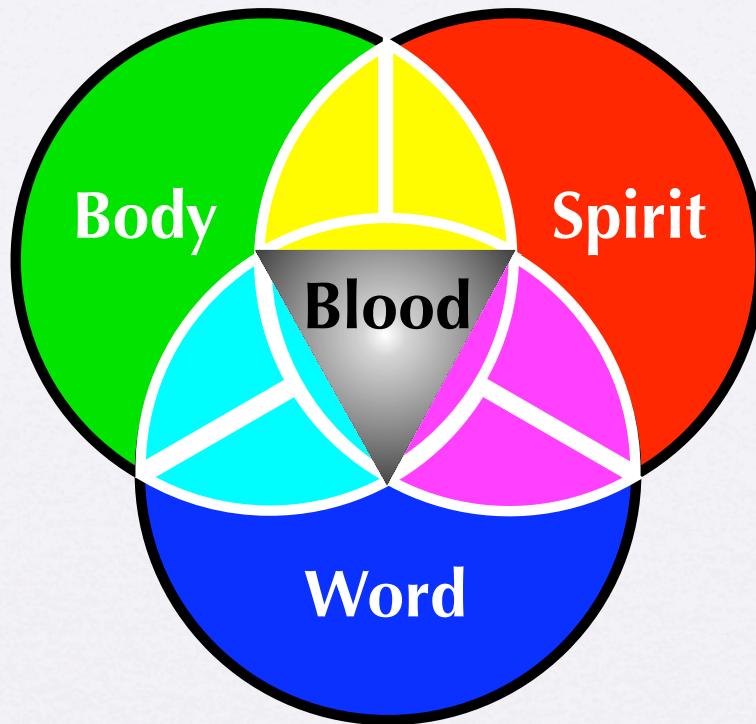
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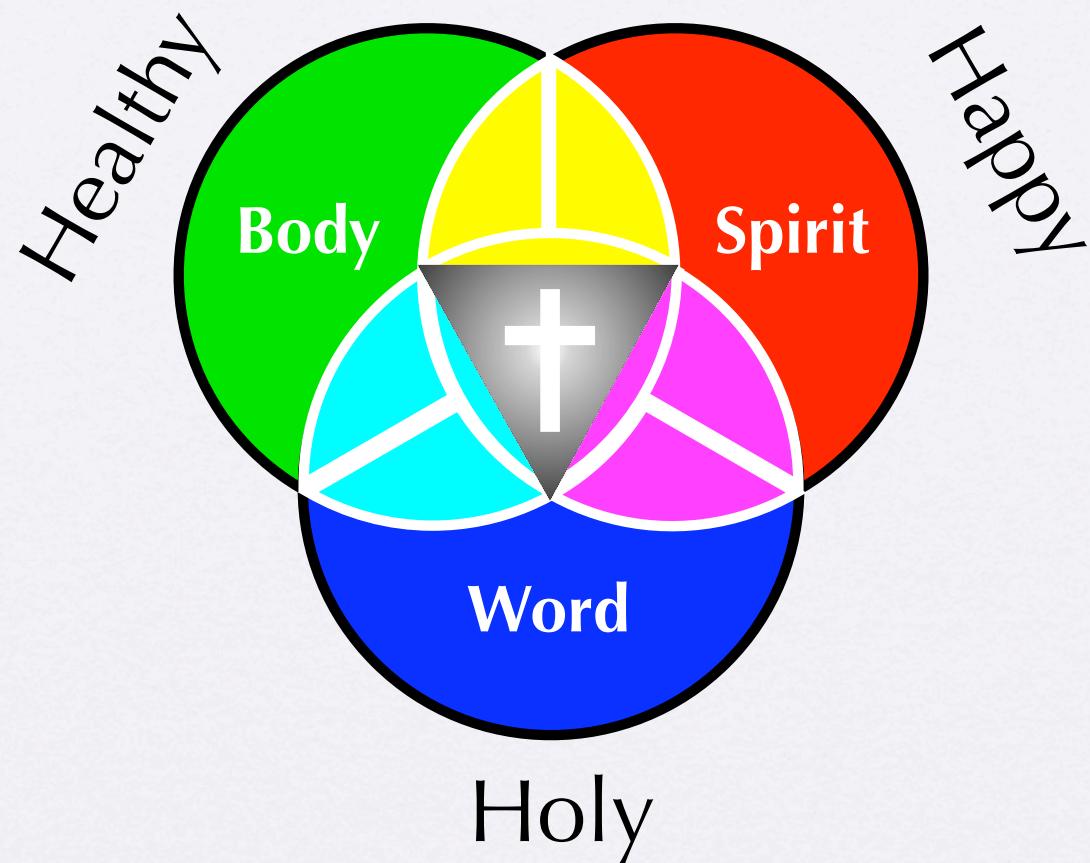
Different Faces



One Hope



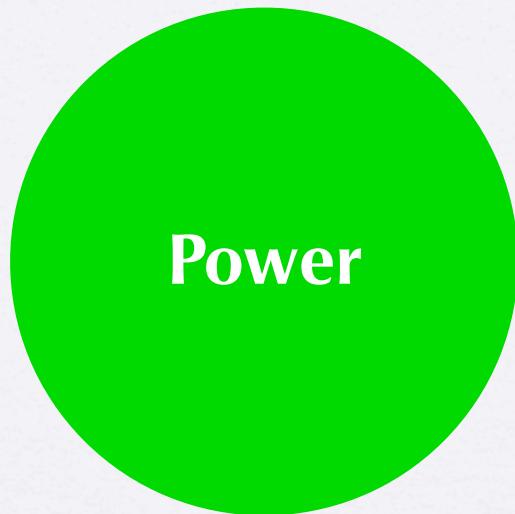
Sanctification



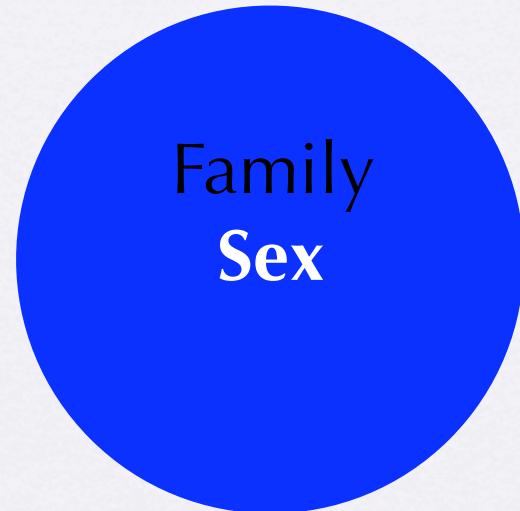
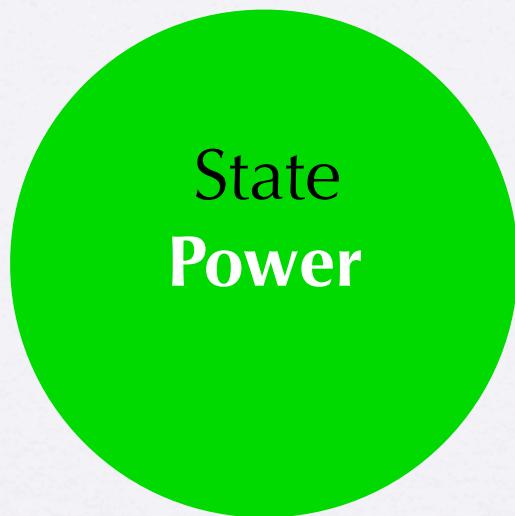
Whole Work

Separatism to Incarnation

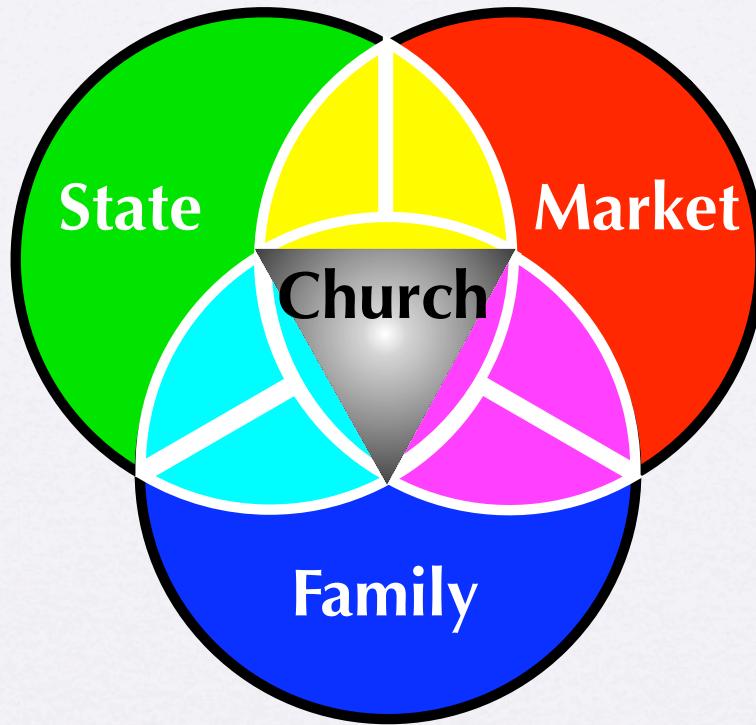
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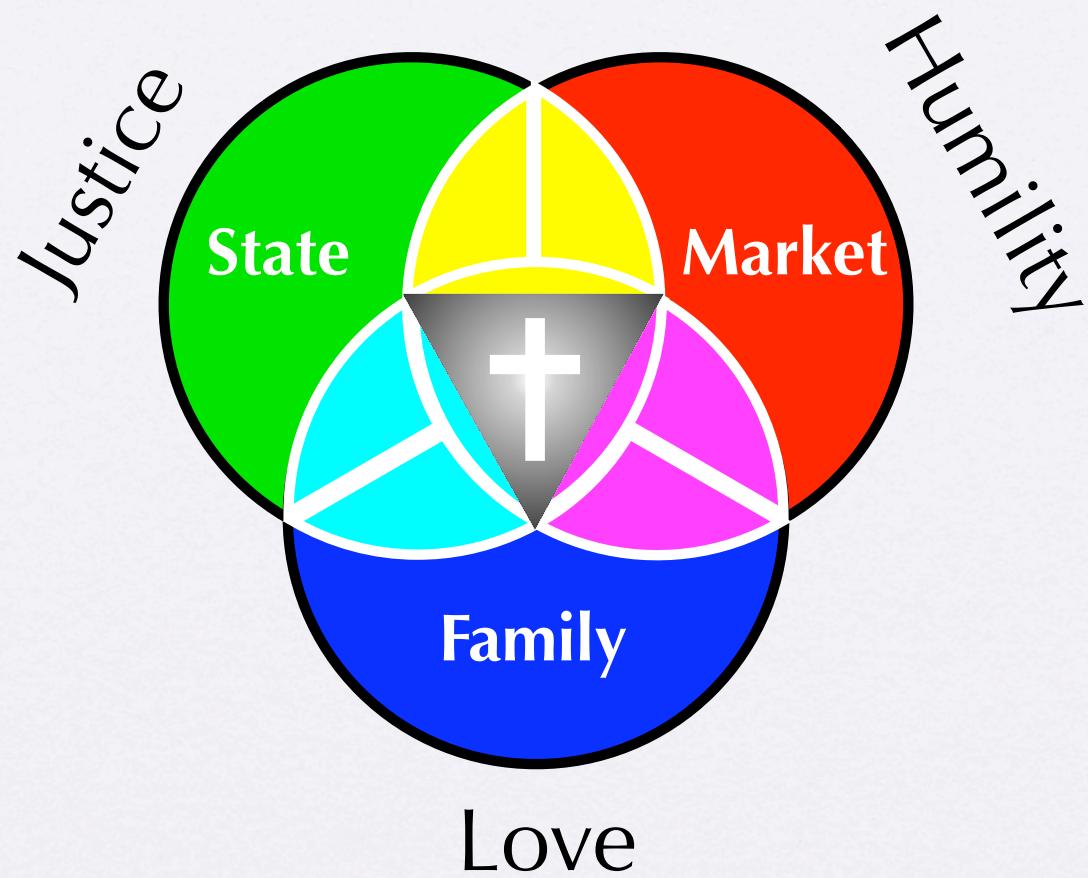
Different Institutions



One Mission



Incarnation



Taking the Next Step

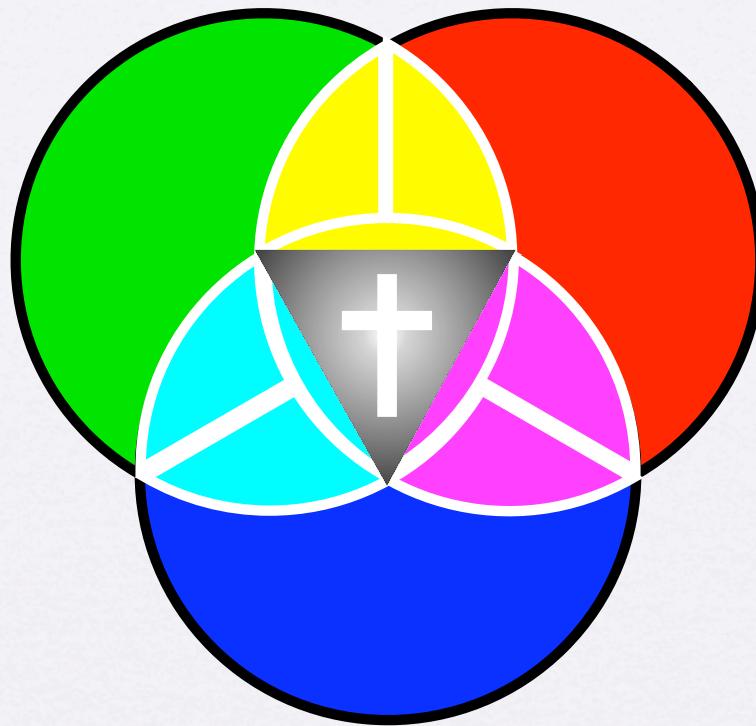
Transformation

- Changes everything
 - *Sectarianism* to *Reconciliation*
 - *Consumerism* to *Sanctification*
 - *Separatism* to *Incarnation*
- How does God want to transform you?
- What does God want you to transform?
- Where do you need to grow like Christ?

For More Information

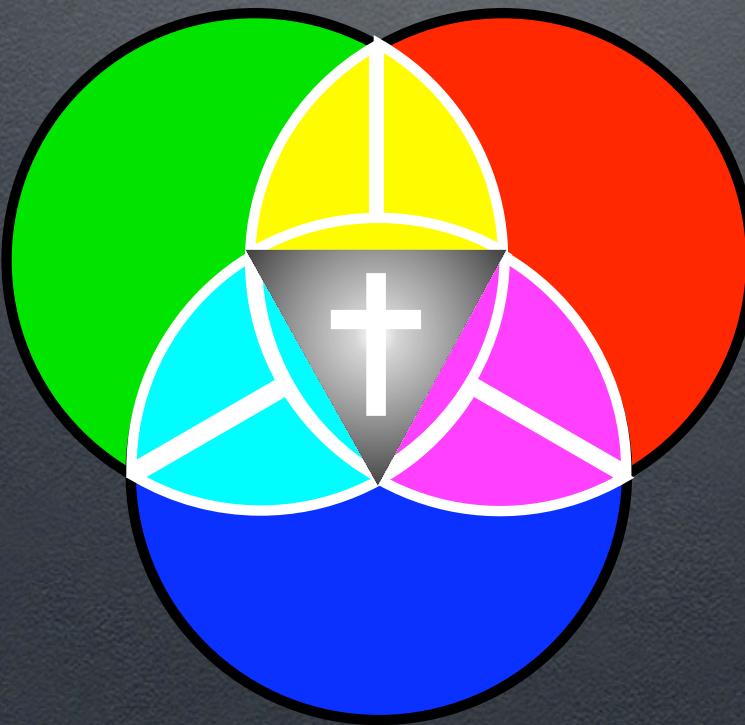
- *City Reaching*, Jack Dennison (book)
- *Anointed for Business*, Ed Silvoso (book)
- *Transformations*, George Otis, Jr. (video)
- *Transform World*, Luis Bush (conferences)
- **en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transformationalism**

Q & A



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The End



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