

# Godhead: Hard-Wired for Relationships



**2 Corinthians 13:14**

# Introduction



- **Congregational theme for 2016—  
“Building Relationships to the Glory  
of God”**
- **Different emphases and dimensions**
- **Have you got your Bible reading  
calendar for this year?**
- **Read daily for insights into biblical  
view of relationships! –God, self,  
others**

# “Hardwired to Connect”

- **Humans are hardwired to form relationships**
- **Presence or absence of nurturing environment**
- **Strong nurture transformed**
- **Continuing need...**
- **Central foundation for positive moral and spiritual development**

# “Hardwired to Connect”

- **“Nurturing relationships and a spiritual connection to the transcendent significantly improve physical and emotional health.”**



# 2 Corinthians 13:14

- **“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”**



# We are created in God's image

- **Genesis 1:26**—"Let us make man..."
- **Plurality of divinity**—comes to full disclosure during the incarnation of Jesus."
- **Romans 1:20**— the essence of spiritual relationship
- **Male and female created in God's image.**
- **Not good for man to be alone.**
- **implies many relational aspects...**

# Mutual Indwelling

- In John's gospel Jesus says I am my Father are one
- We dwell in you, and you in us.
- We are members one of another,  
**Romans 12:5**
- "Perichoresis"—rotation—unity of God
- Sacredness of human relationships!



# Never apart from relationship



- **How does Paul envision human relationships from the Corinthians correspondence?**
- **Sosthenes**
- **1:2—kernels of perspectives waiting to be exploded with meaning!**



# Purity of knowing-ness (reconciliation)

- Adam and Eve's original pristine relationship with God
- they hid from the Lord God
- “Where are you?” —
- what happens when relationships are “ruptured?”
- Rupture and repair



# Yearn for...

- **Psalm 42:1-2**
- **Substituted**
- **sets the tone**
- **essential for enjoying**
- **The Grant Study**
- **Wealth beyond measure**



# Conclusion

- **Because of the nature of God himself, we are hardwired for personal connections with others.**



# Conclusion



- **Given the fact that we are created in God's image, that we mutually indwell one another in Christ, that we have been called to Christian relationships, that God has reconciled us in Christ, and that we will never stop yearning for meaningful ties with others and God...**

# Conclusion

- **Let us build relationships to the glory of God this year!**

