

Trinitarian Perichoresis – Mutual Interpenetration between the Persons of Holy Trinity

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Abstract

From the trinitarian point of view, perichoresis represents the advantage of sustaining in the same time the love communion, the personal characteristics and the interpersonal relations in the Holy Trinity. The perichoretic conception, deeply biblical (John 10, 30; 14, 11; 16, 32; 17, 21; I John 5, 7) overtakes any idea of confusion of the persons through communion or breaking the divine essence by personal distinctions. If the theme of the interpersonal relations has an ontological sense (as a being) showing the divine persons as possessing in common the divine essence, the theme of perichoresis stresses the interiority of the persons; Father is in the Son and in the Spirit. The Son is in the Father and in the Spirit; the Spirit is in the Father and in the Son, paying attention in showing the whole presence of each person in the other two without any decrease of himself or of themselves.