

***Christian Theology***  
Distinctions among Christians  
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***The Holiness Movement***

- This movement began in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century in the United States.
- The meaning of the term "holiness" has to do with the individual. A major goal of a person in this movement is the pursuit of entire sanctification.
- The movement has its roots in the revivals of the 1800s, and therefore it is most closely related to Methodists, Puritans, and Pietists.
- Two very influential early figures were a pair of sisters, Sarah Lankford and Phoebe Palmer, who began the "Tuesday" Meetings for the Promotion of Holiness."
- Another prominent feature of this movement is the camp meeting.
- The need for personal holiness was seen as a second crisis of faith.
- Consequently, sanctification (the experience of this personal holiness) was seen as a second work of grace.
- The holy Christian life is made possible by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Spirit in one's life provides assurance of salvation.
- The need for personal holiness drove several groups to become "come outers."
- Some, but certainly not all, groups coming from this movement are Pentecostal.

- The following list is a partial list of church groups stemming from the Holiness Movement:
  - Salvation Army
  - Christian and Missionary Alliance
  - Church of the Nazarene
  - Free Methodist Church
  - Wesleyan Church
  - Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)
  - Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)
  - Church of God (Holiness)
  - Church of God in Christ
  - World Gospel Mission (based in Marion, Indiana)
- You may recognize the names of some of these individuals who come out of this movement:
  - Dwight L. Moody
  - J. Hudson Taylor (founder of China Inland Mission)
  - Bill and Gloria Gaither