

1 The Holiness Movement**2 Origins in Methodism**

- The revivals of the Second Great Awakening of the early 1800s led many American Christians, especially Methodists, to seek greater holiness.
- Influenced by teachings of John Wesley, they began to pursue complete victory over sin.

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- They taught that it is possible for a Christian to live entirely without intentional sin.
- This sinless state, and the means of reaching it, are called by several names.
 - Christian perfection
 - Entire sanctification
 - Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 - Second work of grace

4 Holiness Groups

- Many new denominations were formed when people with a special concern for holiness and Christian perfection split from the main body of Methodists and from other denominations.
- Among the largest holiness denominations today are the Church of the Nazarene and the Wesleyan Church.
- Holiness churches today do not necessarily emphasize the doctrine of Christian perfection.