

# 1 CORINTHIANS

The Gospel  
in Community

WHEN FAITH AND LIFE COLLIDE

## Study 14

### THE GOSPEL IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

I Corinthians 11:17-34

## **THE BACKGROUND**

**1 Corinthians 11:17 (ESV) But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse.**

# DIVISIONS

1 Corinthians 11:18-20 (ESV) For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you.

And I believe it in part, 19 for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.

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**1 Corinthians 5:7** <sup>7</sup> Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast-- as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed

# Salvation

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**New Birth of a nation**



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# 4 VIEWS ON THE BREAD



1. Transubstantiation
2. Consubstantiation
3. Memorial
4. Spiritual



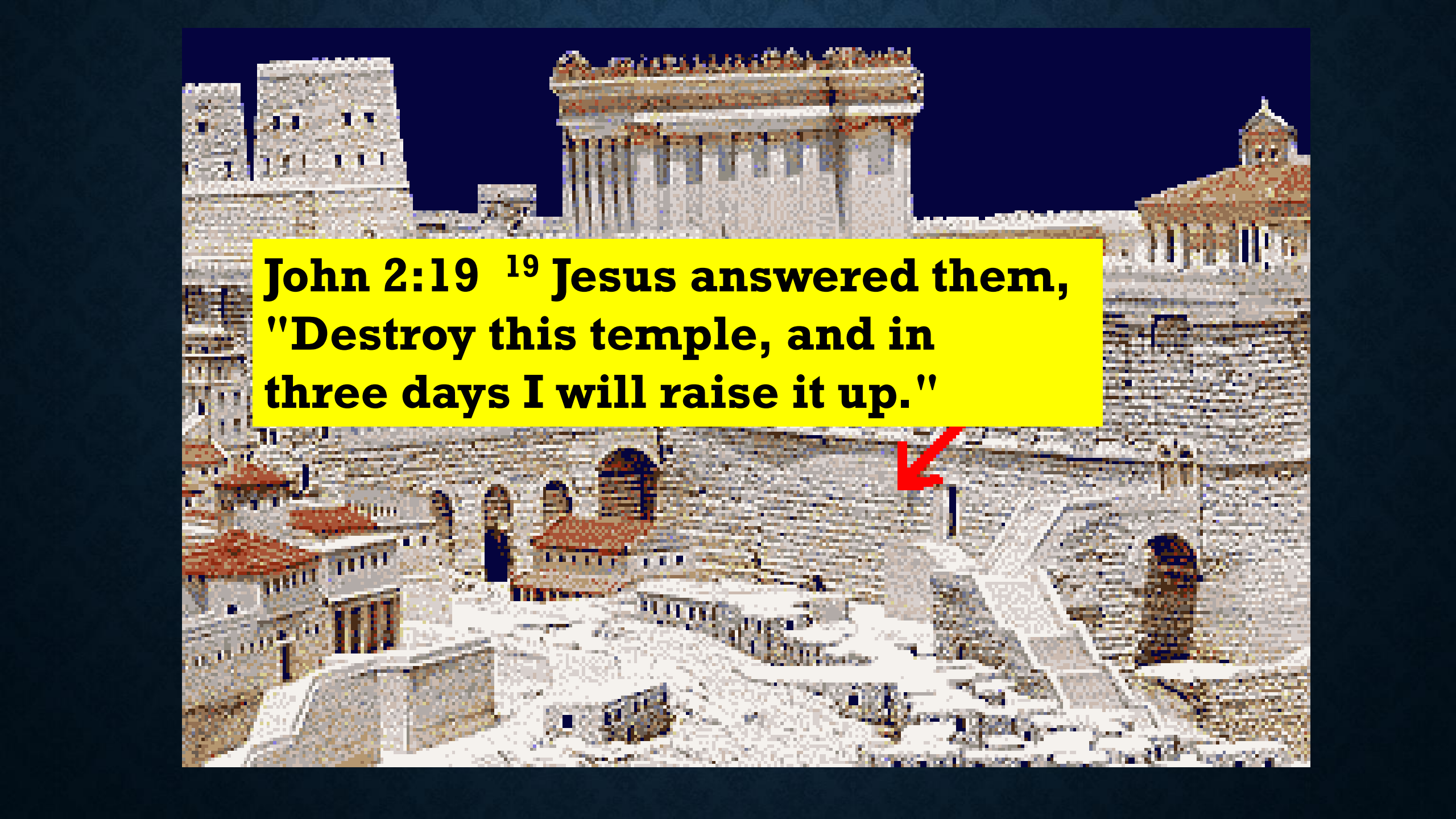
# TRANSUBSTANTIATION

- Invisible substance of the bread becomes the literal body of Jesus
- Attributes of bread but substance of Christ's human flesh
- Matt 26:26 "Take, eat; this is my body."
- He is sacrificed again

# PROBLEMS WITH TRANSUBSTANTIATION

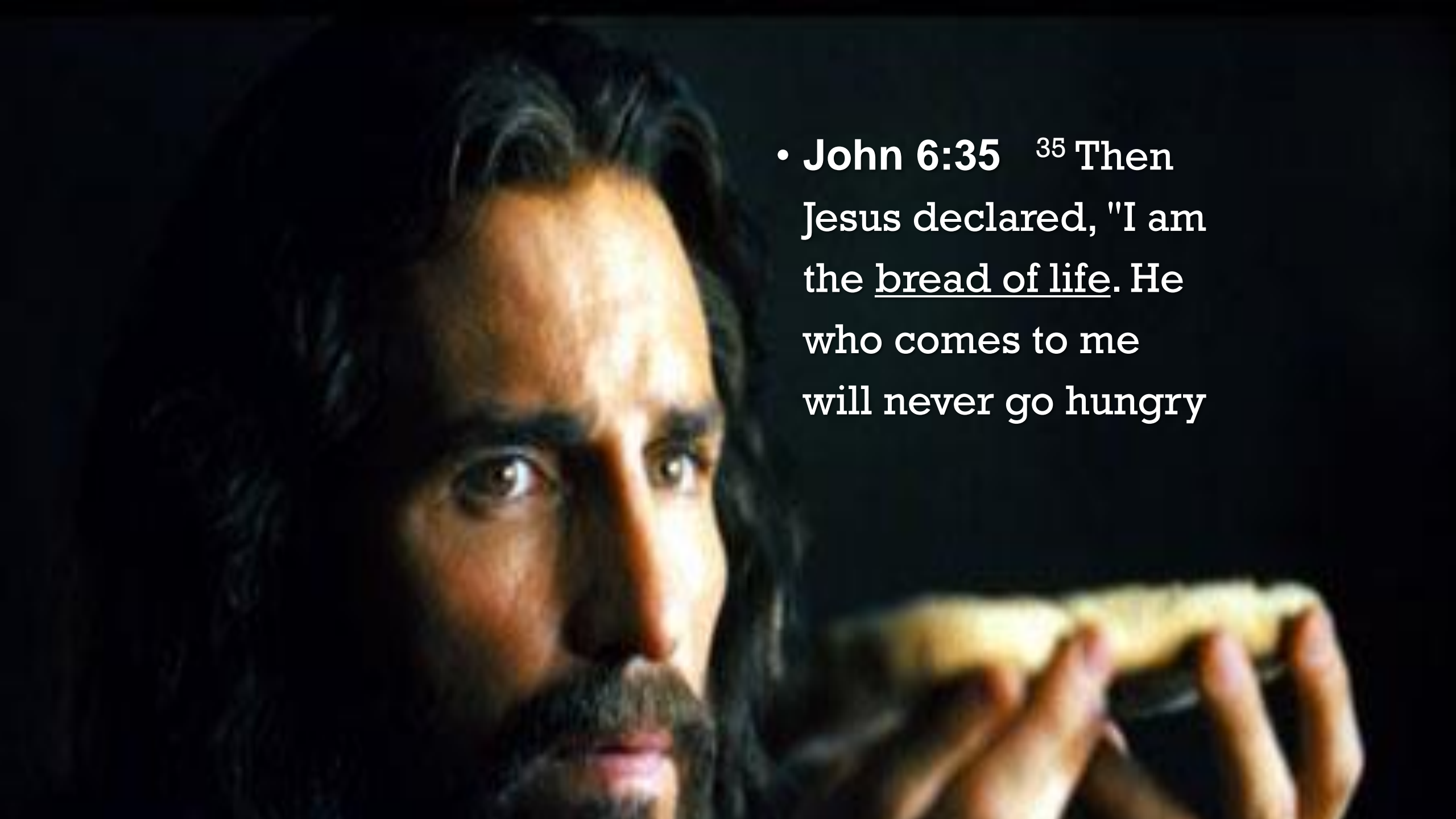


- Misunderstanding of metaphors -John 10: 9 “**I am the door**” and John 15:1 “I am the vine.” Psalms 34:8 (ESV) Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- Physically cannot be in two places at the same time



**John 2:19 <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them,  
"Destroy this temple, and in  
three days I will raise it up."**

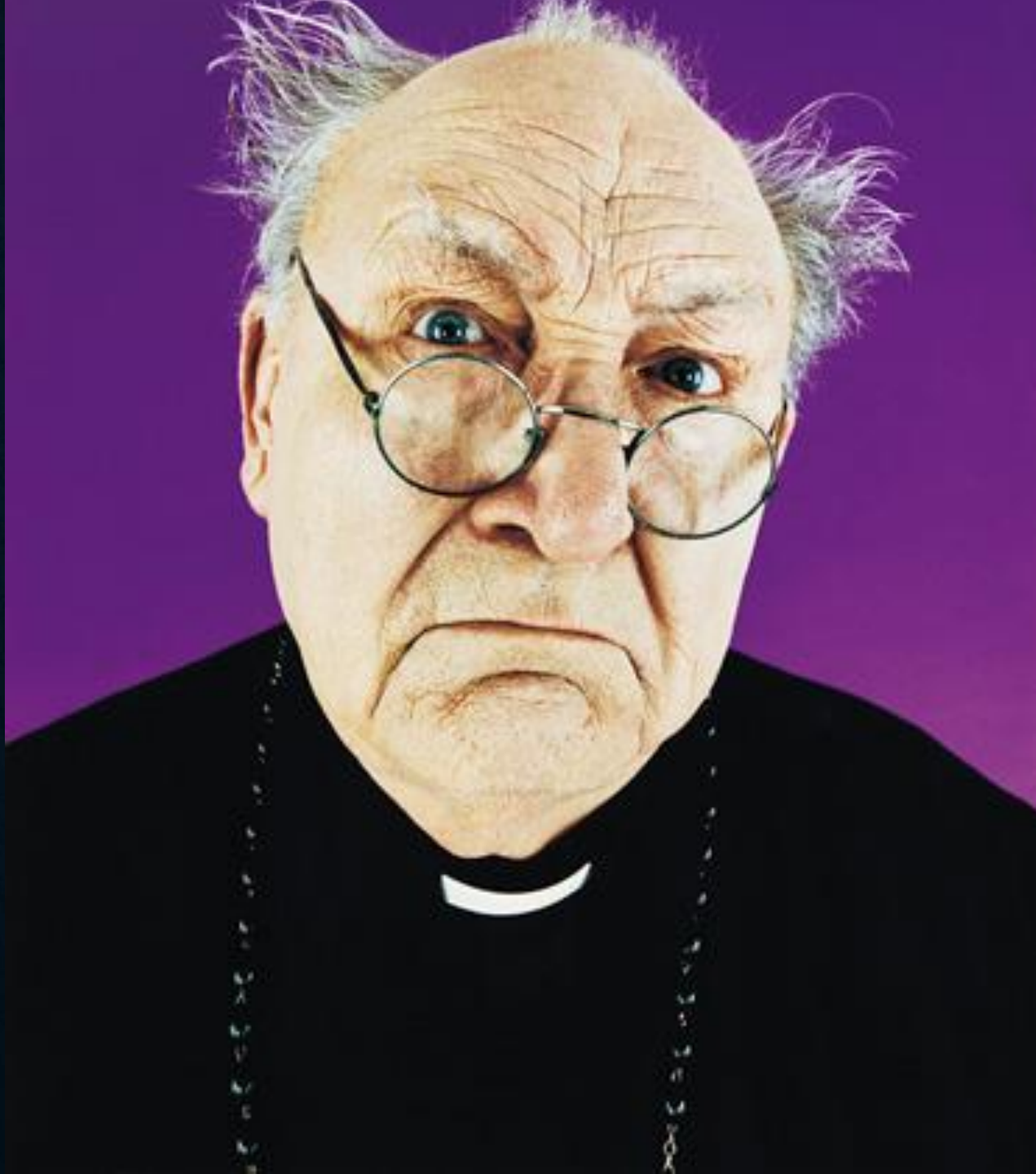


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- **John 6:35** <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry

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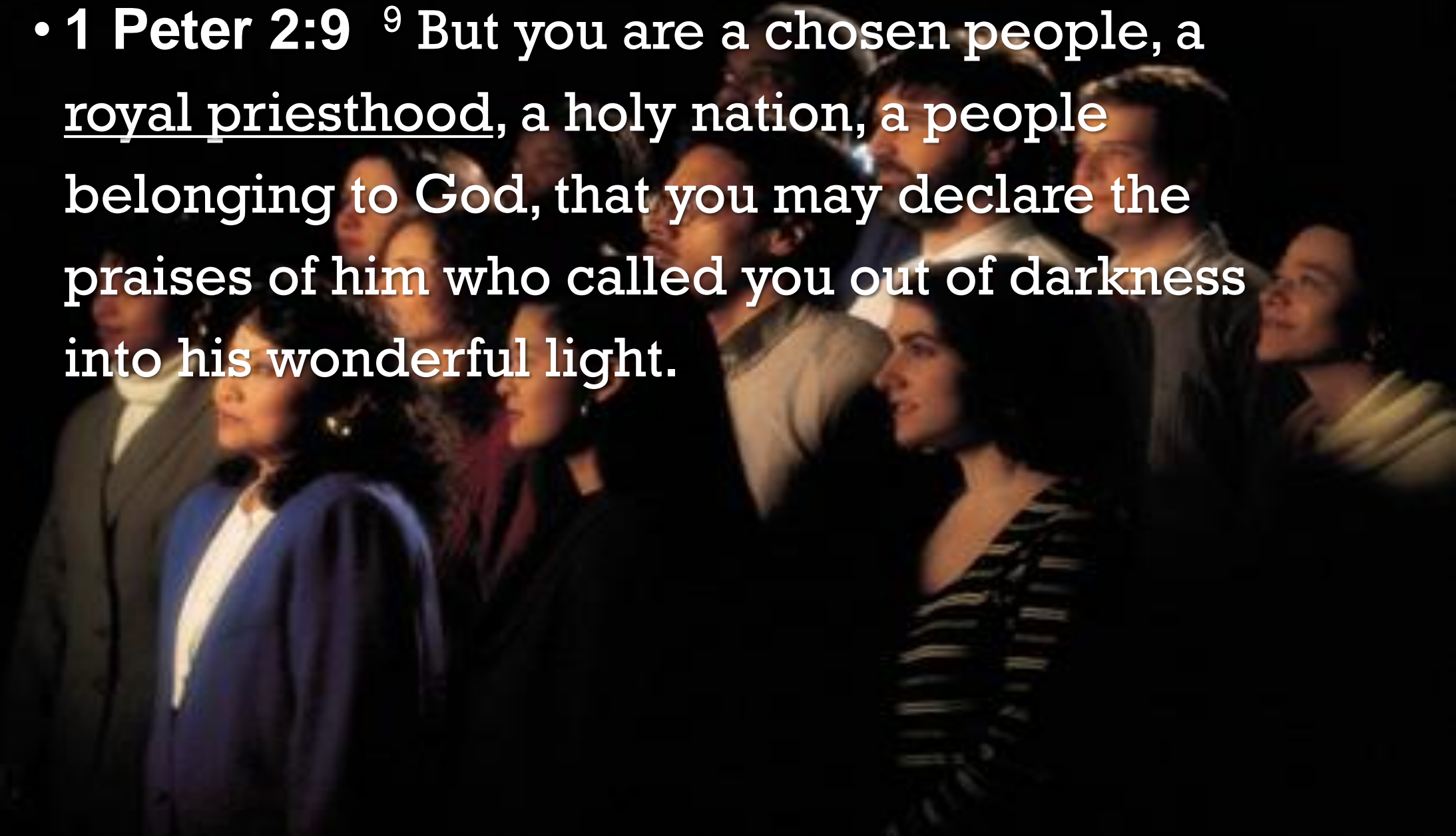


- Hebrews 9:25-28 (ESV) 5 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.



**DO WE NEED  
PRIESTS?**

- **1 Peter 2:9** <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.



# CONSUBSTANTIATION

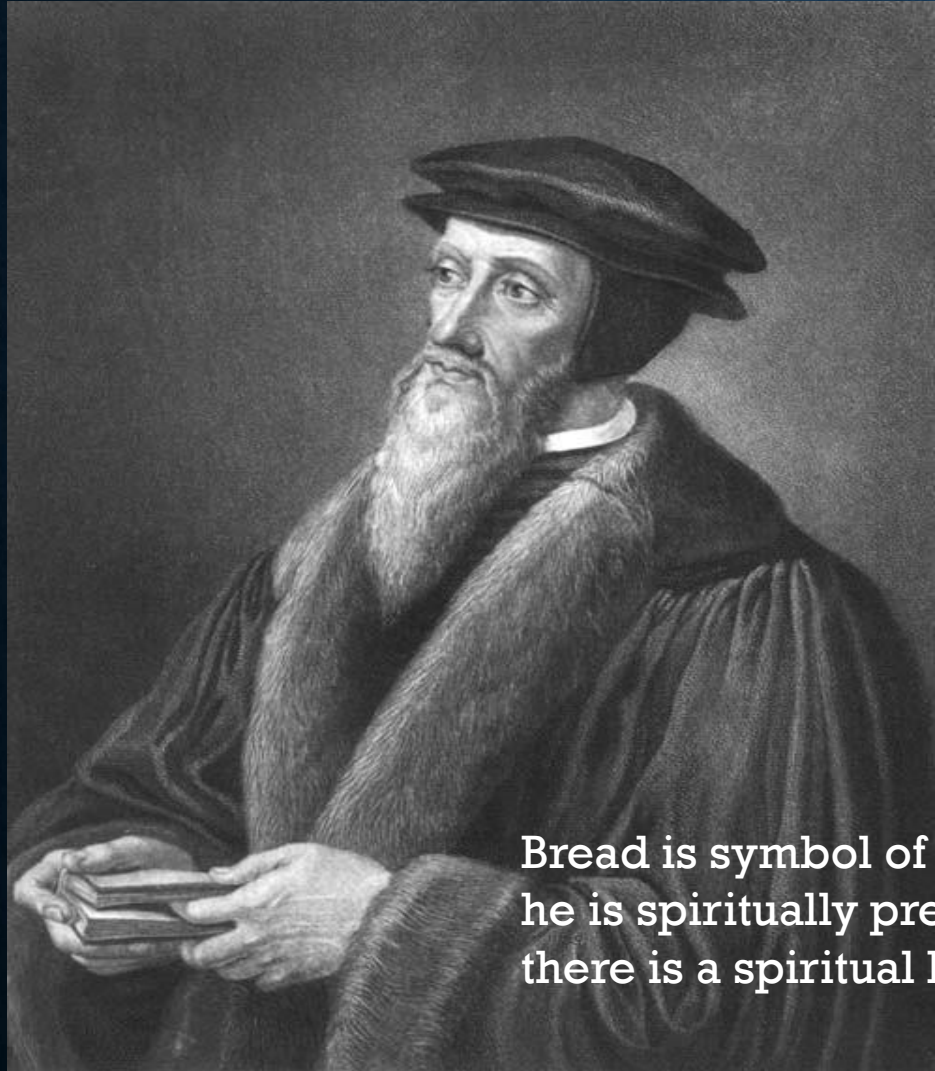


"This bread is still bread,  
but

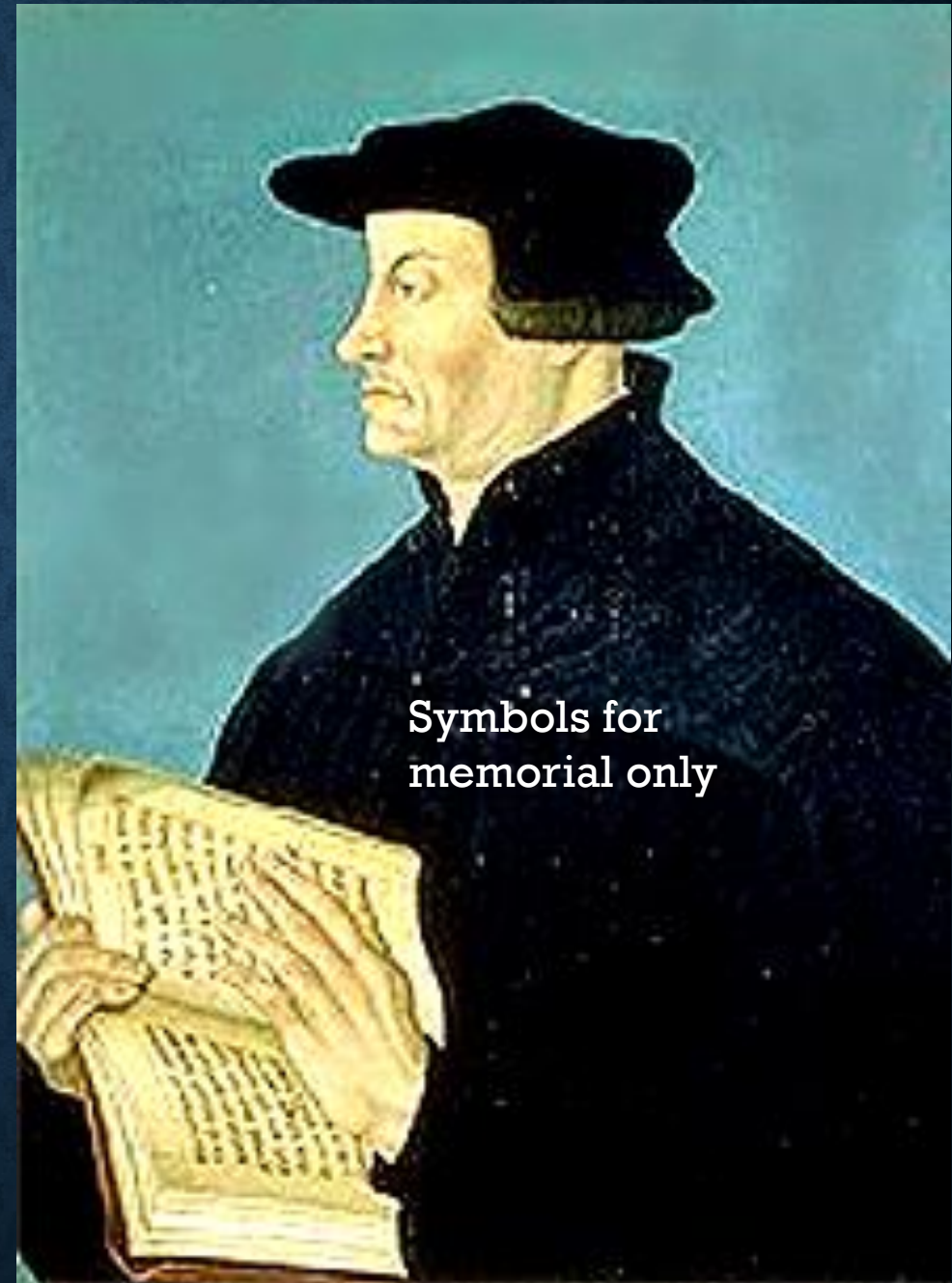
My body is now in and  
with and under it."

omnipresent body

# CALVIN AND ZWINGLI



Bread is symbol of Christ body but he is spiritually present and there is a spiritual blessing



Symbols for memorial only

# REMEMBRANCE

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 (ESV) For I received from the Lord Jesus what He has done for us by His sacrifice on the cross. 24 and when I eat the bread, I remember Him.

1. We appropriate what He has done for us by His sacrifice
2. We affirm our faith in Him
3. Thanksgiving

“This is my body, which is for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

# COMMUNION-FELLOWSHIP

1 Cor 10 :16 And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

<sup>17</sup> Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

Koinonia can have spiritual as well as physical participation and in this context is spiritual



## HIS BLOOD



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## SYMBOLIC VALUE OF BLOOD

**Leviticus 17:11** <sup>11</sup> For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

# BETHROTHAL CEREMONY





## Exodus 24:3-8

<sup>6</sup> Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar.

<sup>8</sup> Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said,

"This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

# NEW COVENANT



Jer 31: 33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

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## **SERIOUS MATTER**

**1 Corinthians 11:30-32 (ESV) That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. 31 But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.**

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1 Corinthians 11:33-34 (ESV) So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— 34 if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

# EXAMINE YOURSELF

- **Worthily**
- **Discerning the body**

Remembrance meal not ordinary...why we celebrate—our sin His sacrifice and atonement for us and our faith in it

Recognition...our brothers ..the body

# FENCING THE LORDS TABLE

Open

- All believers

Close

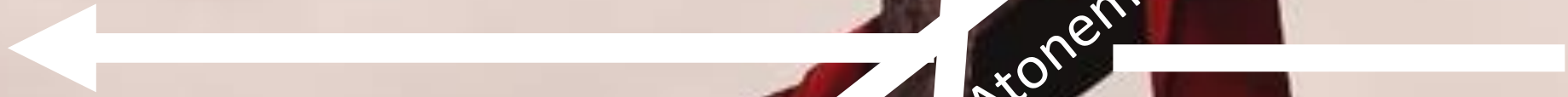
- All believers properly baptised, and in fellowship with a church of like faith and order

Closed

- Only members of local church..due to discipline matters

# THREE DIMENSIONS OF GOSPEL WISDOM IN THE LORDS SUPPER

Resurrection/forward-back.



Incarnation/upside-down



Atonement/inside-out

