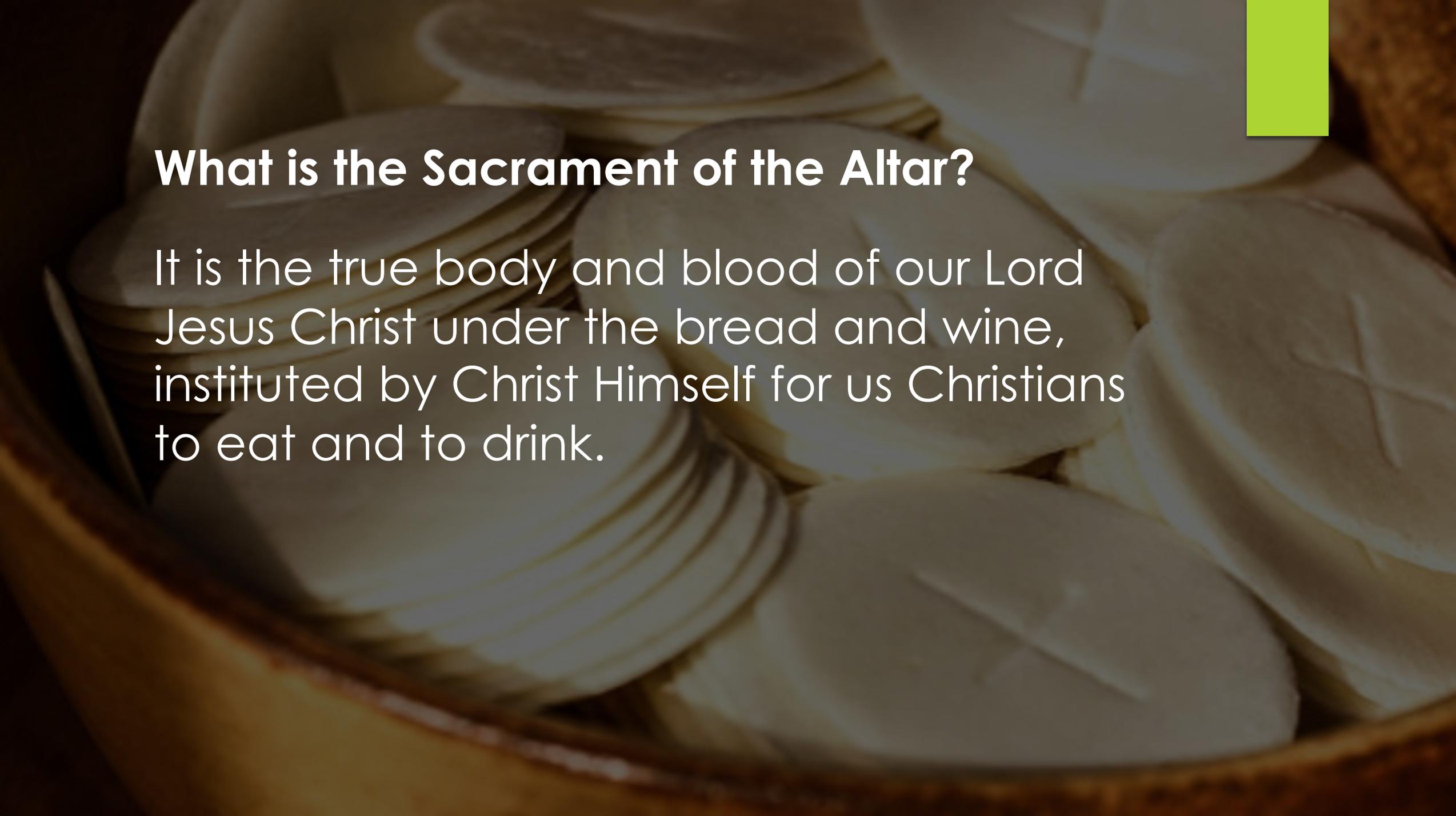
A close-up portrait of a man with long, dark, wavy hair and a full beard. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. He is holding a rolled-up scroll or parchment with both hands, positioned horizontally across his chest. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting his face and the texture of his hair and beard against a dark background.

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR



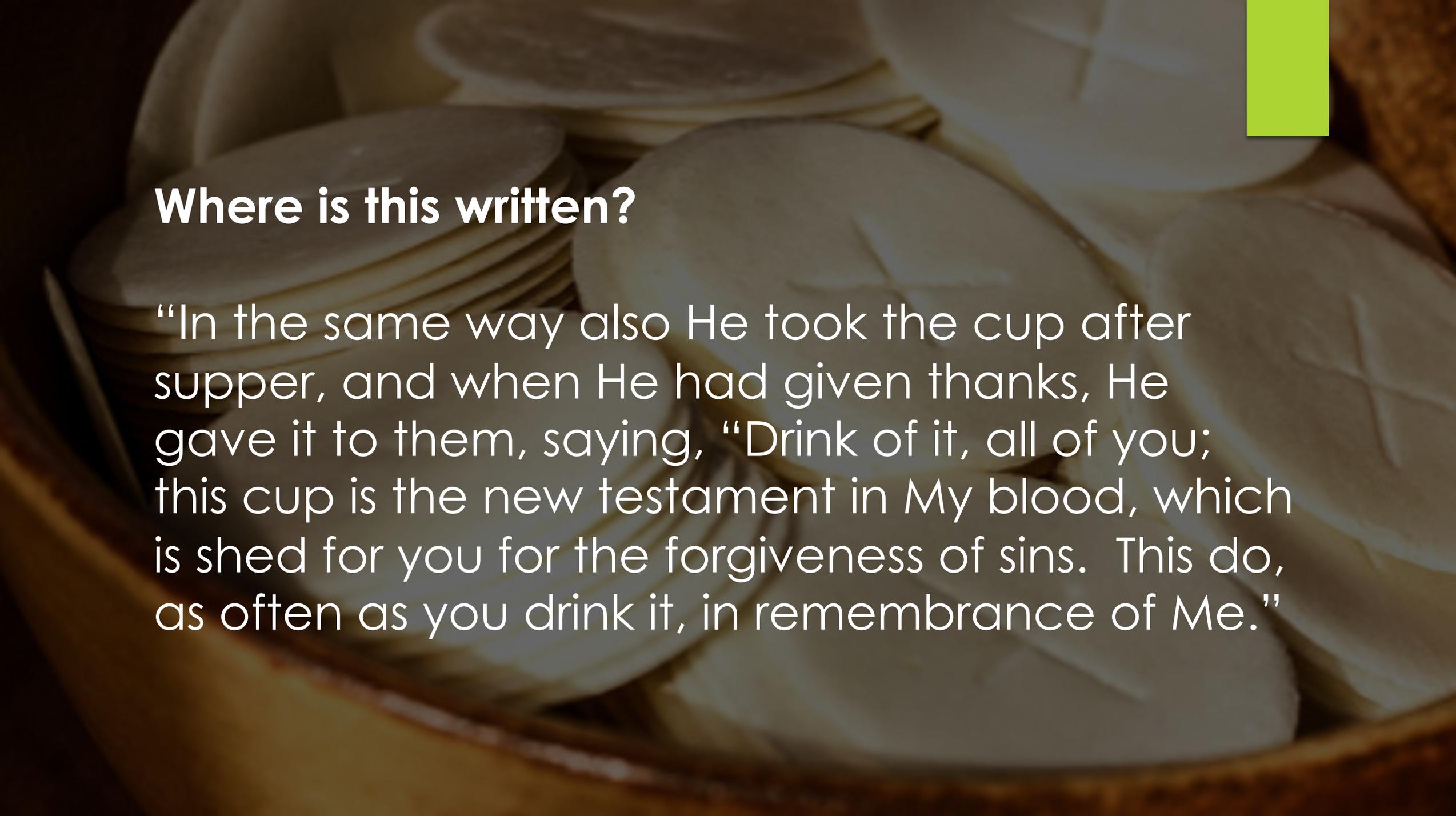
## **What is the Sacrament of the Altar?**

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

## Where is this written?

The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write:

“Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”



## Where is this written?

“In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

# Body and Blood? Really?

- ▶ Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth.
- ▶ Jesus' Covenant of Love; His Last Will and Testament
- ▶ Recalls God's covenant with Israel (Exodus 24:1-11); blood on the people

# Body and Blood? Really?

- ▶ **Koinonia** – a **participation** in the body and blood of Jesus; a ‘holy’ ‘communion’
  - *“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?”* (1 Corinthians 10:16)
  - Misuse against the body/blood of Jesus brings judgment upon them (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29)
  - Koinonia – Participation – Connection - Fellowship

A still life photograph featuring a silver chalice with intricate engravings on its bowl and a large, irregular piece of white bread. Both items are placed on a purple cloth atop a brown, woven mat. The background is a blurred, light-colored surface. A bright yellow-green rectangular shape is visible in the upper right corner.

**In, With and Under**







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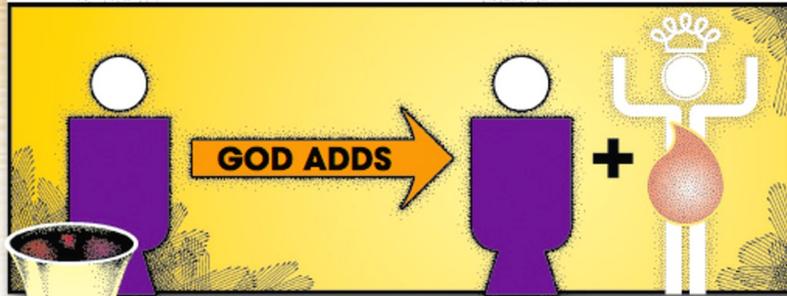
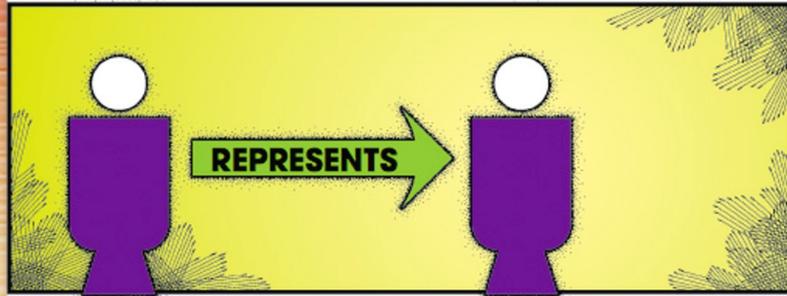
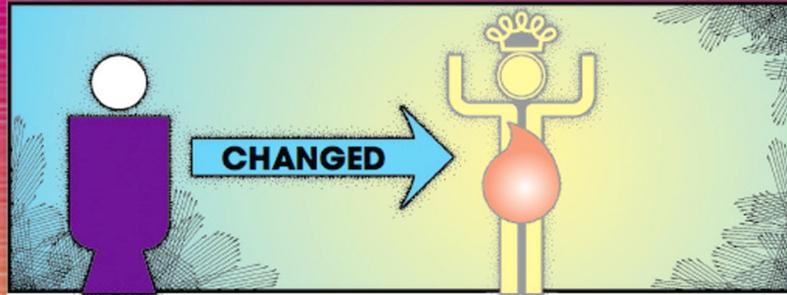
- In our Lutheran Church, we believe there are three elements that constitute a Sacrament. (TIF)
  - **T**angible Element
  - **I**nstituted by Jesus
  - **F**orgiveness of Sins

# Sacraments

- ▶ This is why, in our Lutheran Church, we recognize two Sacraments (*Baptism and Communion*).
- ▶ The Baptists don't have any sacraments while the Roman Catholics have seven. Why? Because they have a different belief about sacraments.

# Three Views

- ▶ Roman Catholic
  - (Transubstantiation)
- ▶ Reformed i.e., Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.)
  - (Symbolic)
- ▶ Lutheran (Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod)
  - (Real Presence; “In, With and Under”)



# FACE of Jesus in Holy Communion

- **Forgiveness**
- **Acceptance**
- **Community**
- **Endurance**



# Until Jesus Returns

- ▶ **Endurance**

- *“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes” (1 Cor 11:26)*

