

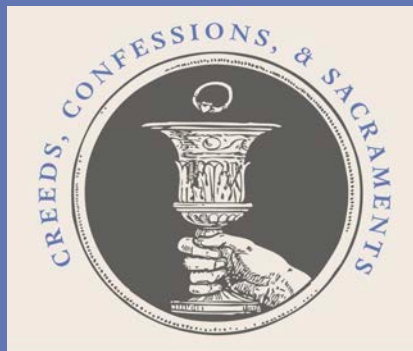


*Historical Christianity,  
Contemporary Faith*



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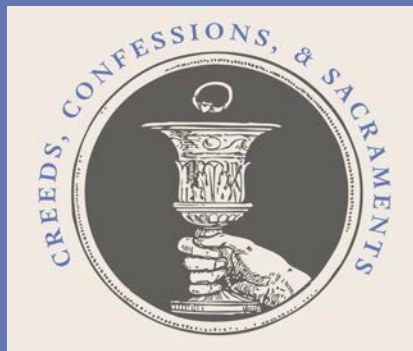
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# Creeds, Confessions, and Sacraments

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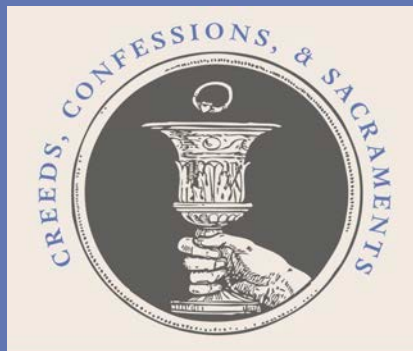
To gain a deeper understanding  
and appreciation for the origins,  
views, and significance of these  
distinctly "Christian" practices ...



# Creeds, Confessions, and Sacraments

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... in order to grow in personal  
worship and be equipped for  
opportunities of gospel sharing.



# Creeds, Confessions, and Sacraments

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Week 1: Creeds & Confessions

Week 2: Sacraments - Lord's Supper

Week 3: Sacraments - Baptism



# The Celebration of Communion

April 18, 2021 (Week 2 of 3) \* 10:45AM Community Room / Livestream

# Sacrament

**What is a sacrament?**

Latin '*sacramentum*'  
meaning 'oath' (mystery)

# *Sacramentum*

*“A Mystery of God’s salvation  
... symbols and rites associated  
with this salvation in the life of  
the church”* – Tertullian



# Sacrament

*“Visible sign of invisible grace”*

– Augustine

Imprecise, no agreement

Except ... Eucharist / Baptism

# Sacrament

*“Sanctifying & Signifying ...a form of invisible grace and exists as its cause”*

– Peter Lombard

The Sacraments (AD 1150)

**Sacrament**

**Reformation**

# Sacrament

*"An outward sign by which the Lord seals on our consciences the promise of his good will in order to sustain our faith ..."*

- John Calvin

# Sacrament

**Reformation**

**Clear biblical authorization**

**Historical recognition**

**Two Sacraments**

# Sacrament

Orthodox – Confession (17<sup>th</sup> c.)

**"Seven Mysteries"**

Anabaptist - Ordinances

# Communion: Origin

**Matthew 26:26-28**

**Acts 2:42, 20:7**

**1 Cor. 11:23-26**

**Jesus Instituted / NT Instructs**



# Communion: Origin

Early Church  
A Meal



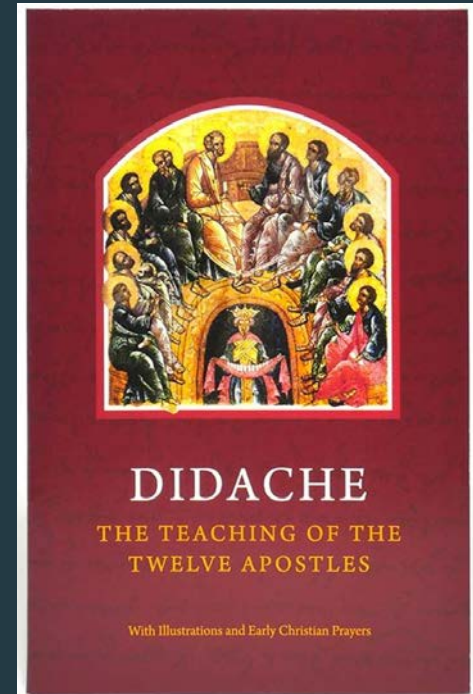
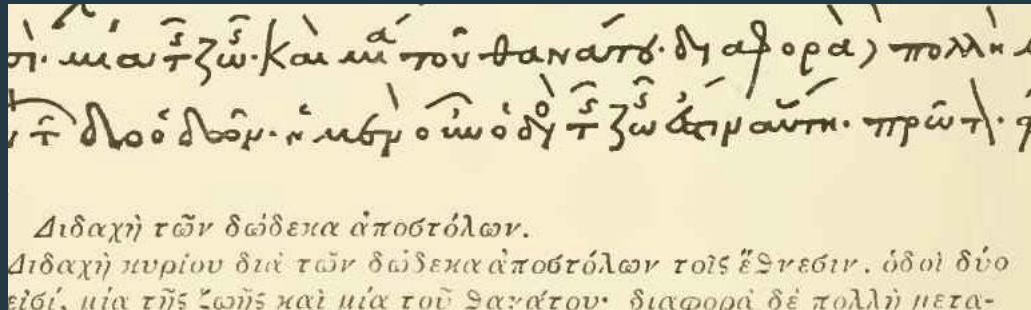
*Eucharisteo* (Give Thanks)

“Do This” into “Debate This”



# Communion: Origin

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# Communion: Views



**Real Presence (R.C. / E.O.)**

**Transubstantiation**

**Corporeal Presence (Lutheran)**

**Consubstantiation**

# Communion: Views



**Spiritual Presence (Reformed)  
Sign & Seal**

**Memorial (Baptist)  
Remembrance**

# Real Presence

“This is my body”

Archbishop of Tours – 11<sup>th</sup> c.

Council of Trent – AD 1581

Apostolic Fathers' Writings



# Corporeal Presence



**“in, with, and under”**

**Luther vs. Reformers**

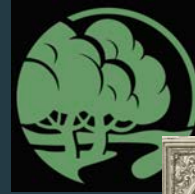
**Marburg Colloquy (AD 1529)**

# Against Real Presence

**“This is my dog”**

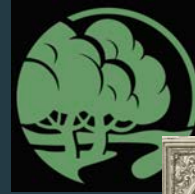


# Spiritual Presence



**Sign of Atoning Work**  
**Seal of Calvary benefits**  
**Signifies Growth / Pledge**  
**Nourishment / Bond**

# Spiritual Presence



**Christ, Not Simply Spirit**  
**Grace: Portray, Not Convey**  
**Open Invitation**  
**WCF – Chapter 29**



# Memorial



Huldrych Zwingli

"In remembrance of me"

Symbols

Fenced Table



Significance  
Today

# Approaching Communion

**“For as often as you eat ...”**

**“In an unworthy way”**

**Repentance – Praise –**

**Thanksgiving – Worship**

# Approaching Communion

Past | Present | Future  
Cross | Love Feast | Return  
Common-Union, the Body of  
Christ, His Bride, the Church



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