



# **1 Corinthians 11.23-26**

**Why do we ... share  
communion?**

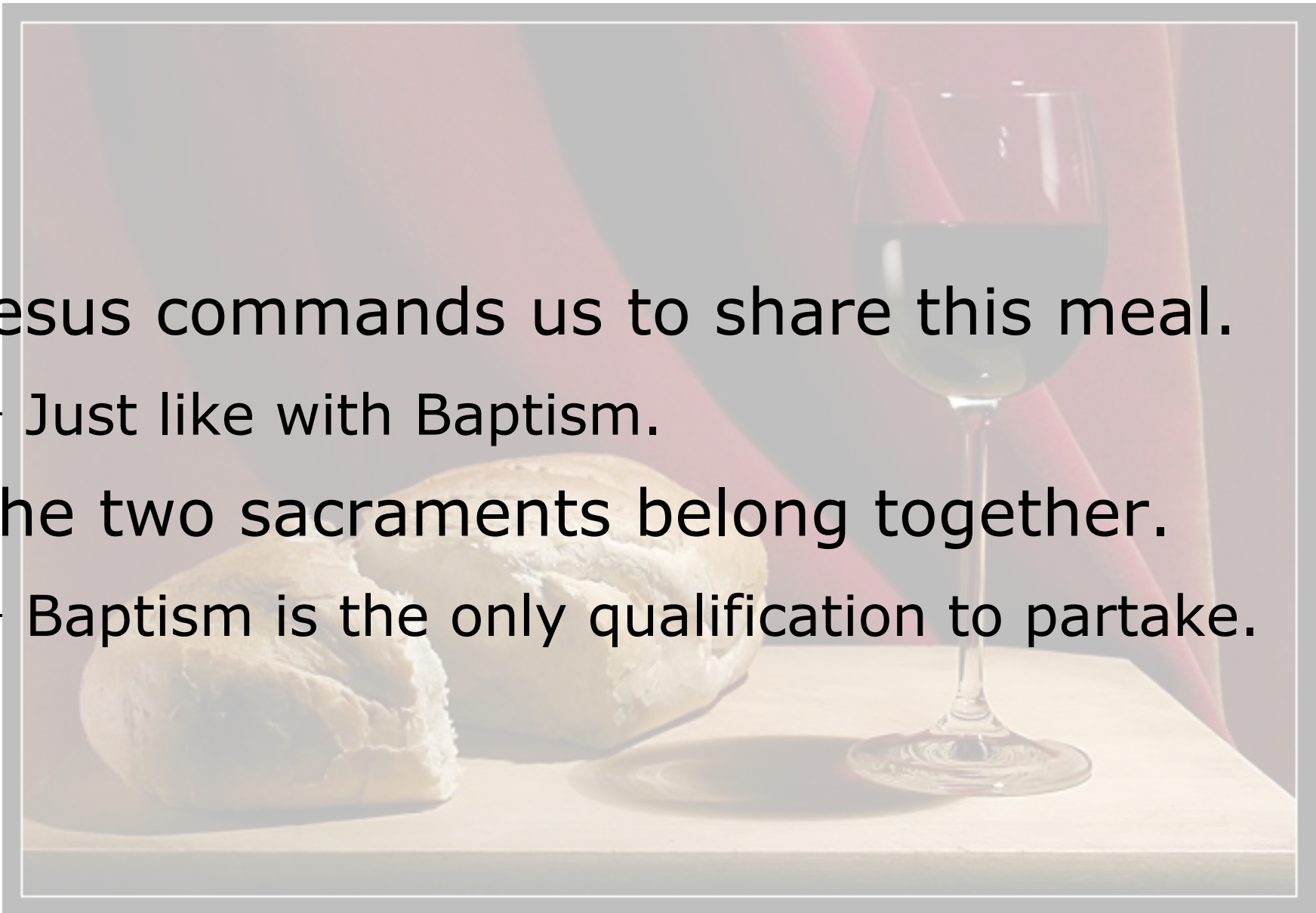
# Bread and Wine



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- Jesus commands us to share this meal.
  - Just like with Baptism.
- The two sacraments belong together.
  - Baptism is the only qualification to partake.



# But what's going on?

- **1 Corinthians 10.16-17:**
  - A participation in the blood.
  - A participation in the body.
  - We are one body, although we are many.

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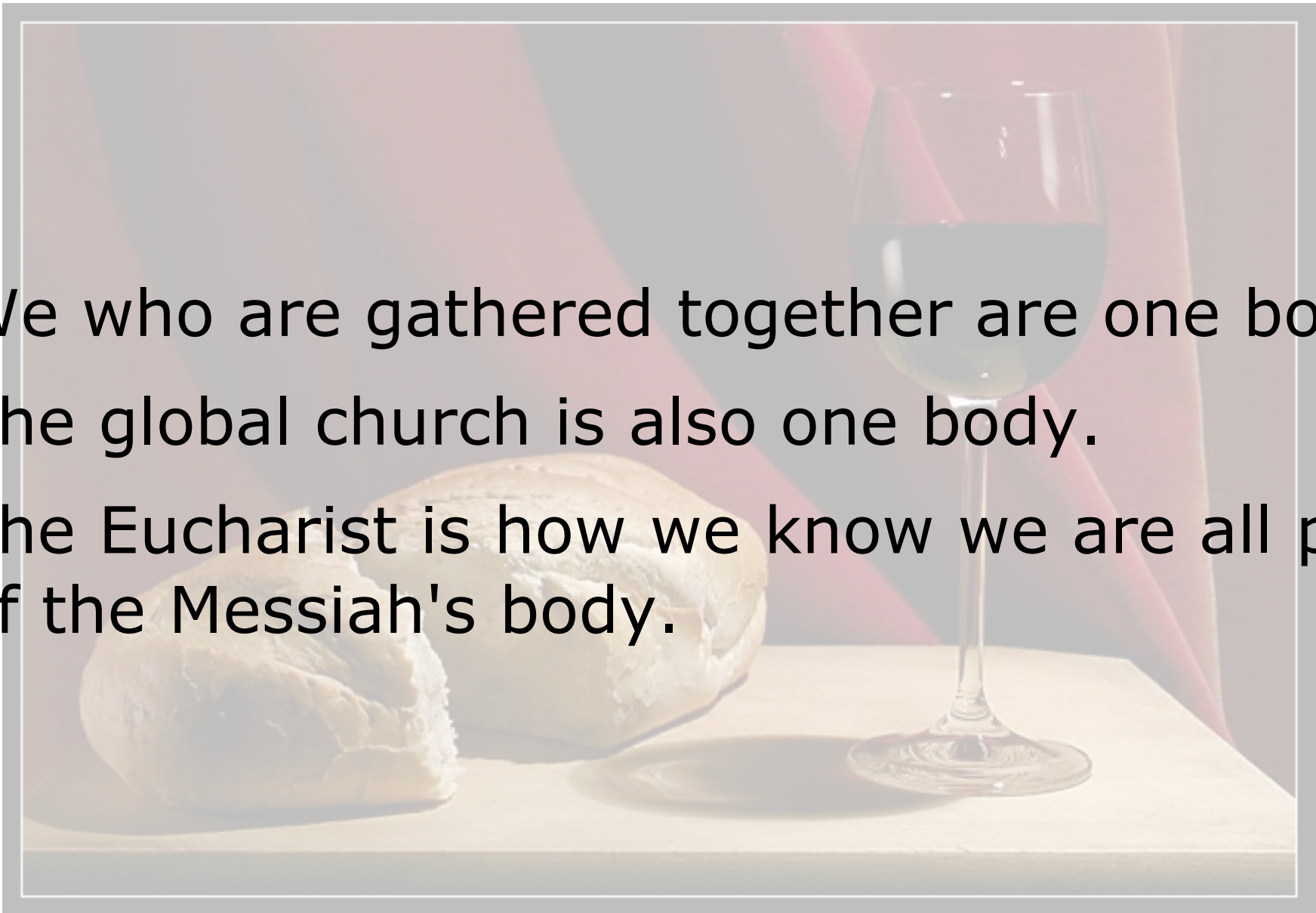


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# One body

- We who are gathered together are one body.
- The global church is also one body.
- The Eucharist is how we know we are all part of the Messiah's body.

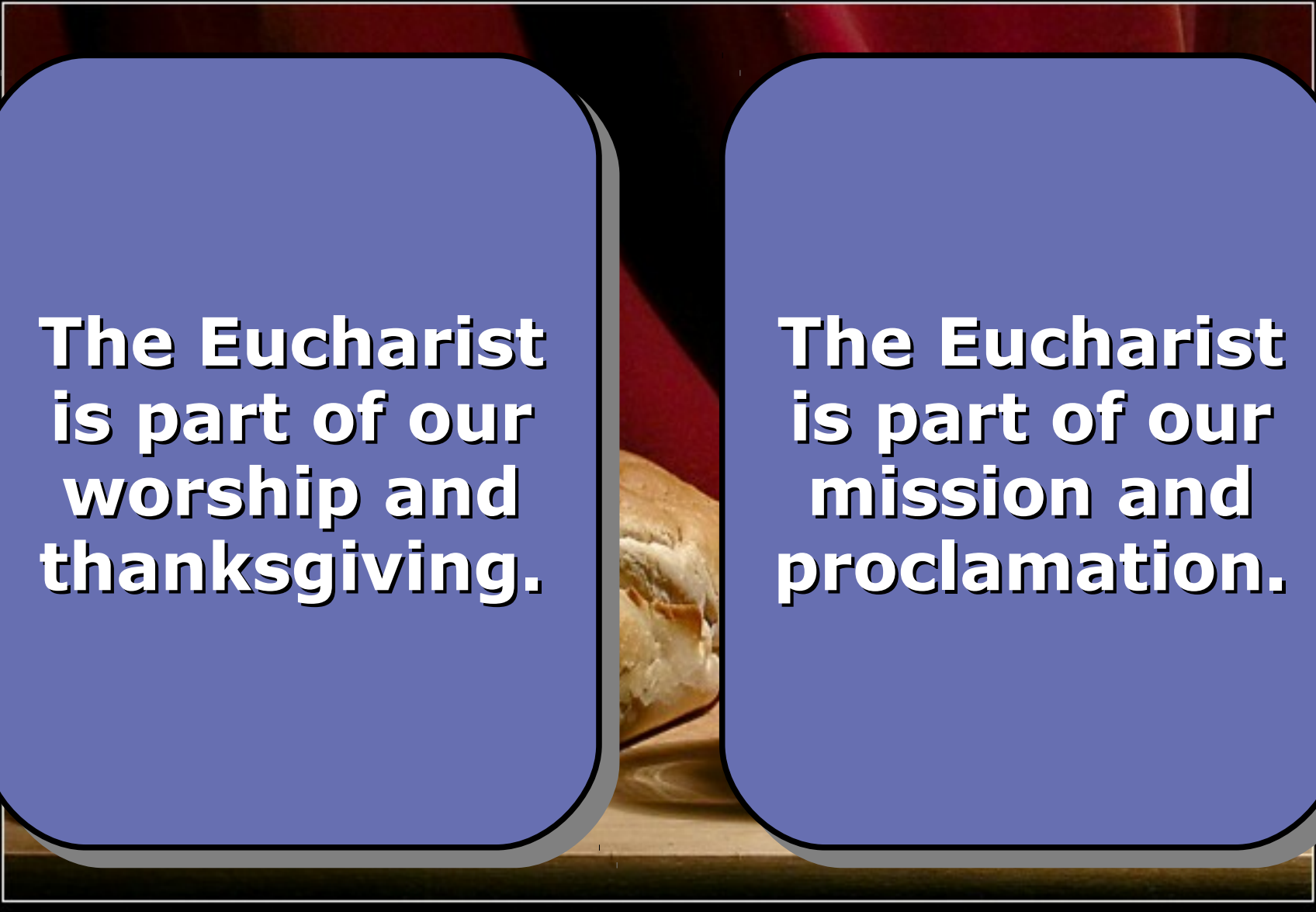


# It's that covenantal thing again!

- The Eucharist has its roots in the Passover.
  - Jews become part of the Exodus story.
  - We become part of the story of Jesus' death.
- Sharing this meal *is* the proclamation.
  - It is more than merely an *aide-mémoire*.
  - The symbolic action enacts its effect.



# What's the story?



**The Eucharist  
is part of our  
worship and  
thanksgiving.**

**The Eucharist  
is part of our  
mission and  
proclamation.**