

What is a sacrament? A ___*visible*_____ sign of an
___*invisible*_____ grace. (Augustine 5th century A.D.)

Important themes for understanding sacraments, God's visible word.

1. We're Spiritual-Physical Beings

"God lisps so we can understand him." Calvin God talks down to our level.

2. We're made to be Walking and Eating with God

With Adam and Eve before the fall, work, food, relationships, and sex were all enjoyed as God's gift with God watching. Medieval Christians called this *coram deo*: living all of life before God. Hebrews called it *shalom*: when all things are at peace between God, man and creation, and deeply whole and holy. This is God's goal for his spiritual-physical creation.

3. We're welcomed into a kingdom of Feasting over Fasting

Ex. 5:1 Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.'"

Is. 25:6 ¶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

1Cor. 5:7-8 For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.
Let us therefore celebrate the festival,

The Passover (Exodus 12.1-27)

1. God gave the ___*lamb's*_____ life for theirs.
2. The ___*blood*_____ of the lamb *applied* by faith saved them.
3. The death of the *firstborn*_____.

4. The bread was _____ *unleavened* _____ because it was "fast food."
5. Out of Egypt I have called my ___*Son*_____. They were eating at the Father's table.
6. Yearly commemoration of God's salvation. Marked the first month of their calendar.