The Bread & The Blood

John 6:32-35 (NIV)

[32] Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. [33] For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." [34] "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread." [35] Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

Matthew 26:26-28 (NIV)

[26] While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

The bread of communion is a picture of 2 things:

(#1) Jesus physical body.

(#2) And what that body housed:

- Which was who he is:

"The Word of God"

John 1:1-4 (NIV)

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was with God in the beginning. [3] Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. [4] In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 1:14 (NIV)

[14] The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 6:48-51 (NIV)

[48] I am the bread of life. [49] Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. [50] But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. [51] I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

John 6:60-63 (NIV)

[60] On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" [61] Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? [62] What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! [63] The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

The bread of communion is a picture of 2 things:

(#1) Jesus physical body.

(#2) And what that body housed:

- Which was who he is:

"The Word of God"

[27] Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. [28] This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

[35] Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

1. Hungry speaks of eating, so we know it's talking about the Word.

a. We come to him by the word. Once we receive revelation in an area by his word, we'll never be hungry to know that information again. His word fills us.

- 2. Thirsty has to do with drinking. In this chapter, when drinking is referred to, it's referring to his blood.
 - a. His blood represents the covenant.
 - b. Once we've drank of his blood, and entered into his Covenant, we are never thirsty for salvation again.

John 6:53-56 (NIV)

[53] Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. [54] Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:53-56 (NIV)

[55] For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. [56] Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.