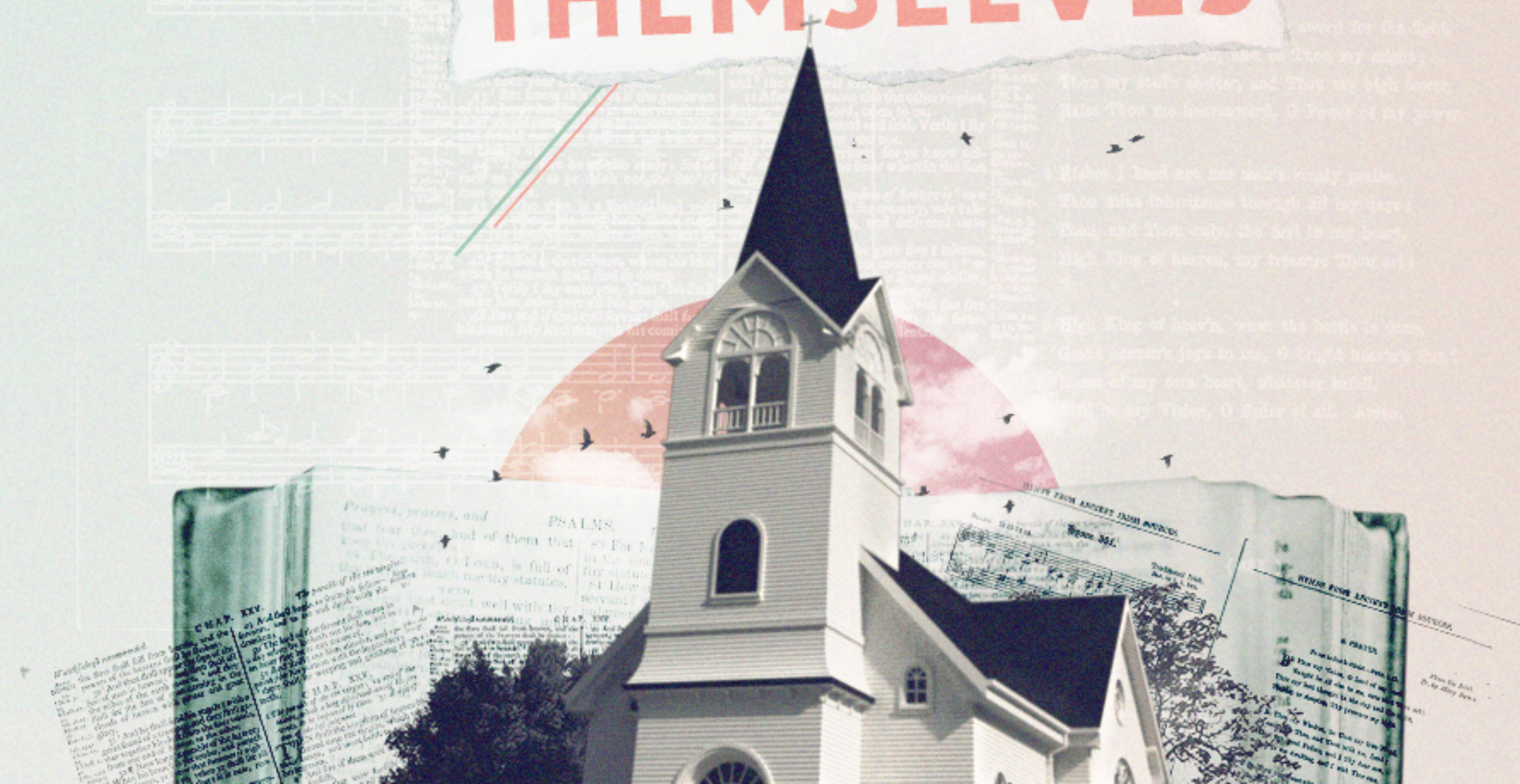


They Devoted THEMSELVES



[41] Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. [42] They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, **to the breaking of bread** and to prayer. [43] Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

- Acts 2:41-43

THE POWER OF BREAKING BREAD

Remember and proclaim
what Jesus did for you

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; **do this in remembrance of me.**" 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, **in remembrance of me.**" 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death** until he comes.

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

25 Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. 26 Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages **to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

- Hebrews 9:25-26

THE POWER OF BREAKING BREAD

Recognize the body of Christ

17 In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. 18 In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. 19 No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. 20 So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, 21 for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers.

- 1 Corinthians 11:17-22

As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk
22 Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter! 27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

- 1 Corinthians 11:21-28

29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. 30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. 31 But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. 32 Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

- 1 Corinthians 11:29-32

33 So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. 34 Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

- 1 Corinthians 11:17-22

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from **every tribe** and **language** and **people** and **nation**.

- Revelation 5:9

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from **every nation, tribe, people** and **language**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

- Revelation 7:9

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was **to create in himself one new humanity** out of the two, **thus making peace**, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

- Ephesians 2:14-16

26 For **you are all sons** of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither **Jew nor Greek**, there is neither **slave nor free**, there is neither **male nor female**; for **you are all one** in Christ Jesus.

- Galatians 3:26-28

THE POWER OF BREAKING BREAD

Rejoice in the New Covenant

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “**This cup is the new covenant in my blood**, which is poured out for you.

- Luke 22:20

22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, 23 to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 to **Jesus the mediator of a new covenant**, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

- Hebrews 12:21-24

THE POWER OF BREAKING BREAD

Resist the enemies schemes

They triumphed over him **by the blood of the Lamb** and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

- Revelation 12:11

THE POWER OF BREAKING BREAD

Resist the enemies schemes

- Breaking bread is a mechanism to release peace
- Breaking bread confirms our healing
- Breaking bread stirs our hope and faith
- Breaking bread sets our thinking on things above
- Breaking bread is a celebration of testimony

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