

A few terms

- ✦ Salvation - redemption; deliverance from evil or harm; beginning of new life in God.
- ✦ Conversion - to turn one's life around; away from sin toward God; to repent of the old and open to the new.
- ✦ Theosis - deification; sanctification; ongoing conversion leading to transformation by grace.



I have come that the might have life,
and have it to the full.
- John 10: 10

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. . . having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.
- Col. 2: 9-10, 12

For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God.
- Irenaeus of Lyons, 130-202 A.C.

- ✦ His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
- 2 Peter 1:3-4.
- ✦ The Only-begotten Son of God, wanting us to be partakers of his divinity, assumed our human nature so that, having become man, he might make men gods.
- St. Thomas Aquinas

- ✦ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your *mortal bodies* through his Spirit, who lives in you.
- Romans 8: 11.

Images of Theosis

- *spread of the reign of God* -



Rising Bread



Growing Plant



New Wine

Wine Symbolism

- ✦ Begin with grape juice
- ✦ Yeast transforms to another type of liquid based on grape juice.
- ✦ Primary fermentation - cloudy liquid; very active yeast.
- ✦ Souring by bacteria; wild yeasts.
- ✦ Rackings - re-bottle; slower fermentation; sediment settles; liquid clearing.
- ✦ "New wineskin" for new wine.
- ✦ Mature wine - flavorful, full-bodied, transparent, invigorating.

