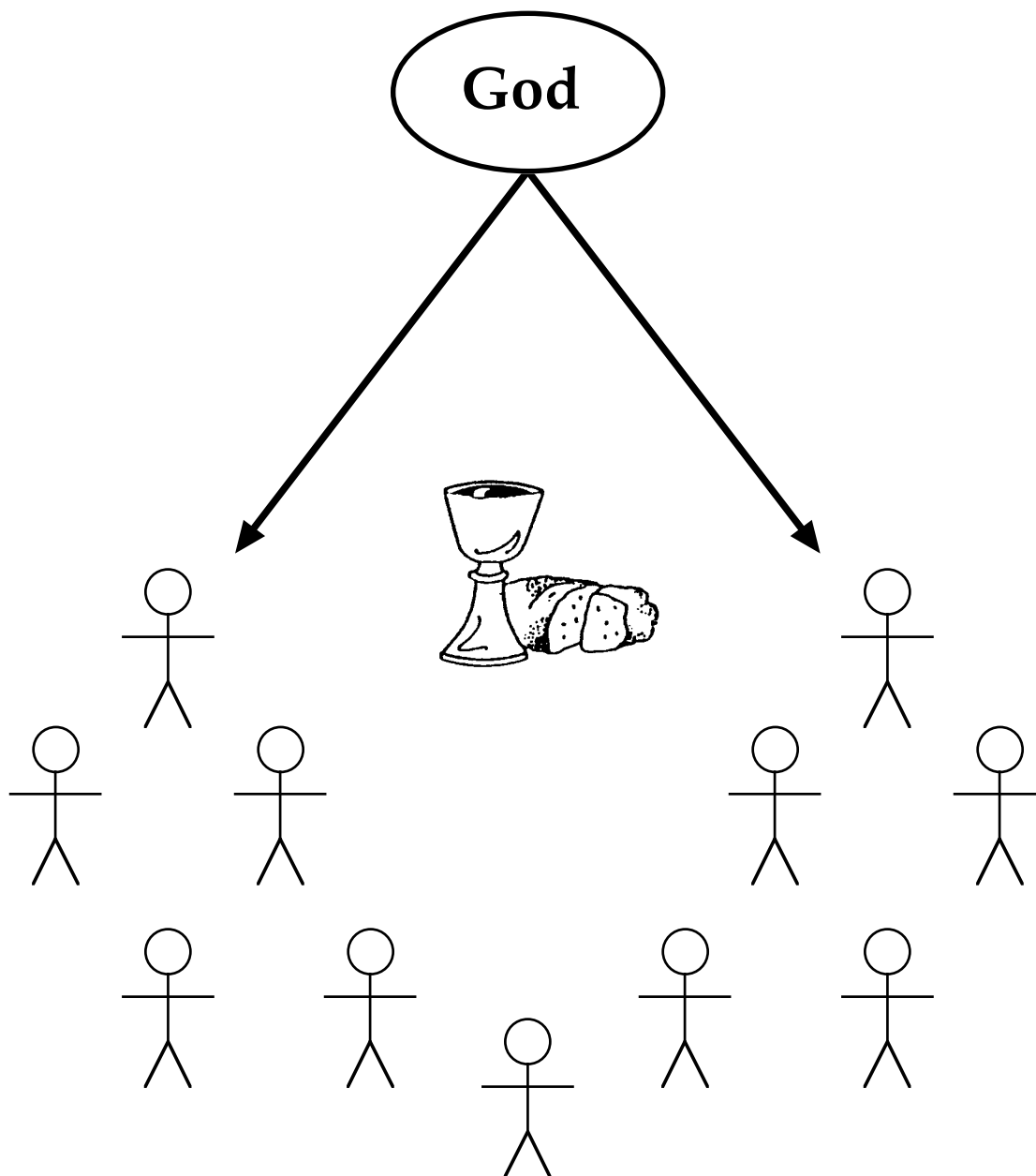


Memorial Representation

(Zwinglian/Ordinance Theology)



In Memorial representation, God's Grace falls upon the people of God directly, as they gather around the table in worship. The actual elements have nothing to do with God's Grace, and certainly do not function as some kind of a "Means of Grace." The purpose of communion is obedience ... one partakes of the elements of bread and wine because Jesus ordered us to do it. Hence, Communion is generally referenced as an Ordinance.

This is the viewpoint of those Churches that come from the Separatist wing of the Church (Baptists, Church of Christ, the so-called "Bible Churches"). It is, uniquely, the product of the reformation.

Note: The Zwinglian interpretation of Communion, and Sacramental issues in general, depends upon a metaphorical interpretation of John 6. This is interesting, because for the most part Zwinglian interpretation tends to be far more literal than metaphorical.