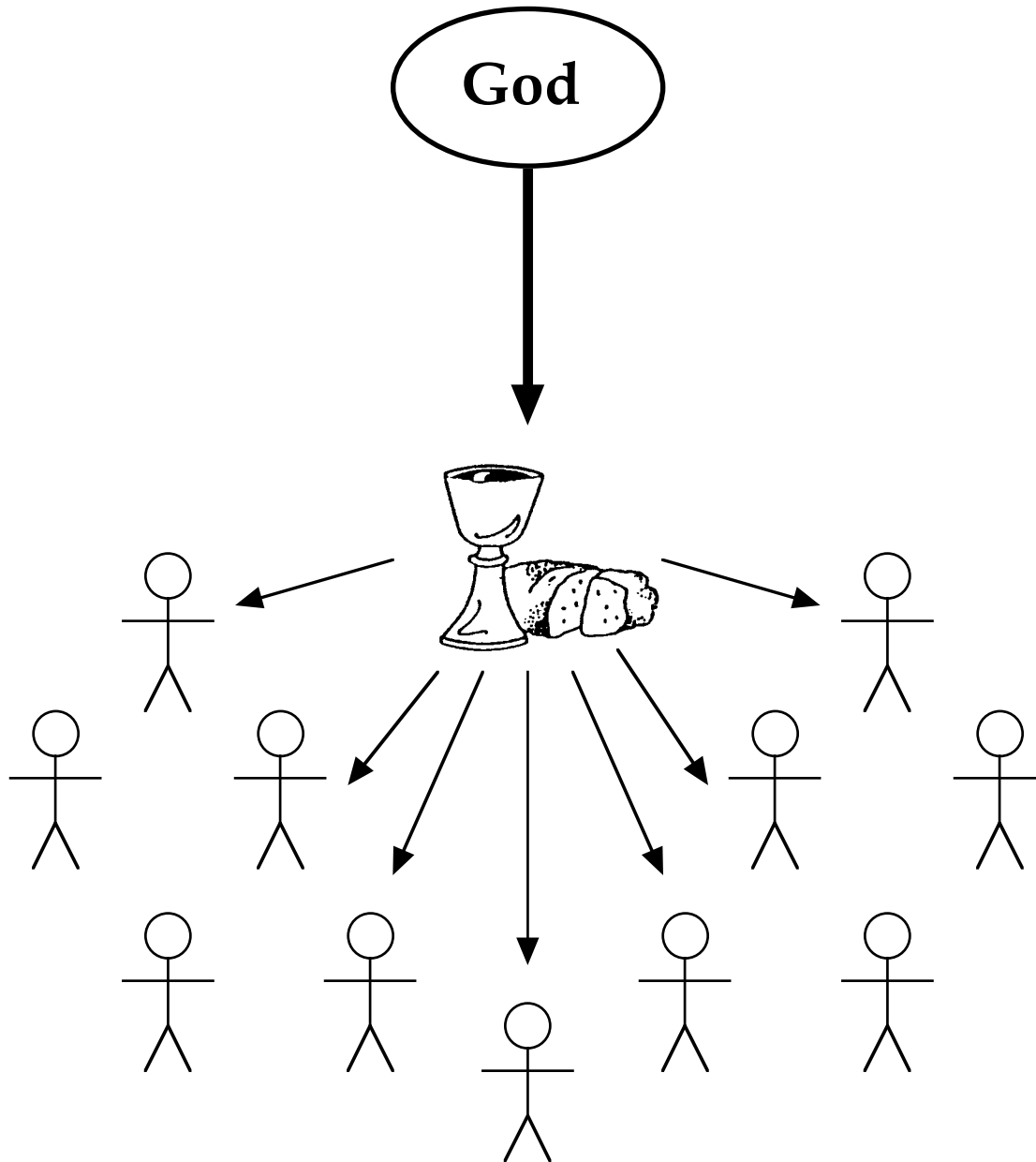


Real Presence

(Sacramental/Means of Grace Theology)



In Real Presence, Sacramental/Means of Grace Theology, the Grace of God falls upon the elements of bread and wine, and then from the consecrated elements to the believers when they worship and gather around the Sacrament.

Real Presence is the approach that Roman Catholicism affirms with their doctrine of Transubstantiation, which asserts that the bread and wine become the actual flesh and blood of Jesus. The Lutherans affirm Real Presence with their doctrine of Consubstantiation, which asserts that the bread and while convey the flesh and blood of Jesus WITH the elements of bread and wine. The Anglicans (Church of England, Episcopalians) Methodists, and many other Christians affirm Real Presence with NO specific way of explaining HOW the Real Presence comes to us through the elements of bread and wine. We simply affirm that Jesus is *Really Present* when we receive the sacramental elements.

Note: Most Real Presence doctrines depend upon either a literal (Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Lutheran) or a typological (Anglicans and Methodists) interpretation of John 6.