Paul said that he spoke "as to wise men." He was not being sarcastic nor was he using irony when he said this. He meant it. The Corinthians to whom he was speaking were intelligent, sensible, and able to discern truth. And so are we who are assembled around this table today. We too are "wise men." We are assembled with the wisest men and women in this community. Our wisdom is not that of the world for that surely passes away. We do not even boast of any sort of supernatural spiritual wisdom for that kind of boasting would be vainglory and, unless repented of, would lead to our ultimate falling away. But we are spiritually wise for we recognize that the most important table around which to be today is this table to which we have come – the Lord’s Table. Just as it was in the days of the Apostles, on this table is the "cup of blessing" and "the bread." These are the only two things that are on this sacred Table. They both remind us of Christ: the "cup of blessing" is His blood and "the bread" is His body. It is only right that there be nothing else on His Table but what is His.

The "cup of blessing" is the fruit of the vine which is the "blood of Christ." Of course, it is not the actual blood of Christ but it pictures or reminds us of His blood. It is representative of His blood. "The bread" is the "body of Christ." Again, it is not His actual body but it reminds us of His body. Paul said that "we bless" this cup. How is it that "we bless" the cup? The answer is simple. We "bless" it by offering our thanksgiving to God for it. In instituting the Lord’s Supper in Matthew 26:27 our Lord "took the cup, and gave thanks..." That is an amazing statement. Jesus "gave thanks" for the cup that pointed to His own crucifixion on the cross where His blood would be "shed for many for the remission of sins." He offered "thanks" for it to the Father.

With both the "cup of blessing" and "the bread" we have communion – fellowship – with Christ. We do not take fellowship – communion. We have communion – fellowship. There is a great difference and it is important that we note the difference. The word is koinonia. It means to share. We share with Christ in "the cup of blessing which we bless," His blood, and with "the bread which we break," His body. But how do we share with Him here at His table? Many answers have been suggested down through the ages but surely we would not be wrong to state that we share with Him in the benefits of His blood and His body, both offered to our Heavenly Father as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. It is at this table where we have fellowship with Christ. It doesn’t require much thinking on our part to realize that if we have fellowship with Him here at His table, and we do, then He must be here with us, not in
reality, of course, but in His essence. Surely, this must have been what Jesus meant when He told His Apostles on the night of His betrayal at the final Feast of Unleavened Bread He attended, "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26:29) Beloved, we are the "Father's kingdom" and Jesus is present. What a blessed thought this is!