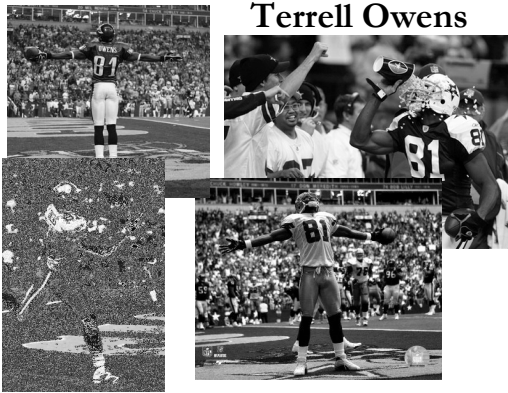


**The Communion and  
Community of God**

**John 1:14**

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**John 1:1-5, 10-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.

<sup>3</sup> Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

**John 1:1-5, 10-14**

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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**Revelation 21:3**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people and God Himself will be with them and be their God."

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**Luke 19:9-10**

“Today, salvation has come to this house... for the Son of Man came to seek and to save *what* was lost.”

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- C. The church is God’s primary venue of communicating and demonstrating this communion

**Hebrews 10:23-25**

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. <sup>25</sup> Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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