

Paul in Context

- 1 Saul the Pharisee
- 2 Apostle to the Gentiles
- 3 When I am weak then I am strong
- 4 Poured out like a drink offering

Chronology of Paul

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48	Judaist contention at Antioch (49) <i>Acts 15:1–2; Gal 2:12–14</i>	Galatians from Antioch (49)	<i>Jews expelled from Rome (49)</i>	
50	Jerusalem council (50) <i>Acts 15:2–29</i> Paul's second journey (50–52) <i>Acts 15:40 – 18:23</i>	1 Thess. from Corinth (51) 2 Thess. from Corinth (51/52)		Herod Agrippa II Tetrarch of Nth. Territory (50–93)
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60	Paul shipwrecked on Malta (60–61) <i>Acts 27:1 – 28:10</i>	Ephesians, Colossians & Philemon from Rome (61) Philippians from Rome (62)		Festus (60–62) Roman procurator
62	James the Lord's brother stoned (62)			
	Paul's later journeys (63–67)	1 Timothy and Titus from Philippi (64/65)	<i>Fire of Rome (64)</i>	
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66	Jewish revolt against Rome (66) Jerusalem Christians flee	2 Timothy from Rome (67/68)		
68	Paul beheaded; Peter crucified (67/68) <i>2 Tim 4:6–8</i>			Galba, Otho, Vitellius (68/9)

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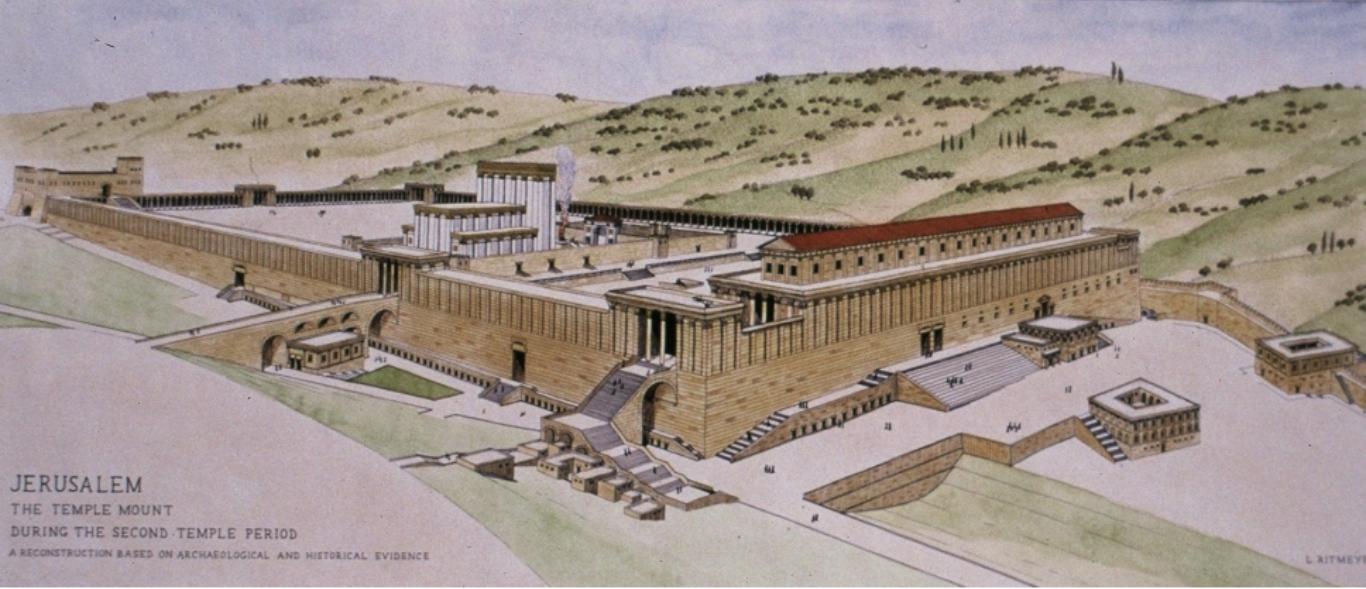
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Paul in prison

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Temple riot



JERUSALEM
THE TEMPLE MOUNT
DURING THE SECOND TEMPLE PERIOD

A RECONSTRUCTION BASED ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL EVIDENCE

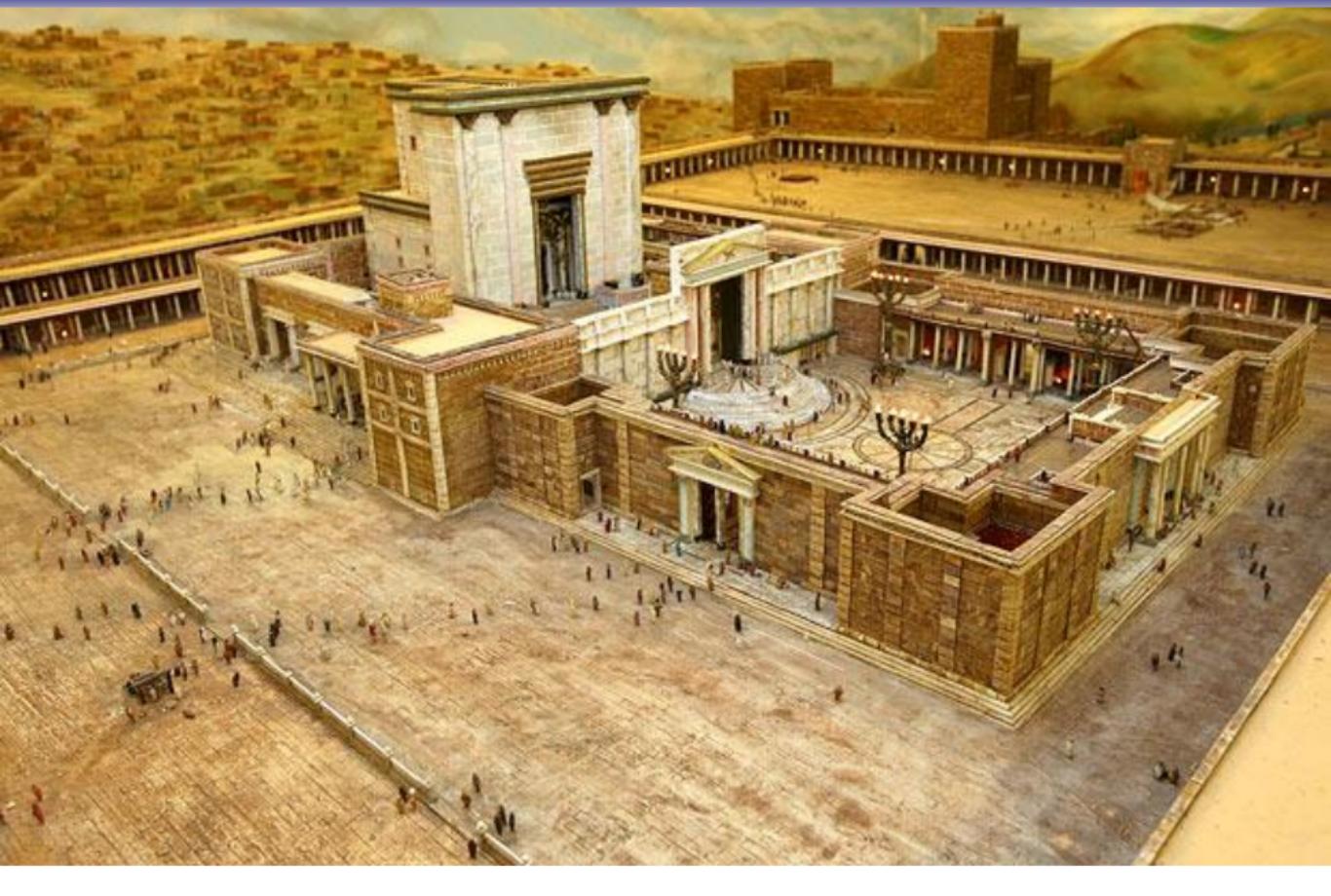
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Acts 21:27-40

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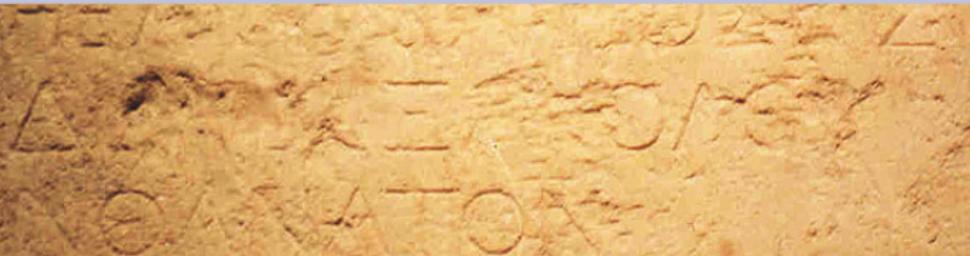
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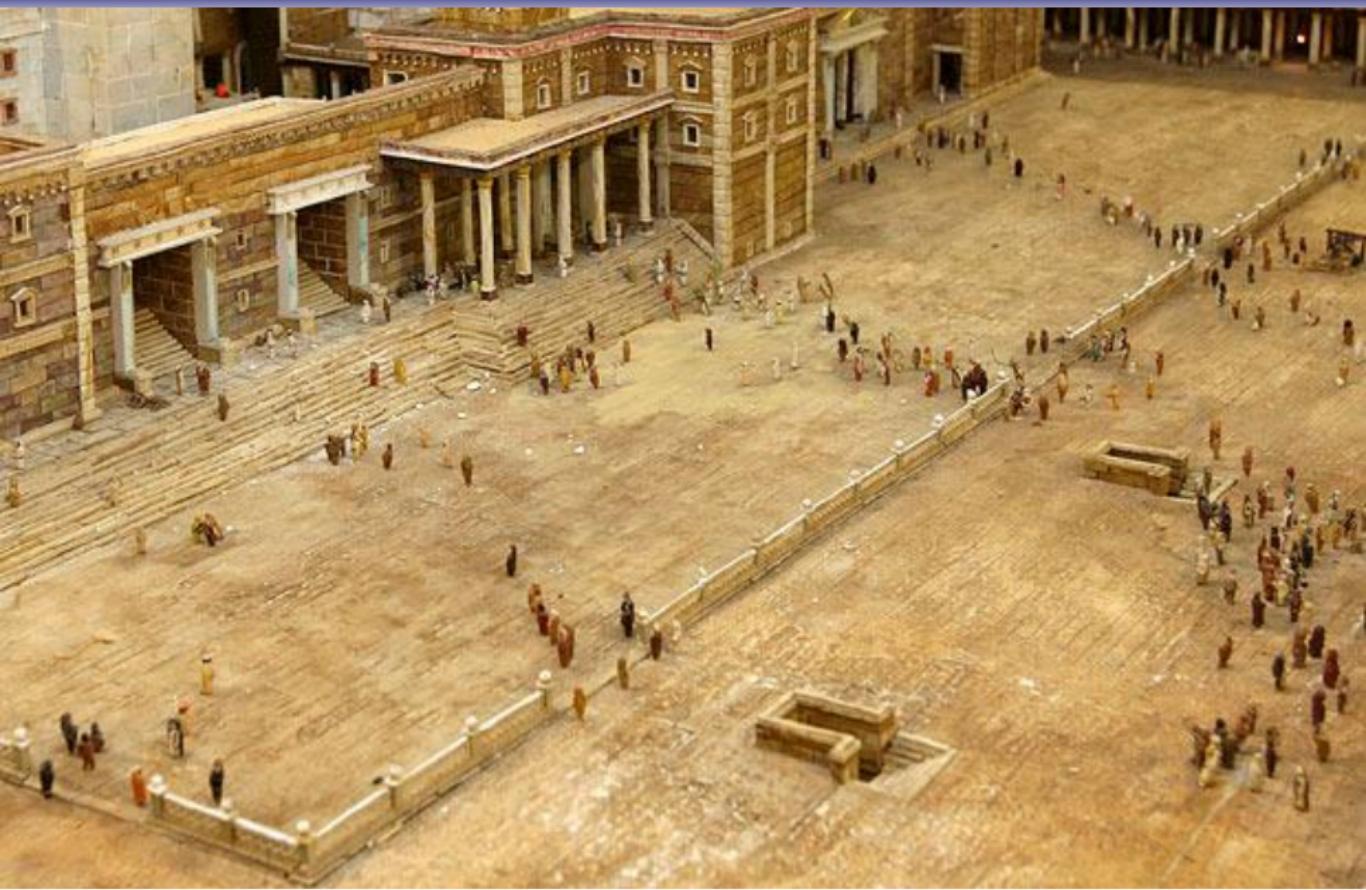
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No foreigner is to go beyond the balustrade and the plaza of the temple zone. Whoever is caught doing so will have himself to blame for his death which will follow.



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Encouragement (Acts 23:11)

The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, “Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.”

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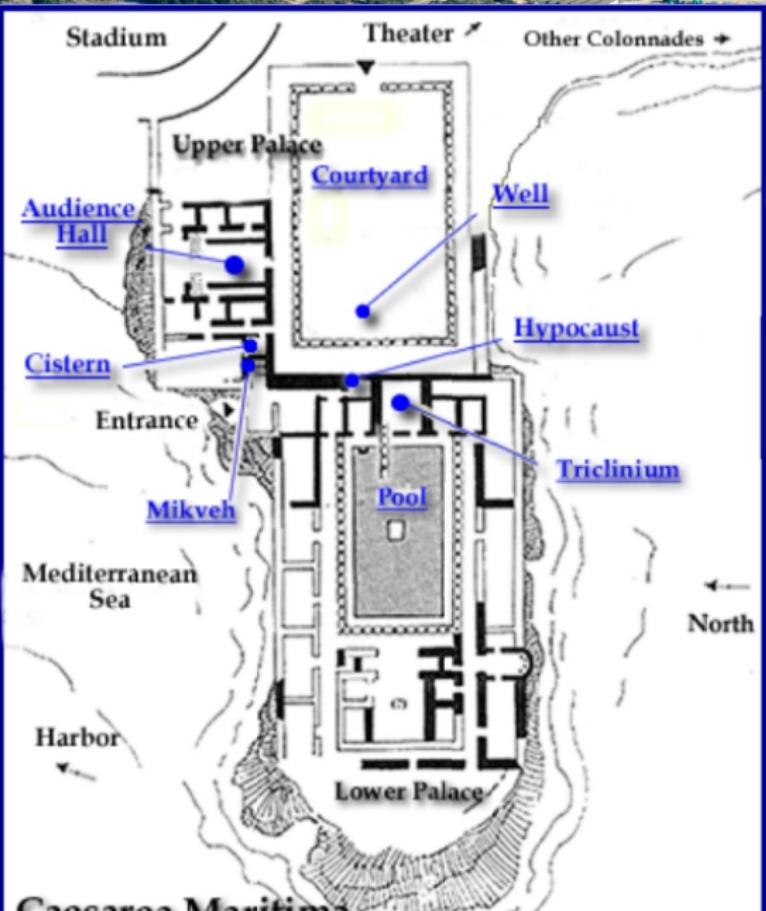
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- ➔ Paul in prison in Caesarea for two years.
- ➔ No letters from this period.



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Journey to Rome



Letters from Rome

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Would we have these letters if Paul was not imprisoned?

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Nero



Paul's prison in Rome



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Eusebius 2.25 (AD 324)

In [Nero's] reign, Paul was beheaded in Rome itself and Peter was also crucified, and the cemeteries there still called by the names of Peter and Paul confirm the record.

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Catholic tradition holds that Paul was buried on the Via Ostiensis, near the site of the modern basilica of San Paolo fuori le Mura.



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Vatican Press office, 29 June 2009

The sarcophagus under the altar dedicated to St Paul has recently been the object of detailed scientific analysis. It had not been opened in centuries and a tiny hole was made in it, through which a special probe was passed which found traces of a precious purple lined, decorated with gold sequins and a blue fabric with linen. Within the sarcophagus were also tiny bony fragments and these were put through carbon 14 testing by experts who did not know where they were from and they revealed that they were from a person who lived during the 1st or 2nd Century AD. This seems to confirm the unanimous and uncontested tradition that they are the mortal remains of the Apostle Paul. All this fills our souls with deep emotion.

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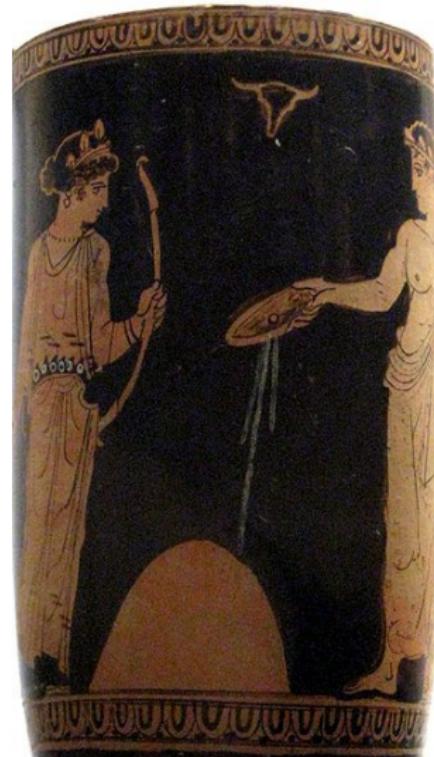
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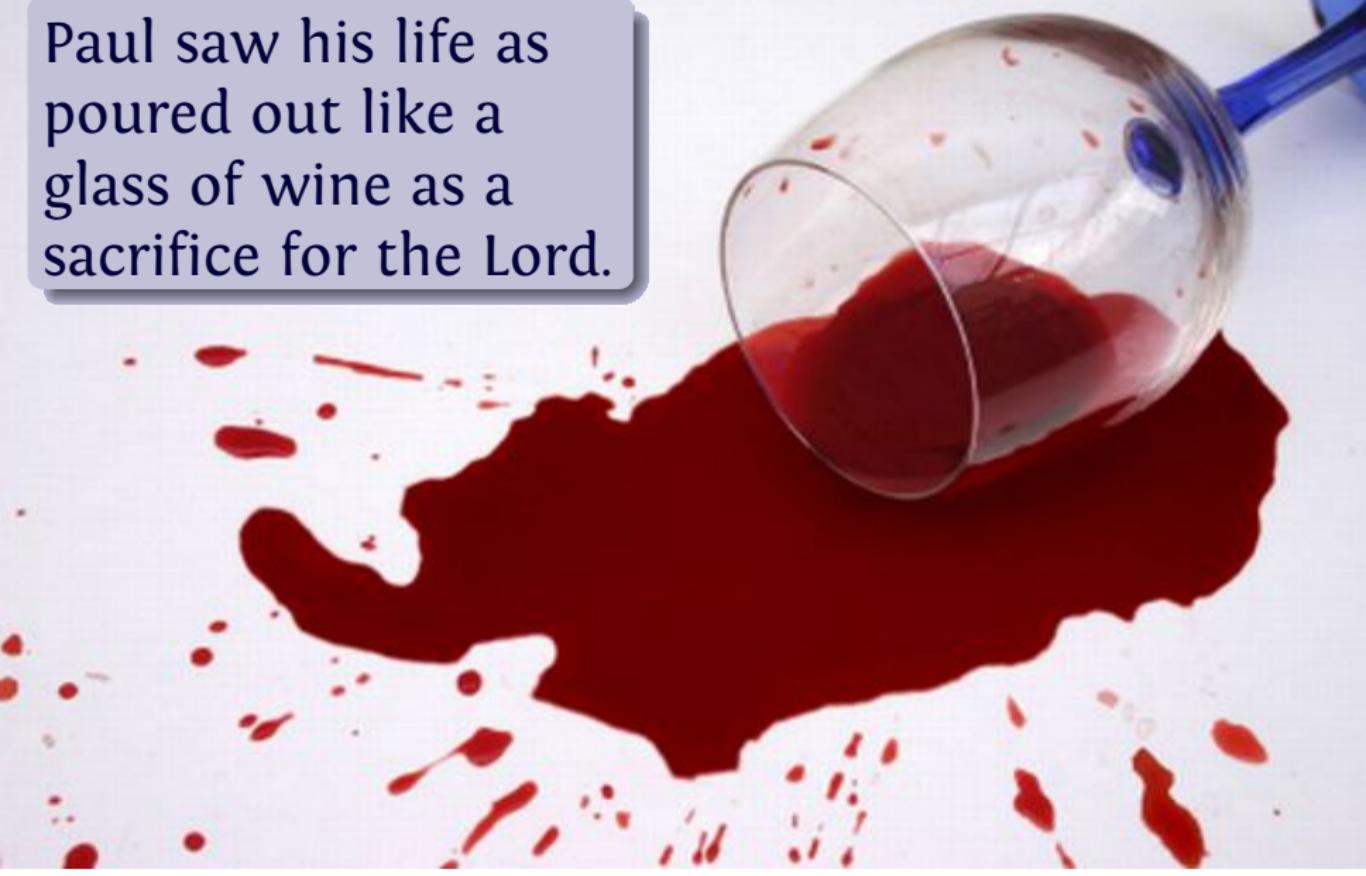
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Paul saw his life as poured out like a glass of wine as a sacrifice for the Lord.



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Romans 12:1–3

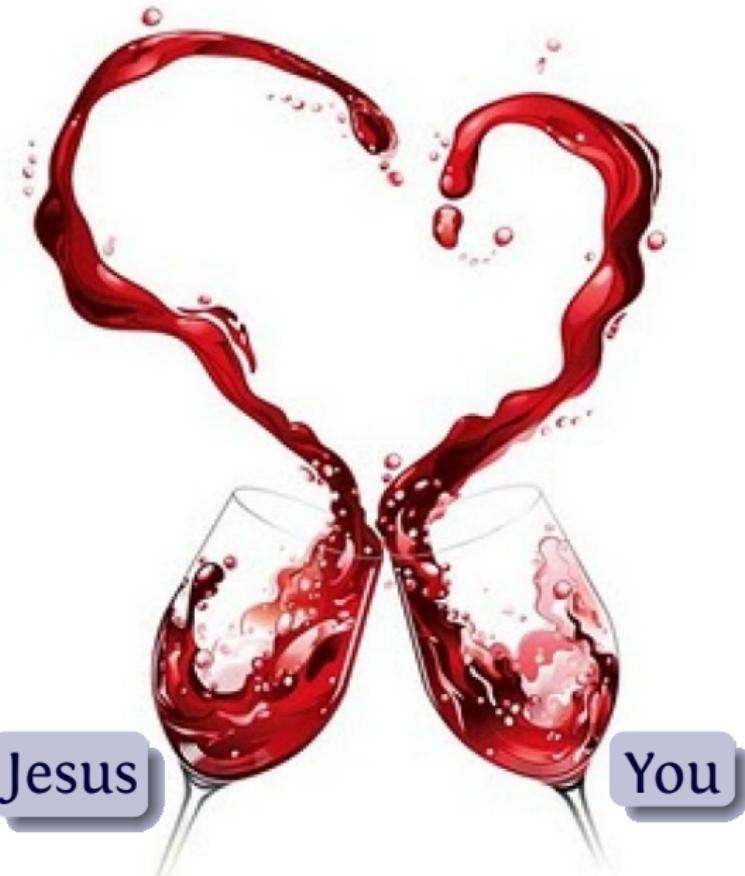
So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service.

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Jesus

You