

Group Identity

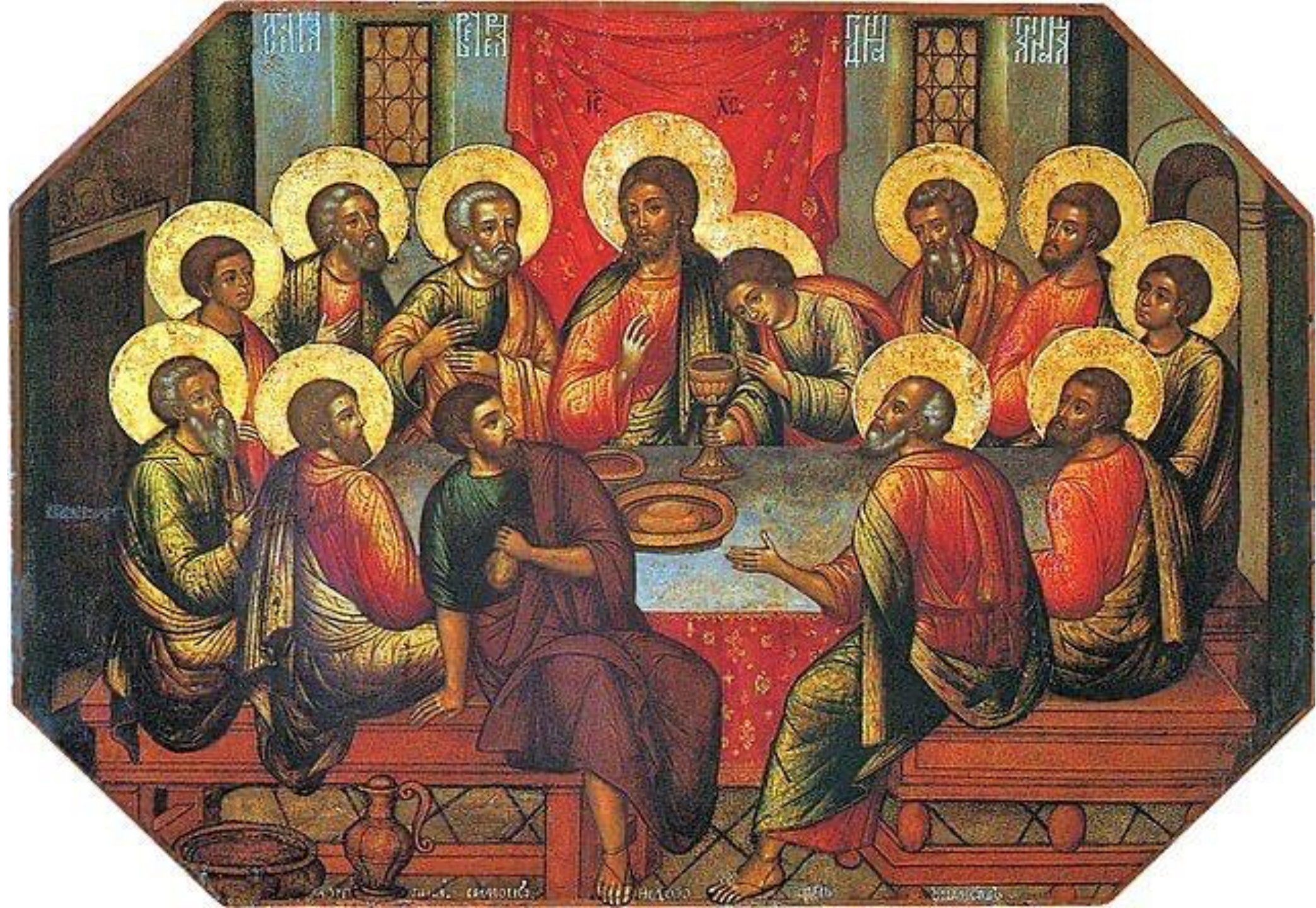
What is Our Group Identity?

What Do We Look Like To Others?



**What Do We Look Like To Others?
..... To Ourselves?**





.... To Satan?



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... and he finds "Christians" especially tasty!

Seeing us, Is it hard to see Jesus?





We are a people who . . .

take God's commands seriously.

reconcile as quickly as possible.

*are careful to obey God in our sexuality, even with
glances and thoughts.*

remain faithful to our spouses.

keep our word and have no need to make oaths.

love our enemies and pray for them.

seek to be rewarded by God instead of by people.

*forgive others because we have been forgiven so much
by our Father.*



Why develop group identity?

Paul says it best in 1 Timothy 4:

12 " ...in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. 13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. 14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you... 15 Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. 16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things...."



If we have a "Hesed" fellowship isn't that enough?

When I was a child,
I used to speak like a child,
think like a child,
reason like a child



For now
we see in a mirror dimly,
but then face to face

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Face to face relationships sharing:

joy,

encouragement,

Christian growth and correction,

strength,

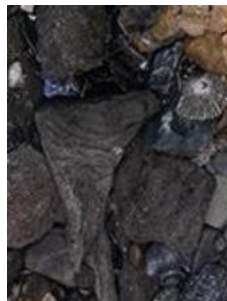
suffering,

loss,

action.



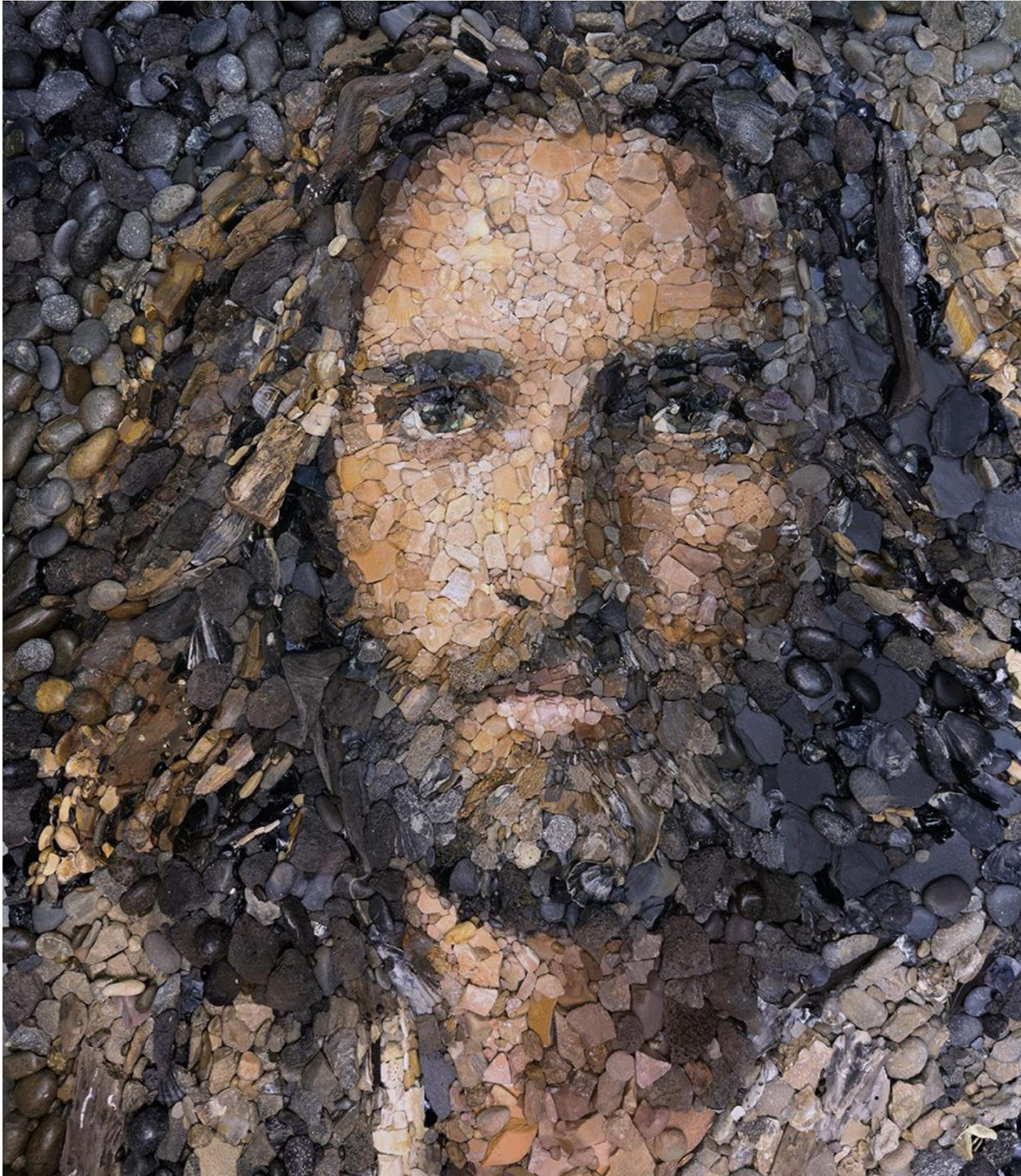
**Developing Christlike Character is the goal.
Recitation and repetition is the mechanism.**



When you

see

this face



**You're in
the
right place!**