

Solid Food

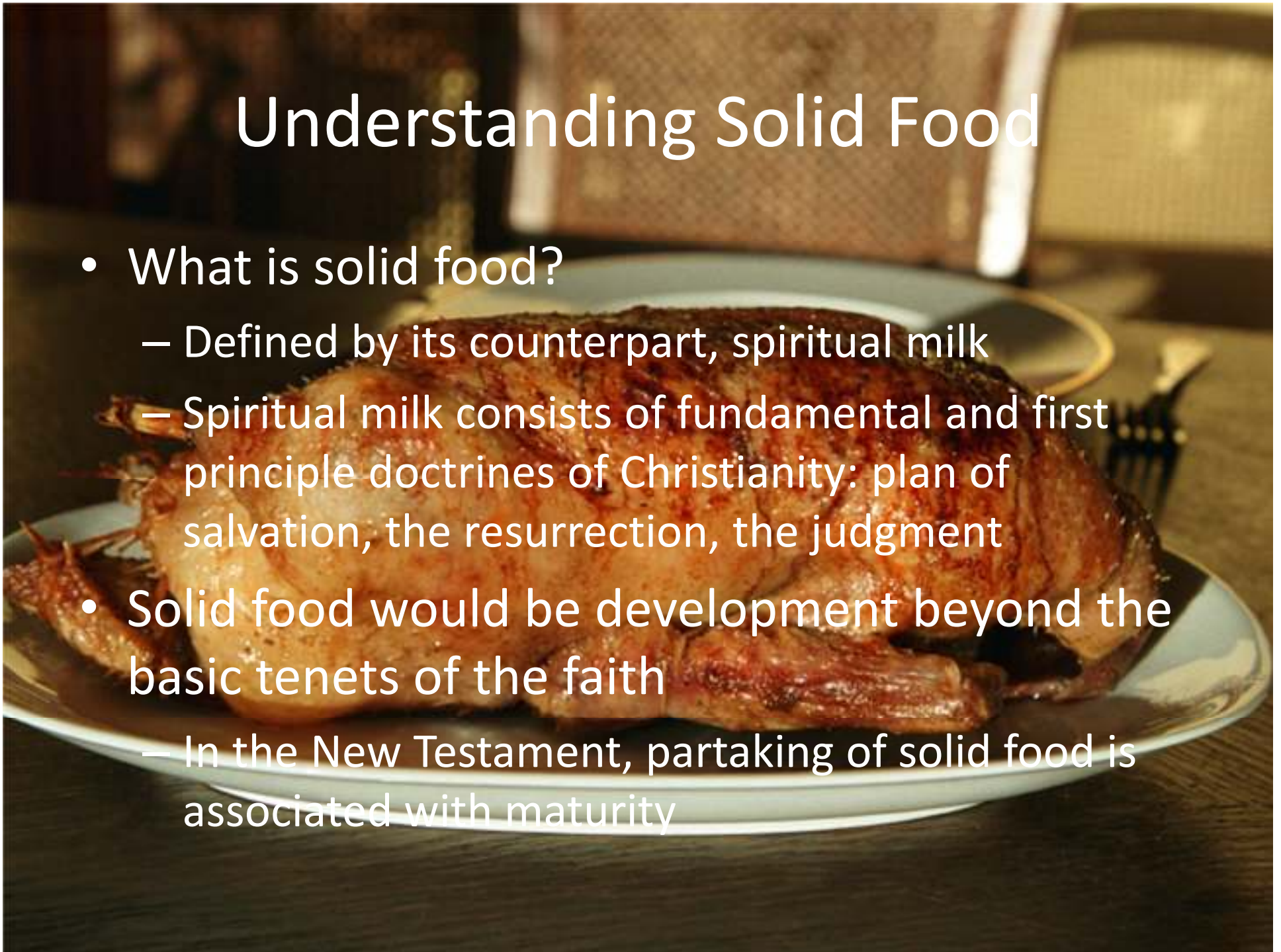
- 1Cor. 3:1-3 - “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?”

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- Heb. 5:12 - 6:3 - “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.”

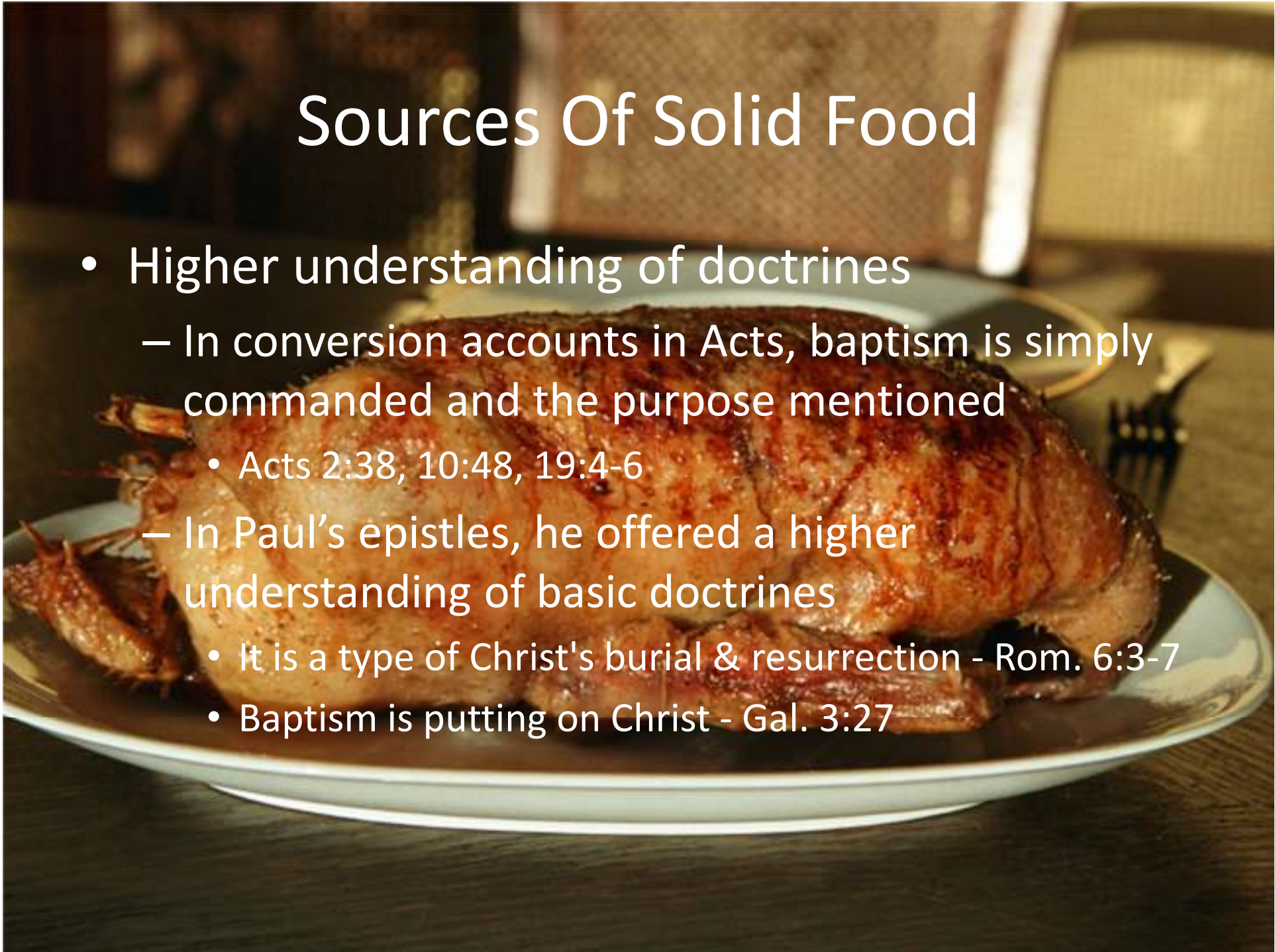
Understanding Solid Food

- What is solid food?
 - Defined by its counterpart, spiritual milk
 - Spiritual milk consists of fundamental and first principle doctrines of Christianity: plan of salvation, the resurrection, the judgment
- Solid food would be development beyond the basic tenets of the faith
 - In the New Testament, partaking of solid food is associated with maturity



Sources Of Solid Food

- Higher understanding of doctrines
 - In conversion accounts in Acts, baptism is simply commanded and the purpose mentioned
 - Acts 2:38, 10:48, 19:4-6
 - In Paul's epistles, he offered a higher understanding of basic doctrines
 - It is a type of Christ's burial & resurrection - Rom. 6:3-7
 - Baptism is putting on Christ - Gal. 3:27



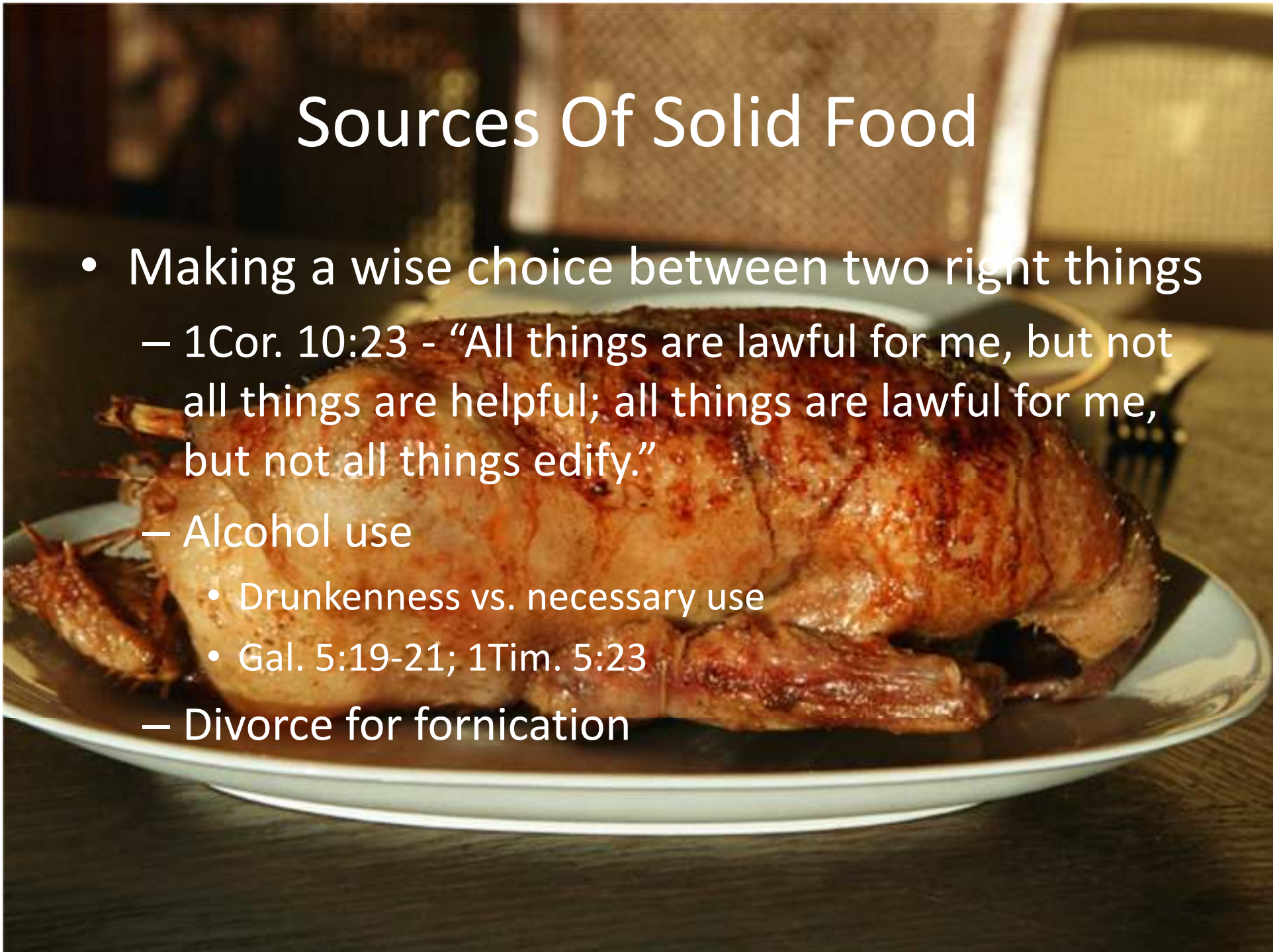
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- Deeper doctrines
 - Christ is High Priest of the order of Melchizedek - Heb. 7
 - These doctrines require a more developed faith that comes of long term exposure to the word of God



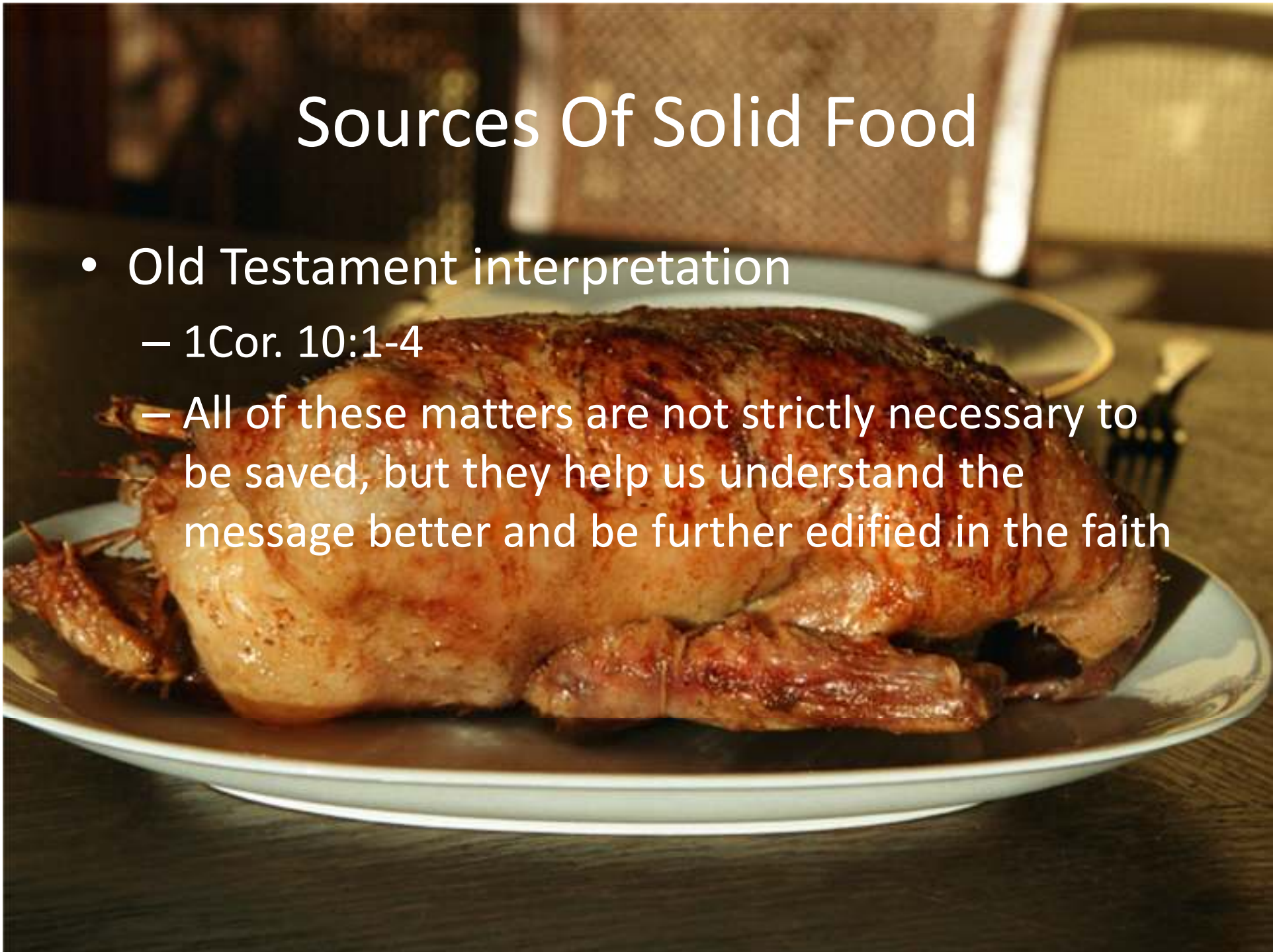
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- Making a wise choice between two right things
 - 1Cor. 10:23 - “All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.”
 - Alcohol use
 - Drunkenness vs. necessary use
 - Gal. 5:19-21; 1Tim. 5:23
 - Divorce for fornication



Sources Of Solid Food

- Old Testament interpretation
 - 1Cor. 10:1-4
 - All of these matters are not strictly necessary to be saved, but they help us understand the message better and be further edified in the faith



Sources Of Solid Food

- Extra-Biblical sources

- Acts 17:28 - “For in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring”

- 2Sam. 1:17-18 - “Then David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son, 18 and he told them to teach the children of Judah the Song of the Bow; indeed it is written in the Book of Jasher”

Dangers In Digesting Solid Food

- Failing to refresh on first principles
 - Col. 2:18-19 - “Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.”
 - 2Peter 1:12-13 - “For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. 13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you”

Dangers In Digesting Solid Food

- Arrogance

- 1Cor. 8:1 - “Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.”



Dangers In Digesting Solid Food

- Causing offense to developing disciples
 - 1Cor. 8:7-9 - “However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. 9 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak”

1Cor. 2:9-16

- “But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him. 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.”

