

Have you ever broken anything? I have, of course, many times. And I have never felt that the item I broke become more valuable.

We are all broken, but we are still valuable to God. We don't always see our own brokenness<sup>1</sup>, but we all know someone that we consider is broken. I know I do. I have come to realize that some people break with very sharp, harmful edges. Others, though shattered, produce smooth pieces that are not hurtful to others - that is how I want to be.

Consider that Christ was broken also; but He is worth more to us because He is broken. Christ's brokenness made him the most valuable thing possible for human existence and we celebrate that in our Communion with Him. The pieces of Him that we consider and consume here as part of His continual Presence are the most wonderful illustration of God's Beauty and Goodness. They are the greatest blessing we could know, and are perhaps the only measure of God's Awesome Truth that we can actually handle.

Through the brokenness of Christ, we have a new covenant<sup>2</sup>, and God smoothes our broken edges and re-assembles us into a new creation<sup>3</sup>.

1. Matthew 7:3-5
2. 1 Corinthians 11:25
3. 2 Corinthians 5:17