

## **Abstract**

The bachelor thesis presents for the first time a relatively unknown Czech treatise by Jan Blahoslav titled "Honest and simple report on the following two questions: Why do the Brethren separate themselves from other churches, whether they administer communion under one or both species? Why do the Brethren oblige people to obedience?" The text was completed on 1 December 1566 in Ivančice, Moravia, where Blahoslav served as a bishop of the Unity of the Brethren. It was intended for Albrecht Černožský of Boskovice, a prominent Moravian politician. The Lord of Boskovice was among the distinguished noble representatives of the utraquist Church of Bohemia, who sympathized with Lutheranism and aimed to unify the Protestants in Moravia based on a shared confession inspired by the Augsburg Confession. However, he faced opposition from the Czech Brethren, among whom his wife was a member. Under these circumstances, Blahoslav decided to clarify the reasons behind the Unity's rejection of such unification attempts and to defend its own unique identity through a separate treatise. In addition to the critical edition of Blahoslav's text based on all three surviving manuscripts, the thesis also includes introductory chapters that acquaint readers with the historical context of the creation of the work and its content.