

Q. 79 Why then does Christ call the bread His body and the cup His blood, or the new covenant in His blood, and why does Paul speak of a participation in the body and blood of Christ?

A. Christ speaks in this way for a good reason: He wants to teach us by His supper that as bread and wine sustain us in this temporal life, so His crucified body and shed blood are true food and drink for our souls to eternal life.[1] But, even more important, He wants to assure us by this visible sign and pledge, first, that through the working of the Holy Spirit we share in His true body and blood as surely as we receive with our mouth these holy signs in remembrance of Him,[2] and, second, that all His suffering and obedience are as certainly ours as if we personally had suffered and paid for our sins.[3]

[1] Joh_6:51, Joh_6:55. [2] 1Co_10:16-17; 1Co_11:26. [3] Rom_6:5-11.

Q. 80 What difference is there between the Lord's supper and the Roman Catholic mass?

A. The Lord's supper testifies to us, first, that we have complete forgiveness of all our sins through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which He Himself accomplished on the cross once for all;[1] and, second, that through the Holy Spirit we are grafted into Christ,[2] who with His true body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father,[3] and this is where He wants to be worshipped.[4] But the mass teaches, first, that the living and the dead do not have forgiveness of sins through the suffering of Christ unless He is still offered for them daily by the priests; and, second, that Christ is bodily present in the form of bread and wine, and there is to be worshipped. Therefore the mass is basically nothing but a denial of the one sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ.

[1] Mat_26:28; Joh_19:30; Heb_7:27; Heb_9:12, Heb_9:25-26; Heb_10:10-18. [2] 1Co_6:17; 1Co_10:16-17. [3] Joh_20:17; Act_7:55-56; Heb_1:3; Heb_8:1. [4] Joh_4:21-24; Phi_3:20; Col_3:1; 1Th_1:10.

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If you have a prayer request, please let me know before the service or write it on the note paper provided and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

Cottonwood Community Church

September 23, 2007

Sunday Devotion: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:00 am

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 19:15

Hymn # 1 Come Thou Almighty King

Psalms 37:18-22

(18) Jehovah knows the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever.

(19) They shall not be ashamed in the evil time; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

(20) But the wicked shall pass, and the enemies of Jehovah shall be like the beauty of pastures; they are consumed, like smoke they perish.

(21) The wicked borrows, and never pays again; but the righteous shows mercy, and gives.

(22) For His blessed ones shall inherit the earth; and those cursed by Him shall be cut off.

Hymn # 2 Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery Box Message

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:1

Worship In Song

Congregational Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever.

Amen.

**The Three-Fold Witness Rejected
John 5:31-47**

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn # 42 God Be with You

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26 "The LORD bless you and keep you; (25) the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; (26) the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Amen