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THE BREAD AND THE WINE

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John 1:1-14

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God.***

*14 And the **Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Revelation 19:13

*13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called **The Word of God.***

Matthew 4:4

*4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.**'"*

The Word of God is Christ. He is the bread of life. We must eat the Word of God to live. How do we do that? The Word of God is eaten by believing it. When we hear it, receive it and believe it, we are eating it. When we act on what we believe we live by it. Bread in scripture becomes symbolic of Christ. The natural man lives by natural bread and the spiritual man lives by spiritual bread. Christ, the Word of God, becomes bread to our spirit man.

John 6:63

*63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. **The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.***

is the Word of God that is our spiritual food, spiritual bread.

John 6:51

*51 **I am the living bread** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and **the bread that I shall give is My flesh**, which I shall give for the life of the world."*

Matthew 26:26-28

*26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is **My body.**"*

*27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is **My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.***

Christ takes the symbolic language to a new level when He institutes the communion service, the memorial of His death. The bread lifted up and broken by Christ at the last super, becomes symbolic of Christ being lifted up on the cross and His body being broken. The wine drunk becomes symbolic of His blood split out.

Luke 22:19

*19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is **My body** which is given for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**"*

The communion we share with Christ is remembered or brought to our

It is the Word of God that is spirit. It



attention by a piece of broken bread and a sip of wine. However, these symbols are not an end in themselves. These symbols only serve to point us in the direction of the cross. To give us a remembrance, a reminder that when we receive this broken bread and poured out wine, we are demonstrating our willingness to receive judgement on our own sin nature. To account ourselves dead in Christ. To live Christ's death by the Spirit and make it ours so that His life and victory over death, His resurrection become ours.

2 Timothy 2:12

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Romans 8:13

*13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if **by the Spirit** you put to death the deeds of the body, **you will live.***

Through communion with His death, we become one with His resurrection and life. It is a powerful memorial. But it is not His actual body and blood. We do not eat the flesh of the son of man or drink His blood by eating and drinking the emblems. We do it by living a receptivity to the judgement. By actually participating in the process through a daily obedience. We eat Him by daily living by Him. Taking up our cross and carrying it daily. It is a willingness to take up and carry our own cross with Him, that we are expressing when we submissively partake of the emblems. By eating the bread and drinking the wine, we are saying yes. Just like Christ in the garden, we too are saying through symbolic language, "*Father, not my will*

but yours be done". It is the Fathers will to crucify the sin nature in Christ and it is up to us to show our willingness to agree with and accept this ongoing holy judgement. We are not saved by the emblems. We are saved through believing the preaching of the cross. Trusting in the living Word of God to daily lead us by His Spirit to the cross. We demonstrate this most completely through actual obedience to His Word. We could easily partake of the emblems and continue in disobedience and be lost. Obeying the command of Christ, will have us consuming the body and blood of Christ. We actually partake of him, become one with him, when we actually obey as He did. It is in hearing and doing the Word of God, that we reveal true faith in him and become one with him. It is becoming one with His death, that we become one with His life. One with His call, His purpose to suffer for the winning of the lost. This is our highest call, to fellowship with His sufferings, the sufferings that come with winning the lost. This is what we are expressing with the emblems. However, if we do not do the will of the Father, partaking of the emblematic bread and wine becomes just a religious show of false piety. Disobedience to the will of the Father will render the act foolish and meaningless.

1 Corinthians 11:24

*24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**"*

He says do this in remembrance. It is a memorial to remind us that there is a death sentence on our sin nature and that we are called to live out that death sentence daily through daily obedience

to the Spirit.

Christ says do this in remembrance. He does not say do this to reproduce me and eat me over and over again.

It is error to put more onus on the symbol than what the symbol represents. Satan has used this wrong emphases to move the church into idolatry. It becomes the idolatry of worshiping the emblems. If you actually turn bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, then the natural elements have become deified. They become an idol, a god. This is exactly how the Roman church has been able to control so many people for centuries. If they control the process of **transubstantiation** then they control who is saved. Salvation comes from eating the deity they have created and only they can provide.

Transubstantiation

(especially in the Roman Catholic Church) the conversion of the substance of the Eucharistic elements into the body and blood of Christ at consecration, only the appearances of bread and wine still remaining.

1 Peter 1:22

*22 Since you have purified your souls in **obeying the truth through the Spirit** in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,*

Obeying the truth is obeying Christ the Word of God. Christ said, "*I am the way the truth and the life*". He did not say that if you take the Eucharist you will have life. It is by obeying the truth through the Spirit. Being led by the Spirit. This is how you purify your

soul. It is this walk of obedience that will have you partaking of Christ in a very real way.

John 4:34

*34 Jesus said to them, "**My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.***

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Catholic Dictionary Definition

*The true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, who is really and substantially present under the appearances of bread and wine, **in order to offer himself in the sacrifice of the Mass** and to be received as spiritual food in Holy Communion.*

Hebrews 9:28

*28 Christ was offered **once** to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

Hebrews 10:12

*12 But this Man, after He had **offered one sacrifice** for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,*