

It is a dogma of faith that the Holy Eucharist contains truly, really and substantially the Body and Blood of Our Lord. . . . Receive Holy Communion, and "what's in it for me?" -- that Sacred Body, His Precious Blood. . . . Check it all carefully with Saint John who writes in the sixth chapter of his Gospel: "He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood, abideth in Me and I in him. . . . My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed." Non-Catholic exegetes make themselves ridiculous saying Christ didn't mean this literally. HE MEANT IT SO MUCH AND THEY UNDERSTOOD HIM SO PERFECTLY that:

John VI 61...."Many therefore of his disciples, hearing it, said: This is a hard saying and who can hear it?"

John VI 67...."After this, many of his disciples went back; and walked no more with him."

When you hear the old charge that Catholics do not know their Bible, distinguish:

- (1) Many may not read it by the fire or at their desk as some praiseworthy and utterly sincere non-Catholic Christians do.....(and NOT to read the Bible is reprehensible in such Catholics' lives.....it would do them good.....) But:
- (2) ...in their daily missals, and when they offer Holy Mass, and times without end when the Holy Father, the Bishops, the priests either write or preach, Catholics are hearing the words of Our Blessed Lord over and over again; and:
- (3) They are not wresting the inspired Revelation to their own destruction, but are getting it straight through the infallible mouthpiece which that Revelation itself establishes.

The trouble with the non-Catholic Christian viewpoint concerning the Bible is that private interpretation not only in theory but in actual fact has destroyed the value to revealing at all. There is no sense to the proposition that GOD REVEALS HIS WORD and PEOPLE MAKE OF IT WHATEVER THEY SEE IN IT. Why? Because:

- (1) The principle of contradiction and the testimony of common sense condemn it. Either Our Lord is really there or He is not. If He is, then the Evangelicals' belief that He is not is un-Christian; if He is not, then the Catholics' belief that He is is un-Christian. AND TO SUBMIT THAT THE EVANGELICALS CAN HAVE IT THEIR WAY AND THE CATHOLICS THEIR WAY---AND BOTH STILL LEGITIMATELY CALL THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS---IMBUED---WITH---CHRIST'S---MIND---ON---THE---SUBJECT---OF---HIS---BODY---AND---BLOOD---THAT IS A CONTRADICTION AND IT FRUSTRATES THE VERY IDEA OF GOD MAKING OR MEN RECEIVING ANY REVELATION AT ALL.
- (2) This utter disregard of a faithful interpreter, this hue and cry about papal infallibility being "mental suicide" (as far as the believer is concerned)..... this disregard has almost hopelessly scandalized the pagan world and rendered the religion of Christ an uninviting hodge-podge to the unbaptized heathen.

Corpus Christi for you and all Catholics is a noble tribute to the Body of Christ; it is a special, more solemn event in the Church's perennial and ever-constant respect and love for the reality of the Holy Eucharist. It is a living, age-old denial of the rationalizing position: "He did not mean what He said." The negativism of non-Catholic Christians---their protests and protests and protests---can only produce (to match the matchless Lauda Sion of Aquinas) such bitter "literature" as leaflets like THE WORSHIP OF THE WATER! --- On this great Eucharistic Day may Our Lord Jesus Christ draw the minds and hearts of non-Catholic Christians to the Mass and to Holy Communion.... "THIS....IS....MY....BODY; THIS....IS....MY....BLOOD." And may that same Tenant of the Tabernacle, "whose delight is to be with the children of men" and who ever repeats, "Come to Me, all you that labor and are burdened and I will refresh you"may He stabilize the wavering faith of careless Catholics whose love for the Body of Christ---CORPUS CHRISTI---is not what it might be. Where do you stand?

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