

GROW IN GRACE NEWSLETTER

Volume 44b, No. 31, August 13, 2019 / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is

sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."***

[Please STUDY this in preparation for the LORD'S SUPPER, August 18!]

The Catholic 'MASS' does NOT Line Up with Scripture!

The Catholic Catechism states: In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist *"the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained."* **Roman Catholics claim:** "Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." [NOTE: the following is written BY Catholic Priests... some editing for space Any additions are placed in BRACKETS... to some of their writing... I had added BOLD]

When the priest says "this my body", it is at that instant when, through the **miracle of transubstantiation**, the bread and wine which we offer as the bloodless sacrifice to our Lord truly become the Body, Blood , Soul and Divinity of Jesus. **It is His true**

Presence in the form of bread and wine. It is Christ. Perpetual Adoration is when the priest takes a consecrated host, such as the one described above, and places it in a monstrance. (monstrance comes from the Latin "*monstrare*" to show, to expose to view.) The monstrance is then placed in front of the tabernacle (an ornate box which holds the monstrance and any consecrated hosts) or on the altar of the church or chapel for adoration.

What does the Catholic actually do during adoration? "You may sign up to be an "*adorer*" which allows you to schedule yourself for one or more hours per week to pray before the very presence of Our Lord, exposed in the monstrance. **It means that you can have some time alone with Jesus** to recite your favorite prayers... , pray a rosary or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before Our Lord. You can just sit and say nothing **simply keeping Him company**, just as you would with a dear friend."

[REMEMBER: This is all done before a PIECE OF BREAD, WHICH THE CATHOLIC now believes is actually JESUS!]

[WHAT IS 'Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration'?... IT] is permanent exposition and **adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in a chapel that remains open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.** **[WHY PARTICIPATE IN PEA?] HE [JESUS] IS REALLY THERE!** [In the bread, given by the priest] **2.** Day and night **Jesus dwells in** the Blessed Sacrament [the bread given by the priest]! **3.** When you look upon the Sacred Host [the bread given by the priest], **YOU LOOK UPON JESUS**, the Son of God. **4.** **JESUS WILL BLESS YOU**, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. **5.**

Jesus will spend all eternity thanking you and loving you in heaven for your faithful commitment here on earth of spending one hour each week with Him [who is in the bread] in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Mass and the sacrifice of Christ

(**Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry**, by [Matt Slick](#))

In Roman Catholicism, the Mass is equivalent to [The Lord's Supper](#), the communion offering. The word "mass" is derived from the Latin missa. The mass is a series of rituals centered around the communion supper. It is also called the Eucharistic Supper.

According to the *New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism*, vol 2, question 357, "The mass is the sacrifice of the new law in which Christ, through the Ministry of the priest, offers himself to God in an unbloody manner under the appearances of bread and wine. The mass is the sacrifice of Christ offered in a sacramental manner . . . the reality is the same but the appearances differ."

Question 358 asks "What is a sacrifice?" The answer given is "A sacrifice is the offering of a victim by a priest to God alone, and the destruction of it in some way to knowledge that he is the creator of all things." From the Baltimore Catechism we can conclude that the mass is the offering of Christ by a priest.

According to Roman Catholicism, Christ instituted the Mass when he said, "This is my body," ([Matt. 26:26](#)) and "This is my blood," ([Matt. 26:28](#)). Furthermore, Roman Catholicism teaches that when Jesus said "Do this in remembrance of me," he gave the apostles and hence his future priests the power to change bread

and wine into his body and blood, (*Baltimore Catechism*, Vol. 2, Q. 354).

Therefore, during the ceremony of the Mass during the part of the liturgy known as the consecration, the priest changes of bread and wine into Christ's body and blood (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1105).

In checking out the *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*, *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, and *The Council of Trent*, we find the following:

The Eucharist is referred to in several ways.

1.As a sacrifice

1. "the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist," (CCC, 1055) and "the Eucharist is also a sacrifice," (CCC, 1365).

2.As a divine sacrifice

1. "For it is in the liturgy, especially in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, that "the work of our redemption is accomplished," (CCC, 1068).

3.As a representation of the sacrifice of Christ

1. "The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross," (CCC, 1366).

4.Is 'one single sacrifice' with Christ's sacrifice

1. "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice," (CCC, 1367).

5.It is the same sacrifice of Christ

1. "And since in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner," (CCC, 1367).

6.It is propitiatory (removes the wrath of God)

1. ". . . this sacrifice is truly propitiatory," (CCC, 1367).

7.To all who deny its propitiatory nature Trent pronounces anathema

1. "If any one saith, that the sacrifice of the mass is only a sacrifice of praise and of thanksgiving; or, that it is a bare commemoration of the sacrifice consummated on the cross, but not a propitiatory sacrifice; or, that it profits him only who receives; and that it ought not to be offered for the living and the dead for sins, pains, satisfactions, and other necessities; **let him be anathema.**" (*Trent: On the Sacrifice of the Mass: Canon 3*);

8.It is called the sacrifice of Christ which is offered via the priest's hands

1. "The sacrifice of Christ the only Mediator, which in the Eucharist is offered through the priests' hands," (CCC, 1369).

9.It is capable of making reparation of sins

1. "As sacrifice, the Eucharist is also offered in reparation for the sins of the living and the dead," (CCC, 1414).

10. It is to be considered a true and proper sacrifice

1. "The Church intends the Mass to be regarded as a 'true and proper sacrifice,'" (*The Catholic Encyclopedia*, topic: "Sacrifice of the Mass").

Is the Mass a re-sacrifice of Christ?

Roman Catholics are quick to say that the Eucharist is not a re-sacrifice of Christ. They want to make it clear that Christ was offered once for all and that the Mass is not a re-sacrifice but a "re-presentation" of the sacrifice. We certainly do not want to misrepresent Roman Catholic theology, but we must ask how it is possible for the Mass to not be a re-sacrifice of Christ when the Mass is called a divine sacrifice (CCC, 1068) that is done over and over again.

We are told that "the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice"; (CCC, 1367); that it is an unbloody offering that is propitiatory, (CCC, 1367); that it can make reparation of sins, (CCC, 1414); and is to be considered a true and proper sacrifice (*The Catholic Encyclopedia*, topic: "Sacrifice of the Mass").

We must conclude that it is a sacrifice that occurs over and over again; **and since it is said to be a true and proper sacrifice that is propitiatory, then logically it must be a re-sacrifice of Christ.** If it is not, then how can it be called a sacrifice of Christ?

Also, how could it be propitiatory if it is not a sacrifice of Christ since it is Christ's offering on the cross that is itself propitiatory?

- "Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people." ([Heb. 2:17](#)).

- "and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world." ([1 John 2:2](#)).

Biblical Response

We risk the Roman Catholic saying that the biblical response to their position is a response to a straw man. Typically, the Roman Catholic will say that the Mass is not a re-sacrifice.

But it is difficult to conclude otherwise when we examine what the official Roman Catholic documents say. **Therefore we surmise that if it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and looks like a duck, it must be a duck.** Likewise, if the Mass is said to be a sacrifice of Christ and is repeated, then we must conclude that it is a continuing sacrifice, a re-sacrifice of Christ since the Catholic Church says that this very sacrifice is propitiatory (removes the wrath of God); and it is only the actual sacrifice of Jesus that can accomplish propitiation.

The Bible tells us plenty about the sacrifice of Christ. Please consider the following verses:

1. Sacrifice offered once

1. "For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself," ([Heb. 7:26-27](#)).
2. **"So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for**

salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him," ([Heb. 9:28](#)).

3. **"By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all,"** ¹¹ And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; ¹² but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God," ([Heb. 10:10-12](#)).

2. Sacrifice repetition of no value

1. "For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never by the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near." ([Heb. 10:1](#)).
2. "And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;" ([Heb. 10:11](#)).

We can see that the Bible tells us Christ offered himself once, and that there is no need for repetition of his sacrifice. The failure of the Roman Catholic Church has been to distort the biblical doctrine of the Lord's Supper into a constant and repetitious sacrifice of Christ. It should be plain to the reader that **the Roman Catholic position is not only unbiblical but anti-biblical.**

[It is anti-biblical and anti-Christ. The Roman MASS is the core expression of their FALSE RELIGION. Romanism is the major CULT of all the expressions of false Christianity. AND

ALL OF THIS MAKES IT VERY SAD AND ALARMING that a number of so-called Southern Baptist leaders (Rick Warren, Beth Moore, Russell Moore, etc.) are influencing others to receive Catholicism.]

We at CARM humbly request that the Roman Catholic not put his or her faith in the Mass but instead turn to the one and true sacrifice of Christ, by faith, and look to Jesus alone and not a human institution that offers a repetitious sacrifice. **We are made right by the blood of Christ-- not by the offering of a Roman Catholic priest who changes the bread and wine into the literal body and blood of Christ.**

- "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," ([1 John 1:9](#)).

"Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him," ([Rom. 5:9](#)).
 "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," ([Rom. 5:1](#)).

Great Grace to All! James Bell // www.southsidegallatin.org

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SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:

TUESDAYS: Come and sing every Tuesday night at Gallatin Health Care Nursing Home. Meet at the front door at **5:15PM**.

WEDNESDAYS: → **6:30pm— Wednesday CHURCH PRAYER SERVICE** → Enter via **IRON STEPS**, side door.

WEDNESDAYS: → 6:30pm— Youth Activities and Bible Study— enter, side double doors.

WEDNESDAYS: → 6:30pm— Young Family Prayer Time! THIS IS a time of Bible study and prayer geared toward **families with children in the nursery and pre-K class.**

***** LADIES BIBLE STUDY— NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 20, 2019 @ 11:00am; Continuing in LUKE.** ENTER at the back of the church building, [*Doors open at 10:30am... re-locked at 11:10am*]

***** MEN's Fellowship/Bible Study:** EVERY SATURDAY @ **8:00am: (STUDY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN!)** ENTER AT THE back of Church building... under the drive-thru awning. [**DOORS OPEN FOR FELLOWSHIP, Juice, coffee, Hardee's biscuits, & Donuts at 7:30am!**]

SUNDAY SERVICES, AUGUST 18, 25

9:30am— Sunday School Classes for All Ages

10:45am— Sunday Morning Worship Service

SPECIAL EVENTS ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:

***** AUGUST 18 — LORD'S SUPPER, at the end of the Morning Worship**

[AT CLOSE OF MORNING SERVICE— WE WILL HAVE A CHURCH-WIDE 'OPEN FORUM' ... PLEASE BE PRESENT!]

HOME GROUPS... some at 5pm

****** AUGUST 25 — 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Church-wide EQUIPPING DISCIPLES by developing Christ-honoring Marriages: Paul David Tripp's 'WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? (Redeeming the Realities of Marriage)**

