



WHAT IS THE BREAD OF LIFE?

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This article will argue that Yeshua (Jesus) Himself is the bread of life and that the bread of life is NOT some man-made circular communion disc wafer, blessed by a priest, that believers consume.

JOHN 6:35:

And Yeshua (Jesus) said to them, “I AM the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”

JOHN 6:53:

Then Yeshua (Jesus) said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.”

Are the words of Yeshua (Jesus) from John 6:53 to be taken figuratively or literally? The Catholic Church and some of her daughter Protestant churches take these words literally. This literal interpretation forms the foundation for the Catholic Church’s Transubstantiation Doctrine – the miraculous changing of bread and wine into the actual flesh and blood of Jesus Christ (Yeshua Messiah), consumed by the believer who partakes in communion.

The Catholic priest is proclaimed to have the power to call Jesus Christ (Yeshua Messiah) down from heaven into the communion wafer during Catholic mass. Catholics are told to believe that when they consume the man-made communion wafer and drink a goblet of wine during their mass, they are actually eating the miraculously transformed literal flesh and blood of Jesus Christ (Yeshua Messiah). This belief is a central tenet of the Catholic faith.

If consuming the LITERAL body and blood of Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) is necessary for salvation, as Catholics claim, then the whole world must become Catholic if they wish to be saved and to escape the wrath of God. On the other hand, if Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) was speaking in figurative language, which He often did, then the Transubstantiation Doctrine is nothing more than a deceptive hoax imposed upon Catholics for the purpose of keeping them in bondage and servitude to the Catholic Church.

JOHN 16:25:

“These things I have spoken to you in FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.”

Yeshua (Jesus) spent much of His Messianic mission speaking in figurative language.

Yeshua’s (Jesus’) statement that one must eat His flesh and drink His blood MUST be understood in a figurative sense.

LEVITICUS 11:4:

Among the animals, whatever divides the hoof, having cloven hooves and chewing the cud—that you may eat.

Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) did not have divided hooves and He did not chew the cud. We cannot eat His flesh according to His own dietary law. To eat human or divine flesh would make us cannibals.

LEVITICUS 3:17:

It shall be a PERPETUAL STATUTE for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that you shall eat neither fat nor blood.

What part of perpetual do people not understand? We are never permitted, throughout all our generations, to consume blood. To do so, to literally consume human or divine blood, would make people vampires. Yet the Catholic Church would have us believe that we must consume the literal blood of Jesus Christ (Yeshua Messiah).

The Transubstantiation Doctrine has been modified by the Catholic Church to mean that the communion wafer sacrifice is a ‘bloodless’ sacrifice. The Catholic Church offers up the Eucharist as a bloodless sacrifice.

God does not respect bloodless sacrifices to atone for sin.

GENESIS 4:3-4:

And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to YHWH (the Lord). Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And YHWH (the Lord) respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering.

YHWH (the Lord) rejected Cain's offering because it did not meet God's sacrificial requirements for atonement, while YHWH (the Lord) respected Abel's offering because it met God's sacrificial requirements for atonement (Genesis 8:20; Leviticus 1, 17:11).

A Catholic priest offers the Eucharist up as a bloodless offering, in the same manner that Cain brought an offering of fruit to YHWH (the Lord). YHWH (the Lord) did not respect Cain and his bloodless offering and YHWH (the Lord) does not respect the bloodless offering known as the Eucharist.

LUKE 22:19-20:

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.” Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you...”

At His last Passover meal with His disciples, commonly called the Last Supper, Yeshua (Jesus) declared, "Do this in remembrance of Me." Do what in remembrance of Him? Celebrate the Passover in remembrance of Him!

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7:

For indeed Messiah (Christ), our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus the Christ) IS the New Passover. In God's final plague against the Egyptians in the Exodus from Egypt, the Hebrews were commanded to cover their doorposts with sacrificed lamb's blood, so that the angel of death would 'pass over' their households (Exodus 12:21-27).

ROMANS 3:23-26:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus), whom God set forth as a propitiation BY HIS BLOOD, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had PASSED OVER the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Yeshua (Jesus).

We honor and remember the Lord Yeshua's (Jesus') sacrifice for us, and accept His shed blood for our sins, as His blood covers our transgressions. Yeshua (Jesus) took the righteous punishment of God for our sins upon Himself. His shed blood covers our transgressions, so that God's judgment 'passes over' us, so that we can attain eternal life.

Animal sacrifices, the killing of Scripturally clean mammals and birds and spilling of their blood, was a measure to temporarily atone for sin, but could never permanently take away sin (Leviticus 1). It was a temporary measure, a foreshadowing of the shedding of the blood of Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus the Christ), who permanently took away the sins of the world. We don't sacrifice animals today, as this measure has been rendered obsolete (Hebrews 10).

The grain offerings that temple priests prepared and ate of was symbolic of Yeshua's (Jesus') body shed for us and was a foreshadowing of the true Bread of Life who would offer His body for us (Leviticus 2).

JOHN 6:48-51:

"I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 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."

What is this living bread that Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) spoke of?

What is this 'bread' we should eat to have life? Is it a weekly man-made communion wafer? NO! Yeshua's (Jesus') 'bread' are His words, which are life, not some man-made communion wafer, of which Catholics and Protestants bow down to and receive before unbiblical priests, pastors, and reverends. Yeshua (Jesus) is the bread that came down from heaven. It is this spiritual bread, His words, which we must eat (believe and walk in) to have life.

JOHN 6:63:

“It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing. THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK TO YOU ARE SPIRIT, AND *THEY* ARE LIFE.”

Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus the Christ) declares that the flesh profits nothing, yet many falsely believe that they must consume a man-made communion wafer and receive Him *AS FLESH*. The Eucharist communion wafer is NOT the living bread that we must consume to have eternal life. Yeshua (Jesus) is the Bread of Life; His words are life.