

# **Bite Size Apologetic**

## **Calvary Chapel of Northern Kentucky**

# **Communion**

*A brief explanation of complex but necessary subjects of faith designed to whet the appetite.*

# Communion

## *USBC Statement*

*In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.*

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*Legatus website*

*Since at the Last Supper Jesus did not say of the bread, “This represents my body” or “This contains my body,” but simply, “This is my body,” the concept of transubstantiation best explains the miracle God achieves through the Eucharist.*

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*Legatus website - continued*

*The term “transubstantiation” itself was first used in a magisterial document in 1215 when the Fourth Lateran Council described how “his body and blood are truly contained in the sacrament of the altar under the forms of bread and wine, the bread and wine having been changed in substance [emphasis added; Latin, transubstantiatio], by God’s power, into his body and blood, so that in order to achieve this mystery of unity we receive from God what he received from us.”*

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*Last Supper*

*John 6:22-59* — *Bread of Life Discourse*

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*Forefathers (Legatus website)*

*Saint Ignatius of Antioch said that heretics “confess not the Eucharist to be the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, which suffered for our sins, and which the Father, of His goodness, raised up again.”*



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*Justin Martyr said the Eucharistic prayer at Mass changes the bread and wine so it becomes “the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh.”*

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*Origen taught that the Eucharist was a new kind of manna because “the flesh of the Word of God is ‘true food,’ just as he himself says: ‘My flesh is truly food and my blood is truly drink [Jn 6:55].’” ...*

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## **Feast of Corpus Christi**

**...in honour of the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. A movable observance, it is observed on the Thursday (or, in some countries, the Sunday) after Trinity Sunday and is a holy day of obligation in many countries. (Brittanica)**



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- 4. Transubstantiation**
  - A. Based on Last Supper narratives (this is my body/blood)**
  - B. And John 6:22-59 (Bread of Life Discourse)**



# Response

## First of 7 “I Am” Statements

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| <b>1. I am the bread of life</b>                | <b>6:35, 48, 51</b> |
| <b>2. I am the light of the world</b>           | <b>8:12; 9:5</b>    |
| <b>3. I am the door of the sheep</b>            | <b>10:7, 9</b>      |
| <b>4. I am the good shepherd</b>                | <b>10:11, 14</b>    |
| <b>5. I am the resurrection and the life</b>    | <b>11:25</b>        |
| <b>6. I am the way, the truth, and the life</b> | <b>14:6</b>         |
| <b>7. I am the true vine</b>                    | <b>15:1</b>         |

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**John 6:48-58 “I am the bread of life”**

# Conclusion

## *John 6:60-63*

*Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard [this], said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"*

*When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?"*

*"[What] then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and [they] are life.*

# Resources

## RESOURCES

<https://www.usccb.org/eucharist>

<https://legatus.org/news/doctrine-of-transubstantiation-has-roots-in-the-church-fathers#:~:text=The%20term%20%E2%80%9Ctransubstantiation%E2%80%9D%20itself%20was,substance%20%5Bemphasis%20added%3B%20Latin%2C>

The History of the Real Presence

<https://catholicworldmission.org/real-presence-jesus-eucharist/#:~:text=The%20Council%20of%20Nicea%20in,Eucharist%20were%20to%20be%20excommunicated.>

<https://calvarynky.com/sermons/does-this-offend-you/>

(Minute Mark 19:40)