

Catholics may think there is nothing wrong with the Mass. They believe that eternal life is by eating the body of Christ and drinking His blood. In order to do that, one must partake in the wafer and wine. The priests teach that they can transform the wafer and wine into the literal body and blood of Christ. They use John 6:53-56 to argue that one must eat and drink the body and blood of Jesus in order to gain salvation. Does John 6:53-56 or any other verse in the Bible really support that idea? Only by comparing scripture with scripture can we know the answers, not just picking and choosing verses that we want to believe in.

**1) John 6:35:** Verses 53-56 in John 6 never said to literally eat the body and blood of Christ for salvation. Eating the body and drinking the blood of Christ is a figurative description for believing on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation (vs. 35). Coming to Christ for salvation is figuratively like eating the body and drinking the blood of Christ. Jesus confirmed that believing on Him was salvation, not literally eating his body and blood (vs. 47).

**2) John 6:60-63:** The Jews found it hard to believe in eating the body and drinking the blood of Christ for salvation (vs. 60). So, Jesus explained all of the words that he said about eating his body and drinking his blood are a spiritual application (vs. 61-63). They have no application to literal or physical areas. If you would eat the literal body or drink the literal blood of Christ, it will all profit nothing (vs. 63).

**3) Genesis 9:4; Leviticus 17:11-14; Acts 15:20; 21:25:** God forbade the drinking of blood!

**4) Hebrews 10:10-12, 14, 18:** There is no more Mass to continue Christ's offering and take away sins (vs. 18). Christ's offering for sins was only once and perfected forever (vs. 12, 14).