

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST.

We will deal with the real presence of Christ and the signification of Eucharist.

I. THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST.

“I am the vine, you are the branches...” (Jn 15:5). That is the saying in the metaphor but “ Take it, this is my body” (Mc 14:22). That is the saying in reality because Christ said also: “...bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (Jn 6:51).

Why cannot God transform the substance of the bread into the one of his flesh If the God created everything from nothing by his word?

In Eucharist, Christ is present sacramentally i.e. the substance of bread was transformed but no the accident: The whiteness and the favor of the bread remain. So we unite with He really and easily.

II. THE SIGNIFICATION OF THE EUCHARIST.

1. Eucharist is the offering in the New Covenant.

In the old covenant, God signed the contact with Israel. When signing, God said that He will protect Israel and they said: “All that the Lord said, we will heed and do”.

For reaching agreement about the covenant, Israelites “ offer the holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the Lord” (Ex 24:1-8). In the

New Covenant, Christ said : “ This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many...” (Mc 14:24).

2. Eucharist is the offering for thanksgiving.

Mankind must present the offering to God in place of their life because He created and redeemed them, and they belong to Him (Gen 8:20-9:17).

3. The Eucharist is the offering of redemption.

According to the covenant, if anyone did not fulfil the regulations of covenant, he will be parted into two as bulls referred in the old covenant.

Mankind did not execute the covenant signed with God. So people will be killed. Fortunately, Christ, savior of the world, had died instead of them. In fact, He is the offering for redemption.

3. Eucharist is the sacrament of the love and the life.

Love needs the presence and the meeting. So Christ said: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20).

In the age of Moses , manna is the bread feeding the Israelites on the way to the promised- land.

Now the bread for the Church on way to the heaven is Christ. If christians hear and execute his words, they will live forever. Hearing Christ is believing in Him (Jn 6:32-59). So Christ said: " One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Mt4:4).

Because Christ is present really in Eucharist, let's come to adore him , and if he is the bread for the living life, we must eat him i.e. obey his commandment. Amen.

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