

The Eucharist (6.38 mins)

The following clip has been produced by the Catholic Church to explain the link between original sin, blood sacrifice, and the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcB7Uem00n4>

QUESTIONS: (WITH ANSWERS)

1. Which Bible verse does the speaker point to underpin his view?

Answer – John 6:54 "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life".

2. What is the link with original sin?

Sin requires a sacrifice to be expiated (removed by cleansing) as the stain of sin prevents us from seeing God clearly and relating to Him.

3. How does this link in with the last supper?

In the last supper Jesus announced that his sacrifice was necessary for the salvation of humankind. He said over the Passover bread and wine ‘this is my body given for you, this is my blood shed for you, do this in remembrance of me’. However, one issue that has divided the churches is whether remembrance means just that – remembering – or something more.

4. Why does Jesus ask us to eat the bread and drink the wine in order to obtain life?

Ultimately he asks us to eat his flesh to be united in his death and to receive life from him. It’s a form of obedience – “whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him at the last day”.