

**General Topics :: Question on taking part****Question on taking part - posted by wind_blows, on: 2010/4/17 1:47**

I have a friend, her name is Maria and she is a Christian. Recently she went to a Catholic funeral service and took part in communion. I was really surprised that she would do that but she thought it was no big deal. I told her the Catholics view of communion is not the same as the Christian faith. She said to her it's not a big deal. I did not want to argue with her but I still think it does matter and she should not have taken part. The Catholics do see the communion differently, for one thing to them they believe the bread is actually Jesus body and the wine is His blood? Isn't that correct? Do you think Christians should not take part in the traditions of the Catholic church? In Him
Ellie

Re: Question on taking part - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/4/17 2:01

Hum this is an interesting question and I guess I never really thought about it before. I actually thought you had to be a member of the Catholic church to take communion at one of their Churches? I watched an interesting show called Protestants and Catholics, What we can learn from each other. Basically it was a Catholic Priest talking with a Protestant minister discussing all of the sore spots of the two Denominations. They actually asked Do you see the bread as the literal body of Christ and the wine as literally the blood of Christ. According to the Priest on the show no they aren't viewed literally as the body and blood of Christ, he called that a "myth" or something like that implying it has been something misunderstood.

I have been going on a weird kick of actually trying to understand people's beliefs instead of assuming I know what they believe (which was a common practice of mine in the past) If I can understand them and respect their beliefs then I can rightly say I disagree and have grounds to actually disagree with them.

As to your friend taking Catholic communion I really don't know much about it, I would say if they referred to Mary in the communion process in any way then it probably isn't a good idea.

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The Show is called Common Grounds What Protestants and Catholics can learn from each other. Interesting watch, I understand what they believe now by watching but don't necessarily agree with them.

Re: Question on taking part - posted by twayneb (), on: 2010/4/17 10:36

The doctrine is called transubstantiation. They believe it one of the mysteries, that in the eucharist the bread and wine do quite literally become the body and the blood in substance but not in appearance. As far as I can tell from googling catholic websites this is still taught, although it may be that some Catholics don't necessarily view it that way. I am sure there is some variation in how different ones see this doctrine as there are with some of the things that we believe.

Travis

