

Christians Must Abhor Some Things

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About the year of our Lord 1160, it was made a capital crime for any person not to acknowledge, after the words of consecration were pronounced by the priest, that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was actually present in the "Host," or Mass-wafer, under the accident of bread, with its roundness and whiteness—even *that very same body*, as large as it was when it hung upon the cross; the bread vanishing, and being *transubstantiated* into the actual flesh of Christ.

Moreover, the worship of the "Host" was enjoined; and in honour to it, they adorned the streets through which it was carried in procession with flowers and hangings of tapestry; and they fell on their knees before it, adoring and calling it their God. The superstitious devotees smote their breast at the sight of it, and kept it in a *Pix** in order to worship it, as is the uniform and universal practice among the Papists even at this day.

That doctrine was unknown to the Apostles, who never made mention of such a mystery; and was also unheard of by the primitive Churches, who never taught that an expiatory sacrifice was now to be made for the living and the dead. Hence, many Christians abhorred it, and chose rather to suffer temporal death, by resisting such idolatry, than by complying therewith, to live and die in danger of hell.

* Pyx or Pix [piks]

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1. the box or vessel in which the reserved Eucharist or Host is kept.
2. a watch-shaped container for carrying the Eucharist to the sick.

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