**Catholic Church Changes On Baptism And Communion**

**Mode Of Baptism**

Romans 6:4 – Therefore we are buried with him by baptism …

baptizo – the very meaning of the word is immersion

* to immerge, submerge (Thayer)
* to immerse (Wigram-Green)

Adult Catechism, pages 56-57: Baptism used to be given by placing the person to be baptized completely in the water: it was done in this way in the Catholic Church for 1200 years.

New Interpretation of the Mass, 120, Borgmann: Baptism took place by immersion in ancient times.

Our Faith and the Facts, page 399: The church at one time practiced immersion. This was up to the thirteenth century. The Council of Ravenna, in 1311, changed the form from immersion to pouring.

Catholic Facts, p.27, John Francis Noll: **… if it be not identical in belief, in government etc., with the primitive Church, then it is not the Church of Christ.**

**Frequency Of Communion**

“The Faith of Our Fathers,” Cardinal Gibbons:

If only one instance could be given in which the Church ceased to teach a doctrine of faith which had been previously held, that single instance would be the death blow of her claim to infallibility (page 74)

Acts 20:7 And upon the 1st day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them …

Legislation on the Sacraments in the New Code of Canon Law, 87, Ayrinhac: In the beginning Mass was celebrated only once a week, then three or four times, and finally, in the fifth or sixth century, every day.

**A Changing Standard Is No Standard At All !**

**Communion “Under Both Kinds”**

I Cor 11:26,28 - For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come. … But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

* Catholic Encyclopedia, IV, 176: Communion under both kinds was the prevailing usage in Apostolic Times.
* Catholic Dictionary, 202: Popes Leo and Gelasius emphatically condemned persons who abstained from the chalice.
* Lives and Times of the Roman Pontiffs, I, 111: Communion “under both kinds … abolished in 1416, by the Council of Constance”
* Council of Constance, Session 14, 6-15-1415: Condemnation of communion under both kinds ... no priest, under pain of excommunication, may communicate the people under the forms of both bread and wine ([www.papalencyclicals.net/Councils/ecum16.htm](http://www.papalencyclicals.net/Councils/ecum16.htm))
* Now I am told the Catholic Church has changed again, and currently allows the laity to drink the fruit of the vine.

**Cardinal Gibbons - change is the “death blow … to infallibility”**