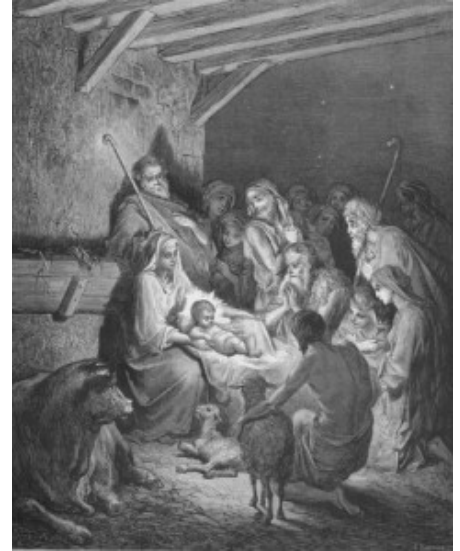


Week 51: Christian Mens Breakfast: Imitate Christ



Gustave Doré: The Birth Of Jesus (1866)

Week 51 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ Study Guide*]

1. Some churches and denominations have historically celebrated “the Lords Supper” or “Agape Meal” as a related, but separate event from the Eucharist. Do you find any compelling Biblical reason for this practice? (Day 351)
2. In Chapter 15, Kempis further recommends the importance of devotion to Christ. What are are some Biblical examples of devotion? How does your personal devotion to God compare? (Day 353 & 355)
3. Some communion “bread” bears little resemblance to what we usually think of as “bread.” What type of bread is appropriate for the Eucharist? Does the Bible give us any direction? (Day 356)
4. People have argued for centuries about the origins of our Christmas holiday and it’s customs. It’s been said that Christians ought not be faulted so much for

stealing the pagans' holiday, as for letting the pagans steal their holiday back. In fact, atheists and pop culture have managed to create a "winter holiday," formerly known as Christmas, that is completely independent of any real reference to the birth of Jesus Christ. (Day 359)

The Christian Mens Breakfast group meets this Saturday and (almost) every other Saturday at a local restaurant in Davie, FL. Call Tom Truex, or use the CONTACT tab at K-Line.ORG to get more information.

Our discussion will focus on the Chapters listed below, from *The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas à Kempis.[1. The dates listed are the dates the chapters were posted online, which also corresponds to the suggested reading plan in the study guide.]

All items listed below are online at ImitateChrist.ORG:

1. Book 4 , Chapter 14 : The Ardent Longing of Devout Men for the Body of Christ (December 18, 2012)
2. Book 4 , Chapter 15 : The Grace of Devotion is Acquired Through Humility and Self-Denial (December 21, 2012)

Also Posted this Week at ImitateChrist.ORG:

1. Challoner's Reflections[2. Right Rev. R. Challoner, D.D., V.A., *Imitation of Christ*, Dublin: McGlashan and Gill, 1873] on *The Imitation of Christ* for each of the above chapters.

Footnotes: