Week 14 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 14 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

1. Kempis wrote in Chapter 6 about the benefits of having a clear conscience. Is a good conscience a subjective matter? Is it possible to have a good conscience (i.e. a mental state) when we ought to have remorse for our sin? (Day 93)
2. Kempis wrote in Chapter 7, *"Cling, therefore, to Jesus in life and death; trust yourself to the glory of Him who alone can help you when all others fail."* You may object to this passage on the grounds that you have friends and family who would never desert you in times of need. *Never?* What Kempis writes seems harsh in that context. Yet the problem with every relationship with every other human being is that there are human beings involved. (Days 94 & 95)
3. In Chapter 7, Kempis wrote, *"Give up all other love for His [God's], since He wishes to be loved alone above all things. Affection for creatures is deceitful and inconstant, but the love of Jesus is true and enduring."* Can't human love be good and pure too? (Day 95)
4. Kempis wrote in Chapter 8, *"WHEN Jesus is near, all is well and nothing seems difficult. When He is absent, all is hard."* Is this summary too simple? Do you agree? Also, when is Jesus absent? (Day 97)

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 2 , Chapter 6 : The Joy of a Good Conscience (April 3, 2012)
2. Book 2 , Chapter 7 : Loving Jesus Above All Things (April 5, 2012)
3. Book 2 , Chapter 8 : The Intimate Friendship of Jesus (April 7, 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: