

Week 47 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 47 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

1. In some Christian traditions, a part of the service of Holy Communion is referred to as “The Great Thanksgiving.” Is there any relationship between this “Great Thanksgiving” and the autumn holiday in the USA, referred to as “Thanksgiving?” (Day 323)
2. In Chapter 6, Kempis expressed his anxiety in preparing for the Eucharist. What is the appropriate preparation for Holy Communion? (Day 324)
3. Kempis wrote in Chapter 7 that we should approach Communion with “suppliant reverence.” Does this mean we shouldn’t be joking around as we accept Communion? (Day 327)
4. Kempis urges us in INSTRUCTIONS FOR RELIGIOUS to approach God with a contrite heart. What does this mean, and is it *REALLY* important? (Day 328)

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 6 : An Inquiry on the Proper Thing to Do Before Communion (November 20, 2012)

2. Book 4 , Chapter 7 : The Examination of Conscience and the Resolution to Amend (November 23, 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: