Week 43 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 43 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

1. Kempis wrote in INSTRUCTIONS FOR RELIGIOUS, *"When you become too curious, or covet what you do not possess, you risk your soul. For the sake of Christ, be satisfied with plain clothing and simple food. Don't chase after the shiny new things this world offers. Christ loves a pure heart, not what fancy or expensive clothes you wear."* But, isn't this just the kind of talk that scares people away from wanting to be Christian? (Day 295)
2. In chapter 58, Kempis cautioned us to not over-analyze those things which are known only to the God of the Universe. How do you reconcile this advice with the natural desire to discover what is unknown? (Days 295 through 297)
3. One of Satan's tricks to to try to make us question God's judgment. Should we follow God, even when we do not understand Him. (Days 296 & 297)
4. Kempis wrote in Chapter 59 that we can trust **ALL** of our hopes and troubles to God. Would you rather substitue the word "*MOST*" for "*ALL?*" (Day 299)

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 3 , Chapter 58 : High Matters and the Hidden Judgments of God Are Not to Be Scrutinized (October 23, 2012)
2. Book 3 , Chapter 59 : All Hope and Trust Are to Be Fixed In God Alone (October 26, 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: