Week 52 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 52 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

1. In Chapter 16, Kempis reminds us that God knows everything about us. We come to him in prayer for comfort and relief. Does the fact that God knows everything about you give you comfort or cause you concern? (Day 358 & 363)
2. The Roman Catholic Church and many other denominations and church groups specify that fermented (alcoholic) wine be used in Holy Communion. However, many churches either permit or require the use of non-alcoholic wine—grape juice. (Day 361)
3. In Chapter 17, Kempis proclaims the importance of our giving God all of our praise. Is this approach practical or appropriate in today's society? (Day 362 & 363)
4. In the final chapter of the Imitation of Christ, Kempis wrote, it is a mistake to assume a human mind will be able to fully understand God, or the Holy Communion. Scrutinizing the sacrament too closely inevitably leads to doubt, rather than a greater understanding. (Day 365)

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 16 : We Should Show Our Needs to Christ and Ask His Grace (December 24, 2012)
2. Book 4 , Chapter 17 : The Burning Love and Strong Desire to Receive Christ (December 27, 2012)
3. Book 4 , Chapter 18 : Man Should Not Scrutinize This Sacrament in Curiosity, But Humbly Imitate Christ and Submit Reason to Holy Faith (December 31, 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: