

Week 11: Christian Mens Breakfast: Imitate Christ

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.

Week 11 : 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 1 , Chapter 24 : Judgment and the Punishment of Sin (March 13, 2012)
2. Book 1 , Chapter 25 : Zeal in Amending our Lives (March 16, 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.

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

1. Will sin lead you to death (Hell), even if you have accepted God's gift of salvation, through Jesus Christ? (Day 71)
2. In chapter 24, Kempis outlined how a man will be grievously punished for sins: (1) driven with burning prongs, (2) unspeakable hunger and thirst, (3) burning pitch and foul brimstone, (4) howling like a mad dog,

- (5) confusion, (6) abject want. Could a loving God literally punish a person in this manner? (Day 72)
3. People often demand what they deserve. Is this really a good thing? (Day 73)
 4. Kempis wrote in chapter 25, "He who does not overcome small faults, shall fall little by little into greater ones." Do you think it is best to overlook "little sins" in ourselves and others? (Day 75)

Footnotes: