

Week 44 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 44 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ Study Guide*]

1. Week 44 begins with Book Four of *The Imitation of Christ*: “An Invitation to Holy Communion.” Some readers may be surprised that Goodwin (a nineteenth century Bishop in the Church of England) could not find very much to offend Protestants in the treatment which Thomas à Kempis (a medieval Roman Catholic monk) gives the subject of the Eucharist. (Day 301)
2. The Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church provides guidance for preparation for Communion. How do you prepare to receive Holy Communion? (Day 302)
3. In chapter 1, Kempis argues that many people take Communion lightly, because it is offered so often. Do you agree? Is the solution to offer Holy Communion less frequently? (Day 304)
4. Rev. Dibdin preached that the act of Holy Communion is primarily about our communion with Jesus Christ. All other trappings of the sacrament—the clergy, the bread, and the wine—are really of secondary importance. (Day 305).

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 1 : The Great Reverence With Which We Should Receive Christ (October 30, 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: