Week 10 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

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 10 : 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 22 : Thoughts on the Misery of Man (March 6, 2012)
2. Book 1 , Chapter 23 : Thoughts on Death (March 9, 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. In *The Soliloquy of the Soul*, Kempis intimates that life on this earth is but a poor substitute for the eternal life which is to come. But doesn't God intend for us to enjoy our lives? (Day 64)
2. Kempis wrote in Chapter 22, *"WHEREVER you are, wherever you go, you are miserable unless you turn to God."* Is this true? (Day 65)
3. In *The Spaniards' Graves*, Celia Leighton Thaxter

(1836-1894) wrote about the families who waited for sailors to return from sea, *“Year by year, Weary they watched, till youth and beauty passed, And lustrous eyes grew dim and age drew near, And hope was dead at last.”* Isn’t there always hope, in God? (Day 67)

4. In Chapter 23, Kempis cautioned us to be ready for death at any time. We don’t know when we will die, nor when Christ will return. Would you live your life any differently if you knew for certain that today was your last day on Earth? (Day 68)

Footnotes: