Week 49 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 49 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

1. What purpose does the “Examination” serve, prior to taking communion? What are the arguments for and against either examination by the church; or self examination? (Day 337)
2. In Chapter 10 of *THE IMITATION OF CHRIST*, Kempis warns us to be vigilant in preparing for Communion; but in *THE LITTLE KEMPIS*, he warns against being so cautious as to miss the benefits of taking Communion. How do you stike a balance between these two concerns? (Day 338 & 339)
3. In chapter 11 of *THE IMITATION OF CHRIST*, Kempis referred to the two physical needs we require, food and light. Do you agree these needs are directly analogous to our spiritual needs by which we are fed and illuminated—communion and the Word of God? (Day 342)
4. According to John Wesley, a good conscience is one which causes no offense. In order to have a clear conscience, we need to have a correct understanding of God’s Word. Is it possible to walk according to God’s will, if we don’t know his Word. (Day 342)

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 10 : Do Not Lightly Forego Holy Communion (December 4, 2012)
2. Book 4 , Chapter 11 : The Body of Christ and Sacred Scripture Are Most Necessary to a Faithful Sole (December 6, 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: