

- Reconciliation with God [Romans 5:11]

What does this mean to you? Discuss

It is not easy being a Christian. It is easy to let habit / ritual take the place of love; to let worship become a thing of the church building instead of a thing of life; to allow circumstances / pressures and troubles to overwhelm [Psalm 130] instead of trusting God

How can you make love, worship and trust the whole of your life? Discuss

What does it mean when a person is not far from the kingdom of God [Mark 12:34]?

Discuss

While teaching in the Temple [Mark 12:35-37], Jesus put to the crowds listening to Him, a question He had previously put to the disciples [Matthew 16:13-20] – Who is Messiah? Whose Son is He? When He quoted Psalm 110 [Mark 12:30] Jesus was trying to change their mindset about Messiah being a warrior king.

The only way David's son could also be David's Lord is if Messiah were God in human form [Isaiah 7:14 Matthew 1:18-25]

How would you describe Jesus (how do you experience Him)? Discuss

In Closing

If we are wrong about Christ we are wrong about salvation [John 3:16-21 1John 2:18-23].

How does this statement make you feel?

PRAYER YOU MIGHT LIKE TO READ

Lord of all love, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your Holy Name, for you never fail to help and guide those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness. Amen

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