

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Developing a Reciprocal Conjunction with God

All conjunction of God with a person must also be a reciprocal conjunction of a person with God and no such reciprocation is possible except with a visible God.

(True Christian Religion 787)

Think of God from His essence, and from that of His Person, and not from His Person, and from this of His essence.

(Apocalypse Revealed 611:8)

1. How is the Lord visible to us in our mind's eye? Reflect on how you picture the Lord.
2. Does it help us see the Lord if we think about His qualities and actions?

The Lord is present with every person, urging and pressing to be received.... [A person receives Him] when he acknowledges Him as his God, Creator, Redeemer and Savior.

(True Christian Religion 766)

3. Do we acknowledge the Lord as our God when we are selfish or only when we are charitable?

The Lord loves everyone but cannot be conjoined as long as the person delights in evil. These delights cannot be removed by the Lord unless the person performs repentance.

(see True Christian Religion 766)

4. Why is repentance an essential step in turning to the Lord?

Anyone who supposes that he can love the Lord without leading a life in keeping with His commandments is very much mistaken; for leading a life in keeping with them is what constitutes loving the Lord.

(Arcana Coelestia 10578:3)

5. How can our actions toward the neighbor express our love to the Lord?