

20 Questions of Confirmation

Q14: How does Jesus interact with God's people today? How can we know that Jesus loves the people of this day and age. How do I see Jesus at work today?

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Introduction: When God created humankind, God created us in the image of God. God was pleased with everything God created. Who we are and how we are in the world, reflects God. During Jesus' ministry, he made it clear that all people are loved by God, regardless of their status or abilities. The work of Jesus is going on all around us. How do we know this? Through creation, through Jesus ministry, and through the Holy Spirit that was poured out at Pentecost.

Video [AI Love from He Gets Us](#)

Video Response: What do you think about the differences in how AI first shows love, and when AI shows love as Jesus taught love? All different kinds of people were in the video and all of them are made in the image of God. Which images stick out in your mind?

What Does God say? Human beings are made in the image of God, and they are created good. God intends for us to know God, to be in relationship with God, and to love and care for others.

How do we Recognize God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in the World: When we consider every person is made in the image of God, we can more easily see Jesus in our lives. Those who help, those who need to be helped, those who cross our paths with an idea that helps us solve a problem are ways Jesus is with us. Can you think of times you have run into someone unexpectedly and they helped you? We experience God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in these ways.

What Does God Say?

- God as Creator created all that exists and called it good. (Genesis 1:27, Colossians 3:9-10)
- Christ's death demonstrates God's wondrous love so that we are changed (redeemed), freed from sin to live a new life loving God and caring for others. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Matthew 25:35-40)
- Martin Luther wrote in the *Small Catechism*, "The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith." (John 14:15-21, Acts 2:1-2)

Response: Reach each Bible verse and discuss it with the theme. How do these verses help you see Jesus at work in the world today? How do they show you God's love is for today and always?

We are Christ's Hands and Feet in the World

St. Teresa of Avila lived in Spain and was a contemporary of Martin Luther. She was a nun in the Carmelite order and later went on to establish a new convent founded on poverty and prayer, named St. Joseph's. She was a writer and much of her writing focuses on prayer. Read the prayer below, attributed to St Teresa. What ideas come to mind for how Jesus is in the world today?

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
— St. Teresa of Ávila (attributed)

Prayer: Ask for prayer requests that reflect hard things people in the group, community or world are facing. Also ask for things the youths are thankful for, knowing God is at work in their lives.

Holy Spirit,

You are in us, strengthening our faith and helping us reach out in love to others. Guide me to love others as God loves me. Help me to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. Amen