

# 6. What Can I Hope For?

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*Our union with Christ means Jesus is both our perfect interceding king in heaven, and our close and ever-present help on earth by his spirit.*



If Jesus is "God with us", you might reasonably ask, "Where is he?"

It's easy for us to feel like Jesus is a bit distant. If I'm united with Jesus, why doesn't it feel like it? Why do I often feel so alone? What hope do we have for life in the here and now if we often struggle to feel like Jesus is with us

## Discussion

1. Do you ever feel like Jesus is distant?



Understanding the nature of our union with Christ helps us see that Jesus is now sitting at the right hand of God, interceding for us, advocating for us and representing us before God. But by his spirit, he is still very much with us here and now. He's still active in our lives, working in us, making us holy, helping us to persevere when it's tough, and facilitating our intimate relationship with God.

# What does the Bible say?

## JESUS IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

Have a look at these passages together: *1 Peter 3:18-22, Hebrews 7:22-28 and Hebrews 4:14-16*

2. What do these passages tell us about what Jesus has done and is doing right now for those who are in him?

3. How does that give us hope as we navigate life here and now?

## JESUS IS ALWAYS WITH US

Read these few passages: *Matthew 28:19-20, John 14:16-1 and 1 Cor 2:11-16*

4. How might these passages be a comfort to us when Jesus feels distant from us?

5. What truths do these passages convey about the spirit in us?



# NAVIGATION POINT

6. What does it mean to you that Jesus is in heaven interceding for you as your great high priest right now?

7. How could you remind yourself each day that Jesus is in you by his spirit?

8. How might thinking of Jesus as your "sympathetic high priest" comfort you when you feel alone or are struggling with life as a follower of Jesus?