



## HOW DO I KNOW GOD LOVES ME?



**#7 WHY DID GOD HAVE TO SHOW HIMSELF IN ORDER FOR US TO BE ABLE TO KNOW WHAT HE IS LIKE?** Man can know by reason that God exists, but not what God is really like. Yet because God would very much like to be known, he has revealed himself. God did not have to reveal himself to us. But he did it—out of love. Just as in human love one can know something about the beloved person only if he opens his heart to us, so too we know something about God's inmost thoughts only because the eternal and mysterious God has opened himself to us out of love.

**#9 WHAT DOES GOD SHOW US ABOUT HIMSELF WHEN HE SENDS HIS SON TO US?** God shows us in Jesus Christ the full depth of his merciful love. Through Jesus Christ the invisible God becomes visible. He becomes a man like us. This shows us how far God's love goes: He bears our whole burden. He walks every path with us. He is there in our abandonment, our sufferings, our fear of death. He is there when we can go no farther, so as to open up for us the door leading into life.

## SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

### DOROTEA CHOPITEA

Dorotea experienced God's love for her throughout her whole life and she decided to help other people experience that same love of God through her kindness. She started schools, orphanages and many other institutions to help the poor and needy. Her husband and children were the first to share that she spread God's love every day.



### BLESSED CARLOS GNOCCHI

Blessed Carlos experienced God's merciful love while fighting as a soldier and when he returned home he dedicated the rest of his life to love his neighbor as Christ would love them. He started schools, homes and orphanages to take care of those in need after the War. He was known to be a messenger of love.



### GOSPEL



### ANSWERS

IT IS WRITTEN IN ISAIAH THE PROPHET: BEHOLD, I AM SENDING MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU; HE WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY. ...JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED IN THE DESERT PROCLAIMING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. ..."ONE MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING AFTER ME. I AM NOT WORTHY TO STOOP AND LOOSEN THE THONGS OF HIS SANDALS. I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." - MARK 1:1-8

## ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:

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