

A Statue's Missing Hands

After World War II, a group of German students volunteered to rebuild a severely damaged cathedral.

A large statue of Jesus, with outstretched arms and the words *Come unto Me* inscribed on it, was missing both hands. Since it proved impossible to reattach the hands, they decided to leave them off.

And they changed the inscription to read, *Christ has no hands but ours.*



Therein is truth. The most well-known metaphor used by the Apostle Paul for the followers of Jesus was “the body of Christ.”

First, though Jesus’ literal body is absent from the earth, He is still ministering through the corporate body of His followers.

Second, a body has many unique parts, which the New Testament writers compared to individual Christians. Some are ears, some are hands, some are feet – all working in harmony to do the work of Jesus in the world.

If you are a follower of Jesus, you have been given grace (a spiritual gift), through the Holy Spirit, to do something that Jesus would do if He were here personally. Through you, the hands of Jesus are ministering daily to others ...

- Through you, the hands of Jesus are giving food to someone unable to feed himself or herself.
- Through you, the hands of Jesus are cooling a fevered brow.
- Through you, the hands of Jesus are laundering linens.
- Through you, the hands of Jesus are cleaning and polishing the floors.
- Through you, the hands of Jesus are administering medications.
- Through you, the hands of Jesus are helping a woman with difficulty walking as she makes her way to the bathroom.
- Through you, the hands of Jesus are extending love in the power of a handshake or a hug.

And in the process?

The person touched by Christ’s follower is being touched by Christ Himself.

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul (Acts 19:11 NKJV).

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