



“Should we be nervous talking to God?”

Another great question from one of our Sunday School students!

This month we get Part I of my answer:

The end of this month we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation - Martin Luther’s efforts to *re-form* the Church - in reality returning it to its original *form*. A form that was centered around Jesus and what He’s done for us. As part of Luther’s efforts to educate the people in the basics of the Bible, he wrote the *Small Catechism* for parents to use in teaching their children about the faith. In his “*What does this mean?*” explanation to the introduction of the Lord’s Prayer (*Our Father who art in heaven,*) Luther wrote:

*With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.*

‘Boldness’ and ‘confidence’ are the opposite of ‘nervous.’ We sinners can boldly and confidently approach the sinless God, because Jesus (who gave us the Lord’s Prayer) took the punishment for our sins. When we come to the all-mighty and holy God in the name of Jesus, (with faith in Him) we can indeed approach God unafraid - as children approach a father who they know loves them and wants only what is best for them.

Thanks for asking  
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