Created in the Image of God

“...And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . .

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (Genesis 1:26–27).

God is our Heavenly Father, and He created us in His image. Of this truth, President Thomas S. Monson said: “God our Father has ears with which to hear our prayers. He has eyes with which to see our actions. He has a mouth with which to speak to us. He has a heart with which to feel compassion and love. He is real. He is living. We are his children made in his image. We look like him and he looks like us.”

“Latter-day Saints see all people as children of God in a full and complete sense; they consider every person divine in origin, nature, and potential.” Each is “a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents.”

“The Prophet Joseph Smith also learned that God desires that His children receive the same kind of exalted existence of which He partakes.” As God said, “For behold, this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man” (Moses 1:39).

Additional Scriptures
Genesis 1:26–27; 1 Corinthians 3:17; Doctrine and Covenants 130:1

NOTES
4. Gospel Topics, “Becoming Like God,” topics.lds.org; see also Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith (2007), 221.

Consider This
How does knowing that each person is created in God's image help us in our association with others?