

JESUS OUR FRIEND **Jhn 15:14-17**

INTRODUCTION:

- > A. Jesus, the Word participated in creation Jhn 1:1-3
- > B. Jesus gave his life's blood to purchase man, (who had fallen as a result of sin), back out of bondage to sin 1Pet 1:18,19
- > C. Even though Jesus has every right over us as creator and owner, He calls us His friend

DISCUSSION:

> I. WHAT IS INVOLVED IN BEING A FRIEND OF JESUS?

- > A. Love
 - 1. There is no necessity of love at all in master/slave relationship
 - a. The one purchases, the other is purchased; one commands, the other obeys
 - b. Not one friendly word needs to be directly exchanged between them
 - 2. Yet Jesus based his whole relationship with his disciples on love
 - a. His love for them in dying for them Jhn 15:13
 - b. Their loving obedience to Him Jhn 14:15
- > B. Trust
 - 1. Jesus freely shared with His disciples His plans, His hopes, for them and the world Jhn 15:15
 - 2. He trusted them with a vital role in the accomplishment of His work 2Cor 4:7
 - 3. They trusted Him for guidance and blessing in their work Col 1:12; Rom 4:21
- > C. Nearness
 - 1. Friends are near each other at all times in aims, thinking and spirit even though they may be miles apart
 - 2. Jesus promised to be with them always Matt 28:20; to work with them Mk 16:20; 2Cor 6:1
- > D. Giving
 - 1. Friendship is based on giving as well as receiving
 - 2. Friendship is fully willing to be used to the help of its friend
 - 3. Jesus was completely spent for us 2Cor 12:15; Jhn 15:13

> III. THE TERMS OF FRIENDSHIP Jhn 15:14

- > A. There is an "if" in this matter, conveying the idea that there are conditions for us to meet before Christ will consider us His friends
- > B. "IF YE DO" - we must be active, not passive, in this matter
 - 1. The word "YE" shows It is personal - it is not done by proxy
 - 2. The word "DO" shows action and is progressive, or continuing. We are to keep on doing the things required
- > C. "WHATSOEVER" - any and everything expected by Christ
 - 1. There cannot be any favorite commands to hold to
 - 2. There are no "non-essentials" to be left out
 - 3. The idea of intensive study is included, that we may know "whatsoever" is required
- > D. "I COMMAND YOU" - The source of order must be Jesus. Men, no matter how well-meaning nor learned, are unable to modify or substitute for the commands of Jesus. He will not be our friend if we substitute

CONCLUSION:

- > A. Jesus has given himself for man as the friend of sinners
- > B. He counts as his friends all who obey His commands: for alien sinner and the erring child they are:
 - > 1. For the alien Faith Heb 11:6; Repentance Acts 17:30; Confession Rom 10:10; Baptism Acts 2:38; 22:16
 - > 2. Erring child: Repent, confess and pray Acts 8:22; 1Jhn 1:9
- > C. He counts those as His friend who continue in the faith Rev 2:10
- > D. On this basis; is Jesus your friend?

**NOW LET'S READ SOME SCRIPTURES AND SING SOME SONGS
ABOUT JESUS OUR FRIEND**