

“JESUS: A Friend Every Person Should Know”

6/9/03VBS

Intro.

- A. Friends
 - 1. Define
 - 2. Different kinds of friends
- B. As we study, think about the power of friendships
 - 1. Negatively
 - 2. Positively

Discuss.

I. What Characteristics Do We Look For In A Best Friend ?

- A. Fellowship **Phil. 1:3ff**
- B. Fun **Psa. 122:1 Jn. 10:9ff**
- C. Faithfulness (Fair) **Rom. 12:10-18 Jn. 15:13f & Eph. 5:22-25** (Firm) **Prov. 27:6**
- D. First **Mt. 6:33, Col. 1:18**
- E. Forgiving **Mt. 18:21f**
- F. Free
 - 1. not bought or sold, no strings attached **Rev. 22:17 & Mt. 11:28-30**
 - 2. free(dom) to be ourself **Gal. 3:28 Col. 3:11ff**
- G. Fences **Mt. 16:19(b) Rev. 3:20**

II. Looking at Above Characteristics, How Is Jesus Our Dearest Friend.

(Study related verses on each point)

III. If Jesus Is REALLY THAT KIND OF FRIEND, Shouldn't We Be Telling Others About Him???

One Another

(John 13:34 KJV) A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

(John 15:12 KJV) This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

(John 15:17 KJV) These things I command you, that ye love one another.

(Rom 13:8 KJV) Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

(1 Th 4:9 KJV) But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

(1 Pet 1:22 KJV) Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

(1 John 3:11 KJV) For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

(1 John 3:23 KJV) And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

(1 John 4:7 KJV) Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

(1 John 4:11 KJV) Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

(1 John 4:12 KJV) No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

(2 John 1:5 KJV) And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.