

Do You Know About Jesus? (Part 14) Friendship with Jesus Pastor Charles Anderson April 3, 2022

SERIES TEXT: Eternal life is to know you, the only true God, and TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST, the one you sent." - Jesus, John 17:3 CEV

SERIES BIG IDEA: Knowing Jesus is the key to knowing eternal hope, joy and peace in your life.

Proverbs 18:24: "A man may have many companions (friends) but may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

I. WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP?

Two-way relationship. <u>My</u> friend. But also, I am <u>His</u> friend. Christianity is a gift. Is Jesus <u>your friend</u>? Are you <u>HIS</u> <u>friend</u>? Do you have this relationship with Jesus?

II. THIS FRIENDSHIP IS WITH THE MAN, CHRIST JESUS

Jesus preferred the title. "Son of Man" (Used in N.T. 80 times) He is GOD. He is MAN. GOD/MAN. MYSTERY!

Hymn – "FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS"

A friend of Jesus, oh what bliss that one so weak as I, Should ever have a friend like this, to lead me to the sky. Friendship with Jesus, fellowship divine, Oh, what blessed sweet communion, Jesus is a friend of mine."

Song- "JESUS AND ME"

I traveled alone upon this lonesome way; my burdens were heavy, and dark was my day.
I looked for a friend, not knowing that he, had all of the time been looking for me.
Now it is Jesus and me for each tomorrow, for every heartache and every sorrow;
I know that I can depend upon my new-found friend, and so till the end, it's Jesus and me.

III. THE <u>COST</u> OF THIS FRIENDSHIP – <u>DEATH</u> FOR ME, HIS FRIEND John 14 - 17

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends."

IV. WHERE IS THE MAN JESUS NOW?

John 14:1, 2 In the Father's House, preparing a place for His friends.

1 Timothy 5 Mediator between GOD and man

Hebrews 1:3; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22 At the right hand of GOD in heaven

Acts 7:55 (Deacon Stephan's martyrdom) Jesus at the right hand of God

But because He is GOD, OMNIPRESENT, He is also right beside you. Practice this Friendship with Jesus

Song "MY GOD AND I" My God and I go in the field together, we walk and talk as good friends should and do We clasp our hands, our voices ring with laughter My God and I walk through the meadow's hue.