

I'll Be A Friend To Jesus

by Douglas Hoff

Johnson Oatman (1856-1922) wrote the well known song that starts: "They tried my Lord and Master, With no one to defend; Within the halls of Pilate He stood without a friend." Many people want Jesus to be their friend to save them in the end. However, the relationship is not one-sided. For Him to save us, we must be a friend to Jesus. Let us consider three simple passages from the Bible that show what this means.

The first passage is **John 15:14 (NKJV)** which records the words of Jesus when he said: "**You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.**" The second passage is **John 14:15** which states: "**If you love Me, keep My commandments.**" The final passage is **1 John 2:3** which says: "**Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.**"

Please notice all three passages deal with keeping His commandments. Without this, a person should not claim to even know Him – at least in the Biblical sense. Also, without keeping His commandments, a person's claim to love Jesus is false. That may seem harsh to certain ears but it is true based upon what the Lord Himself said. Obviously, one cannot truly be Jesus' friend if he or she does not "know" and love Him!

The third passage may cause some confusion to people who do not know the Bible well. Many souls mistakenly assume that if they are familiar with stories about the Lord they can say they know Him. In reality, all that could rightly be said is they know a little about Him. When God says someone knows Him it is because they understand what He likes, wants and does it (e.g., Jer. 2:8; 4:22; 9:3,24; 22:16; 31:34). This is the same thing Jesus taught about doing His will.

Think about people you consider to be true friends. What characterizes these relationships? First, we got acquainted and learned about them – their likes, dislikes, values and interests. We find that we spend time together and enjoy their company. If we truly love them, we will do things that please them. The same things are true about being Jesus' friend!



Church of Christ

20 Haghey Road
Brookville, Pa 15825
(814)849-8619



Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Study (for all ages)
	10:45 AM	Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Song Worship
	6:30 PM	Worship Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Elders: Tom Seigworth, Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth
Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, February 18th, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	Dick
Song Leader:	David N.
1 st Prayer:	Randy
Table:	Allan
Serving:	Don, Chuck, Jim, Dave H., sub: Doug
2 nd Prayer:	Gary
Scripture:	Dick
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Don

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Dick
Song Leader:	Dave H.
1 st Prayer:	Rod
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Paul

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

2/7 - Rod
2/14 - Dick
2/21 - Allan
2/28 - Dave

♥ Those to remember:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| Al Emery | Jack Wyatt |
| Ken Thomas | Jim Metts |
| Irene Schmidt | Milly Park |
| Shawn Simpson – hip cancer | Paul and Linda Smith |
| Tom and May Seigworth | Rod Thomas |
| Kevin Hughes | Betty Hughes |
| Norma Thomas | June Rhines |
| Linda Reichart | Adam Neill |
| Mike LaVan | Florence Homolek |
| Tim and Mary Ann Chilton | Justin Seigworth |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer | |
| Landon Fawcett – Paul Smith’s grandson | |
| Matthew and Michael LaVan | |



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- Allison Park had her surgery this past Thursday. Last word was she would be discharged today or tomorrow.
- Brother Don Dunkle was in a car accident this past Wednesday. He was banged up but no major injuries.
 - Jack Wyatt has been slowly improving and gaining weight. His formula was changed and the way he was fed.
 - There will be a men’s business meeting after services this evening.
 - There will be a youth gathering for ALL ages this coming Saturday, the 24th, at the bowling alley. We will meet

from 2 – 5. Please bring snacks and drinks. Pizza will be provided.

- THANK YOU to all who helped with the Valentine boxes last Sunday afternoon!
- Please make plans to attend the Gospel meeting here at Brookville on April 29th through May 3rd with Mr. Willie Franklin. There are flyers in the foyer to give out. Please start inviting family and friends so they can mark it on their calendars too!

Birthdays and Anniversaries



There are no birthdays or anniversaries this week.

Memory Verses of the Week:

As God lives, who has taken away my justice, And the Almighty, who has made my soul bitter, As long as my breath is in me, And the breath of God in my nostrils, My lisp will not speak wickedness, Nor my tongue utter deceit.

Job 27:2-4

Bible Question of the Week:

Which NT ruler was eaten by worms for not giving praise to God?

Last Week’s Question and Answer:

Which NT Christian loved to have preeminence and did not receive his fellow brothers?

Diotrophes, 3 John 9-10
