



Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Lately, I have been thinking more about the great love of our God. It is amazing to me just how deep and how infinite that love is. I cannot begin to understand how God could lavish such love on me. It humbles me to think that He cares so much that He gave His Son to die for me – that I might have a relationship with Him. My heart is overcome with gratitude as I think how much it cost Him to give me the opportunity to do anything we could imagine. He is the great I AM of all time, creator and redeemer of all – and He wants ME to benefit from that love – He wants to have a relationship with ME. That is amazing – and all I can say is thank you and accept the gift that only He could give.

Loved with everlasting love, Led by grace that love to know
Spirit breathing from above, thou hast taught me it is so!
Oh, this full and perfect peace! Oh, this transport all divine!
In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine.

Closed in everlasting arms, Pillowed on the loving breast.
Oh to lie forever here, doubt and care, and self resign
While He whispers in my ear –
I am His and He is mine.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there. Amen

Jesus is Knocking at the Door of My Heart

A pediatric doctor had a practice of letting the children listen to their own heart before he did. After one young boy had listened, the doctor asked him what he had heard. With a big smile the child answered, "I heard Jesus knocking at my heart!"

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Bible Study – Friendship with Jesus John: 15: vs 12 to 27



12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Study Questions Jesus is speaking to his disciples in this passage. (And to us.)

Verse Twelve: Why does Jesus say this is his commandment? What is the difference between a commandment and a suggestion? What IS the commandment?

Verse Thirteen: What is the greatest love that one can have?

Verse Fourteen: How does Jesus define his friends? Verse Fifteen: How does Jesus differentiate between a servant and a friend?

Verse Sixteen: How did you come into a relationship with Jesus? What did Jesus appoint us to do? What is the fruit that you should bear? Why should we bear fruit? Give an example of how can you show the fruit in your nursing practice (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control). What does it mean to ask for something in Jesus’ name?

Verse Seventeen: Why did Jesus give these commandments? How do we show love to one another?

...SO MANY REASONS TO LOVE THE LORD

Thank you, God, for little things that come unexpectedly
To brighten up a dreary day that dawned so dimly
Thank you, God, for sending a happy thought my way
To blot out my depression on a disappointing day
Thank you, God, for brushing the “dark clouds” from my mind
And leaving only “sunshine” and joy of heart behind...
Oh, God, the list is endless of things to thank You for
But I take them all for granted and unconsciously ignore
That everything I think or do, each movement that I make,
Each measured rhythmic heartbeat,
Each breath of life I take Is something you have given me
For which there is no way for me in all my “smallness”
To in any way repay.

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