

Friends of Jesus even
while enemies:
unconditional

Yet we need to
become friends of
Jesus: conditional

John 15:12-27

- 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- 13 No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
- 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
- 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master does. But I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

- 12 C'est ici mon commandement: Aimez-vous les uns les autres, comme je vous ai aimés.
- 13 Il n'y a pas de plus grand amour que de donner sa vie pour ses amis.
- 14 Vous êtes mes amis, si vous faites ce que je vous commande.
- 15 Je ne vous appelle plus serviteurs, parce que le serviteur ne sait pas ce que fait son maître; mais je vous ai appelés amis, parce que je vous ai fait connaître tout ce que j'ai appris de mon Père.

16 You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you.

17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

18 If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

16 Ce n'est pas vous qui m'avez choisi; mais moi, je vous ai choisis, et je vous ai établis, afin que vous alliez, et que vous portiez du fruit, et que votre fruit demeure, afin que ce que vous demanderez au Père en mon nom, il vous le donne.

17 Ce que je vous commande, c'est de vous aimer les uns les autres.

18 Si le monde vous hait, sachez qu'il m'a haï avant vous.

19 Si vous étiez du monde, le monde aimerait ce qui est à lui; mais parce que vous n'êtes pas du monde, et que je vous ai choisis du milieu du monde, à cause de cela le monde vous hait.

20 Remember the word that I said to you, The servant is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they have kept My saying, they will also keep yours.

21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 He who hates Me hates My Father also.

20 Souvenez-vous de la parole que je vous ai dite: Le serviteur n'est pas plus grand que son maître. S'ils m'ont persécuté, ils vous persécuteront aussi; s'ils ont gardé ma parole, ils garderont aussi la vôtre.

21 Mais ils vous feront toutes ces choses à cause de mon nom, parce qu'ils ne connaissent pas celui qui m'a envoyé.

22 Si je n'étais pas venu et que je ne leur eusses point parlé, ils n'auraient pas de péché; mais maintenant ils n'ont aucune excuse de leur péché.

23 Celui qui me hait, hait aussi mon Père.

24 If I had not done among them the works which no other did, they would not have had sin. But now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father.

25 But that the Word might be fulfilled that is written in their Law, "They hated Me without a cause."

26 And when the Comforter has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He shall testify of Me.

27 And you also shall bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

24 Si je n'avais pas fait parmi eux des œuvres que nul autre n'a faites, ils n'auraient pas de péché; mais maintenant ils les ont vues, et ils ont haï et moi et mon Père.

25 Mais cela est arrivé afin que s'accomplît la parole qui est écrite dans leur loi: Ils m'ont haï sans cause.

26 Quand sera venu le consolateur, que je vous enverrai de la part du Père, l'Esprit de vérité, qui vient du Père, il rendra témoignage de moi;

27 et vous aussi, vous rendrez témoignage, parce que vous êtes avec moi dès le commencement.

A one-way
relationship

Every person
is a friend of
Jesus

Friend

- In Greek, the word is *philos*
- *Dear, fond, loved*: a term of endearment
- We are so dear or precious to the Lord
- The Lord treasures each one of us, each human being

- The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, Behold a gluttonous man and a wine bibber, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners! (Luke 7:34)

Jesus loves
every human
being on the
earth

- *This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*
- *For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16)*

Even if we
do not
want Him

His
enemies

Even when we are
in the lowest state,
with no heart or
desire for Him

- Jesus laid down his life for His friends
- *No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for **his friends**.*

But there

is an IF

- You are My
friends if you
do whatever I
command
you

What?

Claim the friendship of Jesus

- **Believe in the Lord Jesus**
- **Love the Lord Jesus**
- **Love one another**
- This is My commandment,
that you love one another as I
have loved you.

- Know what the Master does
- No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not **know what his master does**. But I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have **made known to you**.

No longer as a servant

- In Greek, *doulos*, indicating slave, in bondage, subservient, in subjection
- Simply following the commandment, trying to fulfill the law
- Blindly, not knowing the will of the master

But as a friend

- By revelation
- Knowing the heart's desire of our Lord
- Knowing His will

How can we know the heart of Jesus?

- Spend time with Jesus as a friend
- Be so close to Him
- Sing to Him
- Confess to Him
- Confide in Him

We **are**
friends of
Jesus

We **become**
friends of
Jesus

A **one-way** relationship:
not dependent on us, on
our response;
unconditional

A **two-way** relationship:
conditional; if we keep
his commandments: to
love one another

Even when we are
enemies; even when we
are low, angry,
disappointed

How? To know Jesus; to
love Him; to spend time
with Him; to know His
heart; to touch His heart