

## WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS!

John 15:13

### Introduction:

1. This is Bring A Friend Sunday and the best thing your friend did was bring you.
2. Truly it is good to have friends.
3. There are many who have friends who would do anything for those they call friends.
4. But I want to tell you of the greatest friend you have . . . Jesus.

### I. JESUS IS THE FRIEND WHO KNOWS YOU INTIMATELY.

- A. Jesus knows the 'good' about you.
1. He knows about your talents, cause He gave them.
  2. He knows about your abilities cause He gave them.
  3. He knows about your potential...you're important to Him.
- B. But Jesus also knows the 'bad' about you.
1. He knows about the sins in your life and He wants you to overcome them.  
Scripture Ephesians 4:26 *"Be ye angry and sin not:..."*
  2. He knows the lack of dedication in your life and He wants you to overcome it.  
Scripture Romans 12:1-2

### II. JESUS IS THE FRIEND WHO LOVES AND CARES FOR YOU.

- A. Jesus knows about your life.
1. He knows about your heartaches and sorrows.
  2. He knows about your troubles.
  3. He knows about your pain.
- B. And Jesus is that friend who will never desert you.
1. He will comfort you and strengthen you in your heartaches and sorrows.  
Scripture Matthew 5:4 *"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."*
  2. He will help you in your troubles.  
Scripture Hebrews 13:5-6 *"... for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."*
  3. Jesus will help you bear your pain.  
Scripture I Peter 5:7 *"Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you."*

### III. JESUS IS THE FRIEND WHO DIED AND THEN ROSE FROM THE GRAVE FOR YOU.

- A. Jesus knows you are condemned.
- Scripture John 3:18 *"... he that believeth not on him is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."*
- Scripture Roman 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death..."*
1. He knows you face judgement.  
Scripture Hebrew 9:27 *"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement."*
  2. He knows your final abode.  
Scripture Revelation 20:15 *"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."*
- B. But Jesus loved you so much He gladly paid for your sins.
- Scripture Hebrew 2:9 *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should*

*taste death for every man.”*

1. He died for you even though you cared little for Him.

Scripture Romans 5:8 *“But commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”*

2. He not only died for you to cover your sins, but He rose from the grave to give you victory over death so you may live forever.

Scripture I Corinthians 15:3-4 *“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”*

Conclusion:

1. What a friend we have in Jesus.
2. Do you know this friend?
3. Child of God have you turned your life over to that friend?