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## Are You A Friend Of Sinners?

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TITLE: ARE YOU FRIEND OF SINNERS?????

NOTE: Kile provides Sunday morning "work sheets" with his sermons. Many fill in the blanks. Interesting! Educating! Makes the time go by faster and helps you know: "How much longer!"

TONIGHT: Want you to write the answers to our questions on the BLACKBOARD.... / of your MIND! Will involve you in the study more and make the time FLY BY RAPIDLY!

*→ I escorted: Tabula Roza.  
Start writing on your mind!*

I. TITLE: "Are you a friend of sinners?" brings confusion to some. 1. Wonder: SHOULD I BE?

2. WHY? should I be? / 3. Would the Lord want me to be? /

4. How can I be a friend of sinners and KEEP myself pure in heart & life? /

5. CAN I be a loyal friend to Jesus and a loyal-friend to sinners at the same time? /

OR: Do I have to make a CHOICE? / ONE OR THE OTHER? /

ANSWER: COL. 3:17. You can do ANYTHING you can do "in the name of" (by the authority) of Jesus! / Do you agree!!!!

*Puzzling!!*

*1. over-simplify!  
2. crystalize!  
3. stereotype Homosexuality!*

II. THIS LEADS TO THE QUESTION: "WAS JESUS A FRIEND OF SINNERS?" *yes! a friend on God's terms.*

A. This question requires a clear understanding of the three NOUNS in the question:

1. JESUS: Who was/is He? Matt. 16:13-16. John 11:27. Angel's ans: Matt. 1:21.

2. FRIEND: GREEK: One loved. One held dear. One we feel friendly toward.

Can we do any of these three things and be PLEASING TO our Lord?

- Now:* 3 questions: 1. Did Jesus LOVE the lost?  
2. Did Jesus hold the lost as dear to His Father in heaven?  
3. Did Jesus have a friendly disposition toward the lost?

# 4 question? Would Col. 3:17 apply here? Do all in His name? Be like Him???

3. SINNERS: I John 3:4. Transgression of His Law-Word! "Overstep the line".  
Rom. 3:23.. Missing the Mark. (Archery). We all have sinned!  
Jas. 5:17.. FAILURE to do the right. To him that knoweth....

Modern man: Psychology. My teacher. "The word SIN" is no longer in our social vocabulary! The idea of right or wrong will not be tolerated in this class. FROM NOW ON: We will speak of what is good-for-us or what-is-not good-for-us.

*Pleasant or unpleasant?*

Note: LeGard Smith: last Wed. night's tape on "Homosexuality": "SIN is the perversion of God's Spiritual ORDER of the Universe". We become PERVERTS too, when we violate any of God's laws-like: lying, cheating, stealing, gossiping, envying, hating or coveting.

III. NOTE: Some modifications regarding Christ's LOVE FOR SINNERS:

1. JESUS never loved Satan, Sin nor any UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.
2. JESUS always loved all Sinners. John 3:16. Rom. 5:1 & 6 & 8. *Wished the best for!*
3. JESUS never compromised the Truth of God nor God's MORAL STANDARD - never!!!
4. JESUS never REFUSED to HELP a sinner turn from Sin and to the Heavenly Father!  
 Proof: Nicodemus, Woman at Well at Sychar, Woman taken in adultery-John 8.
5. JESUS always expected His disciples to befriend SINNERS who would listen to the gospel. Mk. 16:15-16. Matt. 5:13-14. Light - Salt.

Principle: John 17:15. IN world, but not OF the world. Above the world, so we can lift precious souls Heavenward!!! *are:*

IV. PURPOSE OF THIS SERMON???

Simple! We have a large list of newcomers to F. W. who need to KNOW we love them----*and* sinner or saint!

PACKETS are ready for distribution - 10 calls each.

EASY-evangelism!!! Tell them we care about them and want to be of service to them. Leave door-hanger to be picked up in an hour OR FILL IN the information at the door.

WE HAVE GIFTS: A tract about WHAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS !!!

A leaflet about what the Southside church of Christ is all about.

GOAL: To get these calls made and returned to Jim Crouch by June 15th.

MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED if we only leave the literature and the newcomer as a Friend of Jesus.

ABOUT TO SING AN INVITATION SONG: For those who have Spr. needs, only Jesus

can FILL.: Forgiveness of sins for the alien sinner. *Repent & be Bap.*

Forgiveness of sins of Delinquent Bro. or Sis. *Repent & pray!*

Fellowship for newcomer-members of the Body of Christ. *Identify.*

Come now as we stand and sing our song !!!