

Sermon NOTES



Friend of God

1. A friend is someone you have a _____ connection with that you _____ and feel that you can freely _____ and will be contacted by.
2. James 2:23 (NASB 2020) ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called a friend of God.
3. No _____ is necessary for salvation.
4. Ephesians 2:8–9 (NASB 2020) ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
5. Galatians 1:6–9 (NASB 2020) ⁶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel, ⁷ which is not just another account; but there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! ⁹ As we have said before, even now I say again: if anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!
6. James 2:20–22 (NASB 2020) ²⁰ But are you willing to acknowledge, you foolish person, that faith without works is useless? ²¹ Was our father Abraham not justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;
7. Faith _____.
8. Being changed is not the same as _____.
9. Galatians 5:17 (NASB 2020) ¹⁷ For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit,

and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want.

10. Romans 7:18–19 (NASB 2020) ¹⁸For I know that good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. ¹⁹For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

11. We seek _____ over _____.

12. John 15:14–16 (NASB 2020) ¹⁴You are My friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

13. _____ is the key to being called a friend of Jesus.

14. Jesus invites _____ to be His friends.

15. A friend receives personal _____.

16. 1 Corinthians 3:2 (NASB 2020) ²I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to consume it. But even now you are not yet able,

17. Communication from the Lord is _____.

18. A friend of Jesus bears _____.

19. Bearing fruit is becoming a _____ partner with God in His will for His creation.

20. A friend of Jesus has a remarkable _____ life.

21. Romans 12:2 (NASB 2020) ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

22. 1 John 5:14–15 (NASB 2020) ¹⁴This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

23. You cannot truly intercede through prayer if you do not believe in the reality of redemption. Instead, you will simply be turning intercession into useless sympathy for others, which will serve only to increase the contentment they have for remaining out of touch with God.
24. True intercession involves bringing the person, or the circumstance that seems to be crashing in on you, before God, until you are changed by His attitude toward that person or circumstance. Intercession means to "fill up . . . [with] what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ" (Colossians 1:24), and this is precisely why there are so few intercessors. People describe intercession by saying, "It is putting yourself in someone else's place." That is not true! Intercession is putting yourself in God's place; it is having His mind and His perspective.—Oswald Chambers
25. Are you so obedient that the Lord Himself could _____ in you?
26. Are you so obedient that you have _____ the Lord so many times that you can trust in Him?