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## *He Calls Us Friends*

John 15:12-17

### I. You are to Love One Another (vv. 12-13)

A. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us His commandment (v. 12a)  
[Jn. 13:34; 15:10; Rom. 13:8-10]

B. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ that we love others as  
He has loved us (v. 12b) [1 Jn. 2:9-10; 3:10, 14; 4:7-8, 20; 5:1]

C. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us how to love (v. 13) [Eph. 5:2;  
Rom. 5:6-8; 1 Jn. 3:16]

### II. You are to Obey Christ's Commands (v. 14)

A. Obedience and \_\_\_\_\_ go hand in hand (Rom. 1:5;  
6:16; Acts 6:7)

B. Obedience and the \_\_\_\_\_ go hand in hand  
(Jn. 3:36; 2 Thes. 1:8; 1 Pet. 1:1-2; 4:17)

C. Obedience and \_\_\_\_\_ go hand in hand (1 Jn. 2:15;  
Mk. 3:35)

### III. You are to Know that Jesus Calls You Friend (v. 15)

A. A friend is more than a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rom. 6:17-18, 22)

B. A friend \_\_\_\_\_ to you the inner  
workings of their heart (Matt. 13:10-11; Prov. 17:17; 18:24; 27:6)

#### TAKE HOME

- How can you **practically** love one another as Jesus has loved you?
- Outside of the Bible, what is the **greatest** act of love that you have ever witnessed?
- What does it do to you to think about the fact that Jesus no longer calls us servants but friends?

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at [placiritachurch.com](http://placiritachurch.com).

1. Read John 15:12-13. What is the main commandment that Jesus gives to His people? What are some of the other commandments that Jesus gives? (Jn. 13:34; 15:10; Rom. 13:8-10)

2. Read 1 Jn. 2:9-10; 3:10, 14; 4:7-8, 20; 5:1. What does it mean to “hate” your brother? Have you ever done this? How are you working on this in your heart and life?

3. Read Eph. 5:2; Rom. 5:6-8; 1 Jn. 3:16. How did Jesus love? How can you love in the same way?

4. Read John 15:14. How does obedience and faith, obedience and love, and obedience and the gospel go hand in hand? Are you Jesus’ friend if you don’t do what He commanded you to do? Please explain your answer.

5. Read John 15:15. What does the Bible say about servants? What does it say about slaves? (Rom. 6:17-18, 22)

6. What would you rather be called—a slave or a friend? Why? Why do you think Jesus emphasizes here that He calls us friends? (Matt. 13:10-11; Prov. 17:17; 18:24; 27:6)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you learned in this passage?

*“A rule I have had for years is this—to treat the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal friend. He is not a creed, a mere doctrine, but it is He Himself we have.”*

- Dwight L. Moody