

True Friends of Jesus

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Ephesians 5:1-2, *“Be imitators of God, as beloved children; ² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.”*

John 15:8, *“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”*

1. True Friends of Jesus Glorify God

2. True Friends of Jesus Abide in His Love

John 15:9, *“Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.”*

1 John 4:10-11;19, *“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹⁹ We love, because He first loved us.”*

John 14:6, *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”*

1 Timothy 2:5, *“There is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”*

Hebrews 9:15, *“For this reason Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant.”*

Hebrews 9:22, *“All things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”*

3. True Friends of Jesus Are Filled With His Joy

John 15:10-11, *“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”*

4. True Friends of Jesus Love One Another

John 15:12, *“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.”*

5. True Friends of Jesus Lay Their Lives Down For One Another

John 15:13, *“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”*

John 15:18, *“The world hated Me before it hated you.”*

Romans 5:6, *“Christ died for the ungodly.”*

6. True Friends of Jesus Do What He Says

John 15:14, *“You are My friends if you do what I command you.”*

James 4:4, *“Friendship with the world is hostility toward God.”*

7. True Friends of Jesus Bear Fruit That Lasts

John 15:15-16, *“No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You 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.”*

John 15:17, *“This I command you, that you love one another.”*