

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for March 4, 2007

"The Friends of Christ"

John 15:15

Friendship with Christ is a wonderful privilege, and those who are enjoying it will be characterized by five different things outlined for us in John 15:12-16.

The friends of Jesus will be characterized by their love for one another (John 15:12-13).

The friends of Jesus will know divine truth (John 15:15).

Christ did not hide the truth from His disciples. He was committed to making those truths known to them.

We know that Christ has made a truth known to us, as He would make a truth known to a friend, when we are able to embrace and incorporate that truth into our lives by faith.

The manifestation of our faith is the key in helping us to identify whether or not Christ has made something known to us as He would a friend, because it is our faith that makes us a friend of Christ (Hebrews 11:6).

We cannot manufacture faith. Faith is the work of God and therefore, in a real sense, the work of Christ and it will make a difference in our lives (John 6:29).

Christ's friends will know divine truth in a way that Christ's enemies cannot know divine truth because Christ will provide His friends the faith to embrace and incorporate His truths into their lives.

May God give us the grace to demonstrate by the way we respond to divine truth that we are in fact the friends of Christ.