

Friends

Luke 22:54-71

Peter heard questions like this: Who are you? Aren't you one of that guy's friends?

Jesus heard questions like this: Who are you? Tell us who you are... are you the Messiah?

- Peter was a friend of Jesus and didn't act like it.
- Jesus was and is a friend to all of us and paid the ultimate price of being a friend.

"A friend is a _____ to whom I am mutually drawn as a companion and an _____, whose _____ for me is not dependent on my performance, and whose _____ draws me closer to God." *Friends and Friendship, Jerry and Mary White*

A FRIEND IS:

_____ Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

_____ **DEEPLY** Proverbs 25:11 Like apples of gold in settings of silver, so is a word skillfully spoken.

_____ **TO BE WITH** Proverbs 17:22 A cheerful heart brings good healing, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

_____ Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a person sharpens his friend.

_____ Hebrews 3:13 But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception.

_____ John 15:13 No one has greater love than this – that one lays down his life for his friends.

_____ 1 Thessalonians 5:26 Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. ^{CSB} 1 Peter 5:14 Greet one another with a kiss of love.

_____ **CHALLENGING** Proverbs 13:20 The one who walks with the wise will become wise, but a companion of fools will suffer harm.

JESUS CALLS US FRIENDS! John 15:15

Jesus is: loyal- John 10:27-29; fun to be with- Matthew 17:26 -27; stimulating- John 15:8; encouraging - John 16:33; spiritually challenging - Matthew 22:37-39, self-sacrificing, loving

When Jesus was asked - *Who are you?* - He did not deny _____ with God or _____ planned before the foundation of the world. Luke 22:67-71

Because God the Father and God the Son wanted us to have the right kind of relationship with them... _____, God the Son came to earth and took matters into His hands so that He could _____ us to God.

Romans 5:10, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, Colossians 1:21

The State of Humanity:

Man is hostile to God;

_____ to man because in His holiness, He hates sin.

Reconcile - katalasso -to change a person _____,
to reestablish proper friendly interpersonal relations after these have been disrupted or broke

Basic meaning: _____

Catalase - an enzyme that works in our bodies

Catalyst – a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction without itself undergoing any permanent chemical change

DOCTRINE OF RECONCILIATION

God is the catalyst that makes the change in us _____.
All the change happens in us.

Reconciliation: *Biblical Doctrine - John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue*

- Reconciliation is a _____ accomplished in the person of Jesus Christ, through His blood. Man does not effect this reconciliation by doing something to remove God's hostility toward his sin. Rather, sinners _____ reconciliation as a _____ through the work of Christ.
- Reconciliation is a _____ work accomplished by Christ's sacrifice. It was brought about by Jesus' death on the cross.
- Reconciliation is the _____ of God's enmity against sinners.

Reminder - Jesus was the propitiation for us, receiving the wrath of God so that God's wrath would be satisfied and turned away from us.

Jesus' propitiation _____ reconciliation.

Jesus' *propitiation* removed the wrath of God from us,

and Jesus' *reconciliation* _____ of God from us.

Albert Barnes Commentary, Romans 5:10-1: *We were reconciled* – “We are brought to an agreement; to a state of friendship and union. We became his friends, laid aside our opposition, and embraced him as our friend and portion. To effect this is the great design of the plan of salvation; 2Co. 5:1-20; Col 1:21; Eph 2:16. It means that there were obstacles existing on both sides to a reconciliation; and that these have been removed by the death of Christ; and that a union has thus been effected. This has been done in removing the obstacles on the part of God - by maintaining the honor of his Law; showing his hatred of sin; upholding his justice, and maintaining his truth, at the same time that he pardons. And on the part of man, by removing his unwillingness to be reconciled; by subduing, changing, and sanctifying his heart; by overcoming his hatred of God, and of his Law; and bringing him into submission to the government of God. So that the Christian is in fact reconciled to God; he is his friend; he is pleased with his Law, his character, and his plan of salvation. And all this has been accomplished by the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus as an offering in our place.”