

OUR FRIEND

Jesus said to His disciples, "ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." (John 15:14)

He said, "if ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15) We are Jesus' friends when we keep His commandments. The Ten

Commandments are revelations of God's will. His commands we are to obey, and His mission we are to adopt.

How often should we keep His commands? The Bible says that "a friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." (Proverbs 17:17) When we obey Jesus at all times, a real expression of love is given to Him, and we are adopted into His royal family. (Matthew 12:50).



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Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

1 Chronicles 16:11



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PROPHECIES

Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old: for **I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

Jesus was to be the seed of woman (Genesis 3:15), virgin born (Isaiah 7:14), born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), and preceded by a messenger (Malachi 3:1). He was to have a ministry of miracles (Isaiah 35:5-6), be betrayed and sold for 30 shekels (Zechariah 11:12), have His hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16), be crucified with thieves (Isaiah 53:12), have no bones broken (Psalm 22:17), suffer thirst on the cross (Psalm 69:21), and then be gloriously resurrected from the dead (Psalm 16:10; 22:22). God knows the end from the beginning. The Bible predicted many events, including the ministry of the Father's Son, hundreds and thousands of years before those events came to pass. The Bible is an inspired book, and Jesus Christ is our Messiah. He is our God (John 10:30-33, 20:28)

OUR SAVIOUR

AND SHE SHALL BRING FORTH A SON, AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS: FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.
~ **MATTHEW 1:21**

An angel of the Lord declared that Jesus would save His people from their sins, and not in their sins. Sin is the breaking of God's Ten Commandments. (1John 3:4) The result of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) We've all lied, stolen, hated, lusted, coveted, forgotten the 7th day Sabbath, taken God's name in vain, cherished wrong ideas and opinions, and at one time or another put something or someone ahead of God.

Jesus suffered and died the death that we all deserve because He loves us. When we accept Jesus as our Saviour from death and sin, He gives us the power to live a holy life. (Jude 1:24-25, Hebrews 1:3, 2Peter 1:3-4)

WE CRUCIFY HIM

Isaiah 43:24-26 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, **thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.** I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Hebrews 6:6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto **repentance**; seeing **they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh,** and put him to an open shame.

The Lord is greatly grieved by our wickedness. With every sin there is a crime. The Father laid upon His Son the iniquity of us all. Every time we break God's law, it is as if we are the ones responsible for putting the nails in Jesus' hands and feet. Although we hurt Jesus, He pleads with us still. "Come to me", is Christ's call, "and I will in no wise cast you out". Do you want to be saved? Do you want to stop hurting the One who loves you so much? Confess your wrongs to God in prayer, and ask for forgiveness in Jesus' name. The promise is that He is faithful and just and will forgive you of all your unrighteousness. (1John 1:9)