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see, you can not only claim Jesus as your friend, but He can be your brother as well! Isn't that a thrilling thought – that you could claim Jesus as your brother? Here's how, in Jesus' own words: "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother" (Mt. 12:50). Notice again the conditional promise: "whosoever shall do the will of my Father...the same is my brother and sister..."

The message is clear: in spite of what the majority of the religious world teaches, such things as "faith only" salvation, "once saved always saved," etc. "Do" in Mt. 12:50 translates the Greek word, "hodos," which means, "a traveler's journey; a manner of thinking or deciding." It means a continuous action – we must always strive to do what the Savior commands. We must always strive to do the will of the Father. Then, and only then, can we enjoy friendship with Christ and be part of His family.

Dear Reader, have you been made part of God's family through obedience? If not, why not? Why not claim

friendship with Jesus and a place in God's family? Give it some thought.

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Calendar

July 2—Bible Study 10 am

Mark

July 2—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Tom

July 2—Business Meeting

July 5—Bible Study 7 pm

Tom

July 7—b. Rebecca

July 8—b. Ruth

July 9—Bible Study 10 am

Tom

July 9—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Speaker: Tom

July 9—Potluck Luncheon

Answer to the Puzzle:

Hidden Phrase: Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

**If at first you don't succeed,
skydiving is not for you.**

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Schedule of Services:

Worship Services

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

and 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Chardon Church of Christ

Church Bulletin

Sunday

July 2, 2017

Friends and Family

Friends are such a blessing. When we need a "shoulder to cry on," as the expression goes, a good friend is often the one to whom we turn. When we need to be cheered up, a good friend is often just the person for the job. Good friends aren't afraid to tell us when we're about to make the biggest mistake of our lives, and they continue to love us even if we do. The wise man wrote, "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Prov. 17:17), and again, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24).

A true friend loves in adversity as well as in prosperity. Such is not a "fair-weather friend" and it often it takes hard times to show us which friends are genuinely loyal. D. L. Moody says, "A true friend is like ivy—the greater the ruin, the closer he clings."

As Prov. 18:24 points out, gaining friends is dependent upon demonstrating friendliness toward others. He who will be a friend will always meet others eager to reciprocate an attitude of friendliness. Friends, however, will sometimes desert or fail you in the time of need. This reality shouldn't depress us, for there are true friends (Pr. 17:17) whose commitments will never waver. The true friend is rare, and his devotion often surpasses that of a blood-brother.

Jesus Christ is such a friend. His devotion to you surpasses that of any blood relative or earthly friend. He was willing to go to Calvary and be nailed to a tree and shed His blood to cover your sins. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Jesus is your friend. The question is: are you His?

Every friendship must have a foundation, be it common interests, a shared profession, etc. The foundation for friendship with Jesus is obedience. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (Jn. 15:14). Have you obeyed His commands? Have you shunned man-made religious teachings for the pure truth of the Bible? Have you responded in obedience to the ordinance of baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)? "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." We mustn't ignore the conditional nature of this promise of friendship with Jesus.

Have you ever had a good friend that you wished could be part of your family? That doesn't often work out in the physical world, but it can in the spiritual. You

Sunday Worship Services, July 2, 2017

Greetings and Announcements. Tom
 Song Leader. Dale
 Hymn. Worthy Art Thou—5
 Opening Prayer (Please Stand). Larry
 Hymn Into Our Hands—90
 Scripture Reading (John 15:11-17). Ray
 Hymn He Loved Me so!—301
 Lord's Supper. Mark & Ron
 Hymn Hold to God's Unchanging Hand—346
 Sermon. Tom
 Invitational Hymn (Please Stand). Trust and Obey—644
 Hymn Jesus Loves Me—274-A
 Closing Prayer. (Please Stand). David

Prayer List

*Ray M. is home from the hospital. He still feels tired.
 *Madelyn leg injury is healing.

*Beverly is home from the hospital.
 *Pat is feeling better.
 *Myron was not feeling well last week.
 *Juanita's son, Ron, and her daughter, Debbie.
 *Dale, his mother, and his cousins Reginald and Cartrell.
 *David, Doreen and their family.
 *Ruth (arthritis), and her brother George.
 *Ron & Pat's great grandson Bryan, and Ron's brother Gerald.
 *Rebecca, Ray and their son Steven, and other members of the family.
 *Our Congregation and Our Nation.
 *Our Veterans and their families.

Things to Remember Chardon Website:

Chardonchurchofchrist.org

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Love and Joy Perfected

John 15:11-17

ANOTHER	APPOINTED	CALLED
CHOOSE	COMMAND	DOING
FATHER	FRIENDS	FRUIT
HEARD	KNOWN	LONGER
LOVED	MASTER	REMAIN
SERVANTS	SHOULD	SPOKEN
THESE	THINGS	WHATEVER

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