



God Wants to Be Your Friend

What God Has Done to Become Your Friend Leader's Notes

I. Mankind has sinned.

- *Sin* is anything that opposes God, His Word and His will.
- Adam committed high treason by disobeying God's one commandment.
 - Genesis 2:16-17, *"But the Lord God warned him, 'You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die'" (NLT).*
- Adam passed his fallen condition on to all his descendants.
 - Romans 3:23, *"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard" (NLT).*
- Human nature has made itself an enemy of God.
 - Romans 8:7, *"For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will" (NLT).*
- How could God look at totally ungodly, compromised, treasonous man that literally belonged to the devil and still want him as a friend?
 - Romans 6:23, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord" (NLT).*
- The problem: God loved the world, but He couldn't accept sin.

II. God looks by faith and sees a treasure.

- God's answer to the dilemma.
 - Romans 4:17, *"...God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did" (NKJV).*



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- God looks at things the way they are going to be when He completes them—not as they are now.
- God operates totally by faith.
- God called you a treasure even before He bought you.
- Even though man was sinful, God saw man as he would be after being cleansed by the blood of Jesus.
- Through the sacrifice of Jesus, God made a way for you to change from a sinner to a person who is right before God.
- God had faith to give all He had (His Son) to redeem you!

III. God gave His Son, Jesus, to purchase the treasure.

- God offered Jesus as a sacrifice to pay the total price for sin.
 - Romans 5:8, *“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners” (NLT).*
 - Jesus was the first to be born from sin and death to God’s right-ness.
 - You can be born again by grace through faith and receive Jesus as Savior and Lord.
 - God bought and paid for the world with Jesus’ own blood.
 - God declared that only Jesus’ sacrifice could purchase this treasure.
 - God placed a high value on His treasure—you and me.
 - God loves you and wants to restore friendship with you.
 - Jesus bought the world and mankind!
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Prayer of Confession...

Thank You, Heavenly Father, that You want to be my friend. Thank You for allowing Jesus to be sacrificed to buy me back from the devil's control. Now, teach me more and more about being Your friend.

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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