Your Friend, Jesus

TEXT: John 15:9-17

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: John 13:1; Hebrews 13:5

KEY VERSE: A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. — Proverbs 18:24

RESOURCE MATERIAL: Tract No. 3 — When You Need a Friend, Tract No. 80 — For Another's Crime

Of greater value than the rarest of jewels is the possession of a true friend, one in whom we can place an absolute trust. Everyone needs a friend—someone with a kindred spirit to share the joys and the interests of life, someone who can be relied upon for advice in time of perplexity, someone who can comfort a troubled heart in the day of grief. Jesus is that perfect Friend. When He comes into the heart, He is able to satisfy every longing of the heart and to give flawless counsel in every time of need.

1. What is the dictionary definition of the word friend? Why is it necessary to have friendships?

2. What circumstances might arise which would cause a person to change the level of friendship upon which he has placed another person? How might your answers apply to friendship with Jesus? (See Levels of Friendship chart on inside back cover of this book.)

3. Our key verse states, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly." In what manner did Jesus prove this statement true in His friendship toward us?

4. What did Jesus mean when He said, “Henceforth I call you not servants . . . but I have called you friends”?

5. What advantages are there in having Jesus as your best Friend?

6. How can our relationship with Jesus be maintained?

7. What evidence will be obvious in our lives when Jesus is our closest Friend?

8. Many people in the world seemingly do not love Jesus at all. How then can He be their closest Friend?

See Romans 5:10.