**It is finished! – Rom. 5:11**

**Focal Truth: Believing sinners become friends with God by the death of Christ**

**Observations**

Are you friends with God?

Do you have a trusting, loving relationship with God?

Have you experienced the joy of real friendship with God?

**1. Friends of God have a new relationship with God – 5:9**

a. A restored relationship with God – John 1:12 – but as many as received

 Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those

 who believe in His name

 b. A renewed desire to know God – 1 John 5:20 – we know that the Son of

 God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him

 who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ, this is

 the true God and eternal life

 c. A lasting relationship with God – 1 John 5:11 - 12 – God has given us

 eternal life, and this life is in His son he who has the son has the life

 d. An exclusive relationship to God – James 4:4 – friendship with the world is

 hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the

 world makes himself an enemy of God

 e. A complete trust in God – Abraham believed God & it was reckoned to Him as righteousness , & he was called the friend of God

*Friendship with God is favor with God forever!*

**2. Friends of God are saved from the coming wrath of God – 5:9**

 a. God’s wrath is coming on lost sinners

 b. John 3:36 – He who believe in the Son has eternal life, but he who does not

 obey Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him

 c. Rom 2:5 – because of the stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are

 storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the

 righteous judgment of God

 d. Friends of God are rescued – saved from the coming wrath of God

 e. Like Noah in the ark saved from the flood

 f. Like Israel with the blood on doorposts in Egypt - death angel passed over

*The friends of God are delivered from the coming wrath of God*

**3. Friends of God are saved by the life of Jesus Christ – 5:10**

a. Heb. 7:25 – he is able to save forever those who come to Him, since He

 always lives to make intercession for them

 b. He saves the believing sinner forever

 c. He represents the believing sinner before God

 d. He never leaves the believing sinner or forsakes him

John 15:15 – I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you

*Friendship with God is protected by the living Lord Jesus Christ*

**4. Friends of God rejoice in friendship with God through Jesus Christ – 5:11**

 a. Phil. 4:4 – rejoice in the Lord always again I say rejoice

 b. 1 Thess. 5:16 – rejoice always

 c. 1 Pet. 1:8 – though you have not seen Him, you love Him, though you do

 not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy

 inexpressible and full of glory

*God’s friends live in the joy of their friendship with God – companionship, encouragement, agreement, love & sympathy that is friendship with God!*

**Things to Remember**

1. Friendship with God is favor with God

2. Friendship with the world brings hostility with God

2. Jesus Christ died so that we might be friends with God

3. Friendship with God brings trust & joy in God

4. God will never forsake His friends

**Daily Use**

1. Become a friend of God – believe in the Lord Jesus Christ

2. Rejoice! Friends of God!

3. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ who provides friendship with God

**We also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation**

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend, I trust Him now, I’ll trust him when life’s fleeting days shall end. Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life that has no end, eternal life, eternal joy, He’s my friend!