

HAPPY FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD!!

Welcome

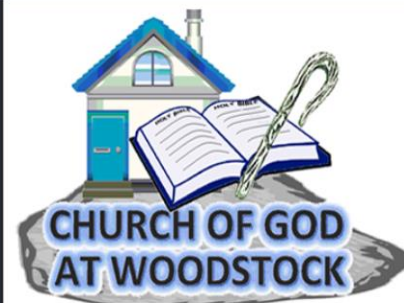
GREETINGS FROM GOD THE FATHER
AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



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EPH 6:17 AND TAKE...THE SWORD OF THE
SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD
A CHURCH OF GOD IN WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS



A circular photograph showing a group of people of various ethnicities holding hands in a circle on a white surface. In the center of the circle lies a black, textured book, likely a Bible. The text "FRIENDS" is overlaid in the upper half of the image.

"FRIENDS"

To Whom Are You?

We all have memories from our years growing up and remember the many people we came into contact with as we grew.

A wide variety of people – some friendly and some not:
Such as-

- Enemy
- Stranger
- Sojourner
- Acquaintance
- Friend
- Family

These are our neighbors –

Matthew 19:19 Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and,
Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

James 4:4 You are like an unfaithful wife who loves her husband's enemies. Don't you realize that making friends with God's enemies – the evil pleasures of this world – makes you **an enemy of God**? I say it again, that if your aim is to enjoy the evil pleasure of the unsaved world, you cannot also be a friend of God.

Ephesians 2:2 You went along with the crowd and were just like all the others, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air, who is at work right now in the hearts of those **who are against the Lord**.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is **the enemy of God**.

Luke 17:17-19 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this **stranger**. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

John 10:5 And **a stranger** will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

Luke 24:18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a **stranger** in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

Act 7:6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should **sojourn** in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.

Luke 2:44-45 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

Act 24:23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let *him* have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

Luke 23:49 And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

What does Webster define the words as?

Enemy \ *n, pl* –**mies** **1** : one that is antagonistic to another; *esp* : one seeking to injure, overthrow, or confound an opponent **2** : something harmful or deadly **3 a** : a military adversary **b** : a hostile unit or force

Stranger \ *n* **1** : one who is strange; as **a** (1) : FOREIGNER (2) : a resident alien **b** : one in the house of another as a guest, visitor, or intruder **c** : a person or thing that is unknown or with whom one is unacquainted **d** : one who does not belong to or is kept from the activities of a group **e** : one not privy or party to an act, contract, or title : one that interferes without right **2** : one ignorant of or unacquainted with someone or something

Sojourner \ *n* : one who stays as a temporary resident : STOP [*~ed* for a month at a resort]

Acquaintance \ *n* **1 a** : the state of being acquainted **b** : personal knowledge **2 a** : the persons with whom one is acquainted **b** : a person whom one knows but who is not a particularly close friend

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Syn. 1. Associate, Companion, Friend refer to a person with whom one is in contact. An associate is a person who is often in one's company, usually because of some work, enterprise, or pursuit in common. A companion is a person who shares one's activities, fate, or condition: *a traveling companion: companion in despair.*

A friend is a person with whom one is on intimate terms and for whom one feels warm affection: *a trusted friend.*

Zechariah 12:10-14 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and **they shall look upon me whom they have pierced**, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; **All the families** that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Family \ *n, pl* -**lies** **1** : a group of individuals living under one roof and usu. under one head : HOUSEHOLD

2 a : a group of persons of common ancestry : CLAN **b** : a people or group of peoples regarded as deriving from a common stock : RACE

3 a : a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation : FELLOWSHIP **b** : the staff of a high official (as the President)

4 a : a group of things related by common characteristics: as **a** : a closely related series of elements or chemical compounds **b** : a group of soils that have similar profiles and include one or more series **c** : a group of related languages descended from a single ancestral language

5 a : the basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their own or adopted children; also : any of various social units differing from but regarded as equivalent to the traditional family [a single-parent ~] **b** : spouse and children [want to spend more time with my ~]

Friend \ *n* **1** : one attached to another by affection or esteem **2** : one that is not hostile

John 15:12-16 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

If we have faith that we live under
grace and are saved by grace,
then we have the power to **NOT SIN**.

Matthew 17:20 b If ye have faith as a grain of
mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain,
Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall
remove;
and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

We were baptized into Christ Jesus

Rom 6:1-7 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are **dead to sin**, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth **we should not serve sin**. For he that is dead is **freed from sin**.

Just prior to His arrest, Jesus prayed for us

John 17:1-26 [1-5] When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

John 17:1-26 [6-9] "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Joh 17:7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.

Joh 17:8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

Joh 17:9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17:1-26 [10-13] All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

John 17:1-26 [14-20] I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

John 17:1-26 [21-24] that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:1-26 [25-26]

O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

“Don’t be afraid...”

Was one of the first things Jesus said to his disciples after his resurrection. Matthew 28:9-10 - Jesus met them, saying, “All hail.” And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. 10) Then said Jesus unto them, “**Be not afraid:** go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.”

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world.”

These words Jesus spoke to his disciples stuck with them the rest of their lives and they obeyed their Messiah and went to the world without fear, knowing in their hearts they would receive the power from above.

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GO AND SIN NO MORE!

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