

EF w/Christ #4
Effects of your friendship with Christ on the New Man
Romans 6:5-6
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Thesis: What are the effects of a friendship with Christ on the “New Man”.

- Intro:
1. We have considered a lot in the last few weeks, today we want to consider the effects that being a friend of Christ has on us, the Christian.
 2. What are some of the effects/changes on the “New Man” in Christ?

I. Change in habits

- A. Your idea of fun activities (**Pro 24:1-2**)
 1. Fun activities aren't sinful activities.
 2. Christian activities together are absent of sin and temptation to sin.
- B. A time dedicated to study (**Ps 63:6; Ps 119:15,48**)
 1. Christians have time designated for study.
 2. Christians enjoy reading and studying God's Word (**Pro 3:13**).

II. Change in the daily life of the New Man.

- A. Language and conversation (**James 3:5-12**)
 1. Friends of Christ do not allow perverse language to come out of their mouths.
 2. Friends of Christ have a conversation that is void of evil.
- B. Attitude & Outlook on life
 1. Friends of Christ should generally be happy people (**Pro 16:20**).
 2. Friends of Christ should look forward to the future and have a positive outlook on life (**Heb 11:9-10**).

III. Mental changes for the New Man

- A. Thoughts & intents of the heart.
 1. Friends of Christ strive to have a mind that is pleasing to God (**Phil 4:8**).
 2. It is important to God what the minds of His followers think on (**Heb 4:12**).
- B. Loving & Considering God at all times.
 1. Friends of Christ love God and respect Him at all times.
 2. Friends of Christ consider God and His Word (**Isa 1:3**). A friend of Christ compares His actions, thoughts and conversation to what the Bible says. We compare what we do to God's Word, His commands, and God's will for us (**Ecc 8:12**).

- Conc:
1. A friend of Christ is a new man in Christ. The “old man” cannot be a friend of Christ.
 2. Are you willing to handle the effects of being a friend of Christ?
 3. Are you willing to make the changes necessary that a “new creature” (**2 Cor 5:17 KJV**) in Christ must make?
 4. Full Invitation