OM GOD SE VRIEND TE WORD

BECOMING GOD'S FRIEND

Enemies do not like each other!

To become someone's enemy usually means that someone has done something wrong. Enemies hate. Enemies fight. Enemies cause harm, pain, injury, and sometimes even murder. And yet, the Bible says that we were enemies with God, our Creator (Romans 5:10). How can this be?

Our sins have made us the enemies of God. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Many times we have acted against His holy Word, and when we disobey God's Word, we sin. We steal, cheat, kill, hate, sleep around, gamble, do drugs, and disobey parents. We often love evil and hate good. We are born with sin. In fact, "...There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God... there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Romans 3:10-12).

Because of sin, God has separated Himself from us. Sin has no place in God for He is holy and pure. "...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). Just as darkness and light cannot be together, so God cannot live with sin. One who dies unforgiven will not enter Heaven because sin has no place in Heaven.

To become friends,

enemies must be reconciled. God makes friends with you and me through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is our only hope. The Bible tells us that God is love, and that in His love He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die

---

Vyande hou nie van mekaar nie!

Vyande haat. Vyande veroorsaak skade, pyn, besering en somtyds selfs moord. En tog sê die Bybel dat ons vyande met God, ons Skepper, was (Romeine 5:10). Hoe kan dit wees?

Ons sondes het ons vyande van God gemaak. "...want almal het gesondig en dit ontbreek hulle aan die heerlikheid van God" (Romeine 3:23). Ons het al menige kere teen Sy heilige Woord opgetree, en wanneer ons ongehoorsaam is, sondig ons. Ons steel, bedrieg, moor, haat, slaap rond, dobbel, gebruik dwelms en is ongehoorsaam aan ouers. Dikwels het ons boosheid lief en haat ons wat goed is. Ons is in sonde gebore. Werklik, "...Daar is niemand regverdig nie, selfs nie een nie. Daar is niemand wat verstandig is, daar is niemand wat God soek nie... Daar is niemand wat goed doen nie, daar is selfs nie een nie" (Romeine 3:10-12).

Om vriende te kan word,

moet 'n mens eers versoen word. En God maak vrede met vyande versoen word. Jesus Christus maak vrede met my en jou deur Jesus Christus.

Afrikaans

is ons enigste hoop. Die Bybel vertel ons dat God liefde is, en dat Hy in liefde Sy seun, Jesus Christus, gestuur het om vir ons sondes te sterf (Johannes 3:16).

Jesus het gesterf sodat ons God se kinders kan word: nie meer Sy vyande nie, maar Sy vriende. "Maar almal wat Hom aangeneem het, aan hulle het Hy mag gegee om kinders van God te word, aan hulle wat in sy Naam glo" (Johannes 1:12).

Jesus Christus is die enigste manier om vriende van God te word (Johannes 14:6). Glo jy dat Jesus die enigste Seun van God is? Glo jy dat Hy vir jou sondes gesterf het, en opgestaan het uit die dood? "Want as ons, terwyl ons nog vyande was, met God versoen is deur die dood van sy Seun, veel meer sal ons deur sy lewe gered word nou dat ons versoen is" (Romeine 5:10).

Word vandag God se vriend...

1. Erken dat jy 'n sondaar is wat nodig het om gered te word. Niemand kan hulself red nie: "Wat Hy oorvloedig aan ons bewys het in alle wysheid en verstand, deurdat Hy aan ons die verborgenheid van sy wil bekend gemaak het na sy welbehae wat Hy in Homself voorgeneem het" (Efesiërs 2:8-9).

2. Glo dat God voorsiening gemaak het vir jou verlossing deur Jesus Christus. "Want so lief het God die wêreld gehad, dat Hy sy eniggebore Seun gegee het, sodat elkeen wat in Hom glo, nie verlore mag gaan nie, maar die ewige lewe kan hê (Johannes 3:16).

3. Bekeer (draai weg) van jou sonde en roep uit na God. "Die Here... Hy is lankmoedig oor ons en wil nie hê dat sommige moetvergaan nie, maar dat almal tot bekering moet kom" (2 Petrus 3:9). Vra God nou om jou te red! "As jy met jou mond die Here Jesus bely en met jou hart glo dat God Hom uit die dode opgewek het, sal jy gered word" (Romeine 10:9).

Sal jy na Jesus draai en geloof in Hom bely?

O God, ek het teen U gesondig en het U my vyand gemaak. Ek weet dat dit slegs deur die dood en opstanding van Jesus Christus is, dat ek gered kan word van my sonde. Ek vra U vergifnis en vra dat U my sal skoon was van al my sondes. Red my asseblief. Amen.

Faith Baptist Church

faith BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Sunday Children & Teen Classes	9 am *
Sunday Adult Bible Elective Classes	9 am *
Sunday Family Worship Service	10 am
Weekday Growth Groups	7 pm

* Not during school holidays

Faith Baptist Church
64 Andromeda Street
Reyno Ridge x4, Emalahleni
013 692 4053
www.faith.org.za

Map streets: Ben Fleur Boulevard · Da Vinci · Paul Sauer · Andromeda · Universe

---

English

for our sins (John 3:16). Jesus died so we can become God's children; no longer His enemies, now His friends, "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

Jesus Christ is the only way to become friends with God (John 14:6). Do you believe that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God? Do you believe that He died for your sins and rose from the dead? "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Romans 5:10).

Become God's friend...

1. Acknowledge that you are a sinner who needs to be saved. No one is able to save themselves; "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

2. Believe that God has provided salvation for you through Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

3. Repent of (turn from) your sin and call upon God. "The Lord is... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Ask God for salvation now! "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Will you turn to Jesus Christ and confess your faith in Him?

O God, I have sinned against you and made you my enemy. I know that it is only through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that I can be saved from my sin. Please cleanse me from all my sins. Amen.