Jesus wants to be your Friend John 15:13-15 A friend is one who knows your faults and loves you anyway!

I. JESUS LOVES YOU John 15:13

- 1. The Scripture declares that Jesus loves you. John 3:16
- 2. Our Lord's love is an unfailing love.
 - a. He loves when others forsake.
 - b. He loves us in spite of our sins.
- 3. The cross proves His love.
 - a. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.
 - b. He sacrificed His life for us. John 10:11

II. JESUS WILL ACCEPT YOU AS YOU ARE

- 1. God loved us while we were sinners. Romans 5:8, 9
 - a. He loved us while we were enemies. Romans 5:10, 11
 - b. He died to make us His friends. 1 John 1:7
- 2. <u>"JUST AS I AM" is true</u>!!
- 3. Are you afraid God won't forgive your sins?
 - a. Jesus didn't come to rub them in!
 - b. HE CAME TO RUB THEM OUT Isaiah 44:22, 23

III. JESUS WANTS TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER

- 1. Friends want to be together.
 - They enjoy each other.
 - They have things in common.
- 2. Promises about His eternal fellowship. Matthew 28:20: Hebrews 13:5
- 3. Jesus wants you to be with Him in heaven John 14:1-3
 - a. He is preparing places for His friends.
 - b. Prepared places for prepared people.
 - c. Are you prepared? 1 Thessalonians 4:17

Conclusion:

- 1. Is Jesus Your Friend?
- 2. Receive Him and His Friendship today!
 - a. <u>Come to Him as you are</u>: Matthew 11:28
 - b. <u>Receive Him by faith</u>: Romans 5:1,2
 - c. <u>He'll be your Friend forever</u>: John 3:16