

JESUS, OUR FRIEND

John 15:15

INTRODUCTION: As Christians, Jesus is our brother and friend. The Bible says in Proverbs 18:24, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Jesus said in John 15:15, "I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." The hymn, "No Not One" reminds us of the deep and lasting friendship we have with Jesus.

I. BROKEN BY SIN

A. CAUSE OF BROKENNESS.

We are broken sinners because of the actions of Adam and Eve. The serpent (Satan) deceived Eve. She disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit. She gave the fruit to her husband, Adam, and he also did eat. Their sin of rebelling resulted in the whole human race becoming sinners. Romans 5:12 states: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

B. CURSE OF BROKENNESS.

The curse of sin leads to brokenness and separation from God which ends with spiritual and physical death. Each human being is a sinner and suffers from the result of sin.

II. BLESSED BY THE SAVIOR

A. CROSS OF THE SAVIOR.

God's love for the world of lost humanity caused Him to send His Only Beloved Son to be the Savior. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus make it possible for sinners to be saved by confessing and turning from sin to God.

B. CURED BY THE SAVIOR.

The Bible makes it clear that Jesus is the only cure for sin. In this life, we know mankind suffers all kinds of physical sickness and death. While Jesus was on earth, He healed all kinds of sicknesses, diseases and even raised the dead. The hymn, "No, Not One," is a reminder and a testimony of our

wonderful Lord and Savior. We have a Savior in Jesus Christ who also is our wonderful Friend. This hymn has been a blessing to Christians around the world. It is filled with encouraging and promising lyrics for the Christian.

1. Jesus, the lowly one: The hymn, "No, Not One," is filled with encouraging and promising lyrics for the Christian. In the first stanza, it says that Jesus is our lowly friend. It means He is human and gentle. Jesus is our friend that we can approach. There is no one like Jesus, "No, Not One!"

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." - Matthew 11:29

2. Jesus, the Healer: He can heal all our soul's diseases. Jesus is our Great Physician that we can trust in. We think of Jesus as healing our physical sickness which He sometimes does. In this song, we are reminded that Jesus heals all our soul's diseases which speak to our mind, will and emotions. Luke 4:18 states: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

3. Jesus, the Holy One:

Johnson Oatman wrote in the second stanza there is no friend so high and holy as Jesus. The Bible declares that Jesus is holy, and He is now seated at the Father's right hand. As God, Jesus is the high and holy one. In His humanity, we know Jesus as "meek and lowly. We read in Revelation 15:4, "Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy"

There is no one who compares to Jesus. No, Not One!

4. Jesus' faithfulness: The 3rd stanza reminds us that Jesus is our friend who will never forsake us. There is no hour that Jesus is not with us. His loving presence is with us even in the darkness of trials. Jesus has never forsaken any of His children. He has never

forsaken one of His. No, Not One! Hebrews 13:5 says, "for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

We read these words in Deuteronomy 31:6: "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

5. Jesus, the Savior: In the forth stanza the question is asked, has a saint ever been forsaken by Jesus? No, Not One! Has a sinner ever been rejected when they have called upon Jesus for salvation? No, Not One? Jesus said in John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

6. Jesus, is the gift: In the 5th stanza, the question is asked, "Was e'ever a gift like the Savior given?" The answer is, No, Not One. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

7. Jesus' home for us: Once again the question is asked, "Will He refuse us a home in heaven?" The resounding answer for the Christian is, No, Not One. Jesus said in John 14:2, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

LESSONS FOR LIFE:

Every person is infected with sin and has the sentence of death upon them. Every saved person has been indwelt by Christ and has eternal life. No saved person will be rejected from heaven. No, Not One! I have a friend in Jesus. I am His, and He is mine, forever and forever.

