Dear Friends,

I have often wondered about what it means to be a "Friend of God's?" Do you have to be perfect? Do you have to do so many servant things to be called a "Friend of God's?" How about giving, do you have to give so much to reach that level to be considered in God's friendship circle? Witnessing, do I have to witness daily to be called a "friend of God's?"

None of the above is true or many other things we think we have to do to be called a Friend of God's.

Read with me from James 2:23, "Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God."

Do you get the audacity of this statement, "Abraham believed God....." By faith, putting one's trust in the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ makes us a friend of God's! The moment we realized we were a sinner in need of a Savior and by faith confessed our sin and accepted Him into our Life. At that very moment we became a friend of God's.

Abraham was sure not perfect. Some of his deeds were less than holy. Yet it was "faith" in the living, loving, life giving, life changing Savior that made Abraham the friend of God's.

Fellow Christ follower, our position in Christ has been secured the moment we confessed Christ as Savior of our life, we were made righteous! Nothing we do can help that along, He did it all. It is by grace through faith in Christ alone that makes us righteous! Fully, on the merit of Christ's finished work on the cross on our behalf.

Today, and each day we are given living in a manner that honors Christ must be our highest priority.

Why you ask? Because we "are" a "Friend of God!" We're not perfect, won't be this side of Heaven. But as a "Friend of God's" I want to honor Him as best I can with the life I have been given.

Join me in making this day and each day we are given a masterpiece for His glory.......fellow friend,

Doug