

## OUR RELATIONSHIPS TO CHRIST

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Our relationship to Jesus Christ takes many forms at the same time.

Consider a few:

### **Disciple**

*"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"* (John 8:31-32). A disciple is a learner, one who follows and listens in order to learn. The Christian is a disciple of Jesus Christ, patterning himself after the teacher in every aspect.

### **Servant**

*"...knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ"* (Colossians 3:24). Jesus is our Master, possessing all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). We are most blessed to serve a Master who provides easy yokes and light burdens (Matthew 11:28-30).

### **Family**

*"For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother"* (Matthew 12:50). The disciples and servants of Christ are His family. Spiritual ties are more significant than earthly ones. Jesus is not ashamed to call His followers "brethren" (Hebrews 2:11-12).

### **Friend**

*"You are My friends if you do whatever I command you"* (John 15:14). A true friend loves at all times (Proverbs 17:17). I'll be a friend to Jesus when I fulfill His will for me. No better friend is there than He. A faithful friend to Him I must be.