

**Title: “The Friends of Jesus”**

**Text: John 15:9-17**

The word of 2006 = “truthiness”

The word of 2007 = “w00t”

The word of **John 15:9-17** = “love”

**1 Cor. 13:13** “And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” – it is the most God-like virtue of the 3 greatest virtues

**Col. 3:12-14** “...as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so also you must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”

**1 Peter 4:8** “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins.”

5 aspects of love:

1. The foundation of love is God (**v. 9**)
2. The evidence of love is obedience (**v. 10**)
3. The blessing of love is joy (**v. 11**)
4. The measure of love is Jesus (**vv. 12-16**)
5. The mandate of love is action (**v. 17**)