

An aerial photograph of a dense forest with a mix of green and brown trees. The image is framed by several white lines that converge towards the corners, creating a perspective effect. The text 'CHRIST LIFE' is centered in a white, ornate, serif font. The word 'CHRIST' is on the top line, and 'LIFE' is on the bottom line. The word 'Our' is written in a smaller, cursive script font, positioned between the two main lines of text, starting under the 'C' of 'CHRIST' and ending under the 'E' of 'LIFE'.

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Supernatural Love

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“When either Affection or Eros is one’s theme, one finds a prepared audience. The importance and beauty of both have been stressed and almost exaggerated again and again...But very few modern people think Friendship a love of comparable value or even a love at all.”

–C.S. Lewis

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“Friendship is – in a sense not at all derogatory to it – the least natural of loves; the least instinctive, organic, biological, gregarious, and necessary. It has least commerce with our nerves...nothing that quickens the pulse or turns you red and pale.” - C.S. Lewis

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“To the Ancients, Friendship seemed the happiest and most fully human of all loves; the crown of life and the school of virtue. The modern world, in comparison, ignores it.”

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John 15:9-17^(ESV)

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

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John 15:9-17 (ESV)

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing;

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John 15:9-17^(ESV)

¹⁵ but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give it to you.

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John 15:9-17^(ESV)

¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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Friendship

- The value of friendship
- The actions of friendship
- The problem of friendship

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The Value of Friendship

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The Actions of Friendship

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**13 Greater love has no one than this,
that someone lay down his life for
his friends.**

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Proverbs 17:17a (ESV)
A friend loves at all times...

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John 15:12 (ESV)

**“This is my commandment, that you
love one another as I have loved
you.”**

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Romans 5:6-10 (ESV)

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Romans 5:6-10 (ESV)

⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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“When I have learnt to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now. In so far as I learn to love my earthly dearest at the expense of God and instead of God, I shall be moving towards the state in which I shall not love my earthly dearest at all. When first things are put first, second things are not suppressed but increased.” -C.S. Lewis

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