

'My Friends My Brethren'

Based on Ephesians 5:15-16, and John 10:10 (among others)

"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." ~ Ephesians 5:15-16

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." ~ John 10:10

[You can hear a mostly complete version at this link - I'm hoping to get a whole recording with music someday soon.]

Youtube Vid: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F61C8KPacg4>

My friends, my brethren

1st Verse:

(background: Tell me why)

- Why do you want to follow Christ?

What is your motivation?

Do you want Him to lead your life

Or just fix your troublesome situation?

Or bring you wealth and glamour,

Or momentary fame?

Or do you just want to serve Him

And bring honor to His Name?

Are you willing to let go of

the comforts in life,

Self-centered dreams and desires,

Leaving everything and giving all

To follow Christ, despite the cost

Whatever may befall?

Or do you prefer to hold onto

The things that will go up in smoke,

And to hear Jesus say to you:

"Depart from Me." This is no joke.

(Matthew 7:21-23, Luke 6:46)

How much better it is to recognize

Those things that 're temporary

And instead to hold onto eternal things,

That in our hands we cannot carry!

We only get one shot at life,

We're making choices day by day,
To choose to follow Him alone
or say 'Woah, that's not my way!'

So, let's go back
to the question again
~ Why do we really
come to follow Him?
Really now, think about --
what's our motivation?
Is it everlasting things or
just our current situation?

God's offer is amazing,
But we cannot change the rules.
'He's no fool who gives
what he cannot keep,
To gain what he cannot lose!'
(quote from Jim Elliot)

Chorus:

My friends please open your eyes
Satan's fighting for control of you.
And work to see through the lies,
The confusion, deception all around you.
My brethren open your eyes,
Satan's trying to distract and destroy you.
And to Jesus surrender your lives.
The world is watching us,
To see if we will live our lives,
Standing for God's Truth.

2nd Verse:

So what does new life in Christ look like
And how can we know that it's ours?
Whether our destination is eternal flames
Or a home beyond the stars?
See, if it's alive then it will grow
And if it's genuine, it'll show
If you wanna know for sure,
Just pick up His Word and
Apply it to your life and heart.
Start in the book of Matthew,
Study it till your new brand new.
Find out what all life's about
Let it change you from the inside out

It'll grow a passion inside you,
Till you're saying this one too

(Chorus)

For the rest, check out the vid online :) ~

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