

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

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John 13:1-17

John 13-17 is the Lord's farewell message to the Disciples.

John emphasized that Jesus lived on a heavenly timetable:

John 2:4 – My hour has not yet come.

John 7:30 – His hour has not yet come.

John 8:20 – His hour was not yet come.

John 12:23 – The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.

John 13:1 – Jesus knew that His hour had come.

John 17:1 – Father, the hour has come.

My hour or His hour – “It was the time when He would be glorified through His death, resurrection, and ascension from the human point of view, it meant suffering; but from the divine point of view, it meant glory.” ~ Warren Wiersbe

That which we see in Jesus, is also what He desires to see in us:

1) _____

A slave of Jewish birth could not be _____ to wash feet, though Gentiles might.

The Ruler of the universe, the Maker of the stars, moon, sun and the world got on His knees and washed feet.

“Jesus was sovereign, yet He took the place of a servant. He had all things in His hands, yet He picked up a towel. He was Lord and Master, yet He served His followers. It has well been said that humility is not thinking meanly of yourself; it is simply not thinking of yourself at all.”
~ Warren Wiersbe

Jesus' ultimate act of humility was death on the Cross.

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. **Philippians 2:1-4**

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain. Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me. **Philippians 2:12-18**

- Be _____
- Hold _____ to God's truth
- No _____
- No _____
- Poured _____

2) _____

Peter reminds me of myself at times; how about you?

It takes Grace and humility for us to serve, but it also takes the same to allow others to serve us.

When the sinner trusts Christ He is, “_____ all over.”

However, as the believer walks in the world they/we become defiled. He/she does not need to be bathed over again but simply have that defilement washed away.

If we are _____, we cannot have communion and fellowship with the Lord.

We see this evidenced in the Old Testament – The priest was consecrated, he was bathed all over (Exodus 29:4) and that was never repeated. However, during his daily ministry, he became defiled so it was imperative that he wash his hands in the brass laver (basin) in the courtyard (Exodus 30:18-21). Only at that time could he enter the Holy Place!

How does Jesus wash us now?

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. **Psalm 119:9**

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word. **Ephesians 5:25-26**

You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. **John 15:3-4**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9**

3) _____

Real joy comes not in being served, but in serving others, totally opposite of what we see form the world.

“Happiness is the by-product of a life that is lived in the Will of God. When we humbly serve others, walk in God's paths of holiness, and do what He tells us, then we will enjoy happiness.” ~ Weirsbe

The World asks, “How many people _____ for you”? But the Lord asks, “For how many people do you _____?” ~ Weirsbe

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. **James 1:23-25**

Prayer Focus:

- That God would work in me.
- Humility, Holiness and Happiness (Joy)
- What work does God need to do in you today?