



John 13:6-17 continued, Lesson #39

John 13:6-17, “He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” 7 Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” 8 “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” 9 “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” 10 Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. 13 “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

“You shall never wash my feet”:

- ***My mama told me to never say “never.” She was a really humble person...but I think she meant to never give up on someone who is trying his/her best.***
 - ✓ ***Mama just was telling her kids to keep working at something until it is accomplished.***
 - ✓ ***She NEVER put me down if I tried my best.***
- ***Perhaps Peter thought, “All these other disciples missed the point by letting Jesus wash their feet. He wants us to protest and proclaim that He is God’s Son and He is to be worshipped, and we are too unworthy to have Him wash our feet.” So, Peter made this dramatic statement in front of his cohorts.***

“If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me”:

- ***This was a lesson in humility and a choice to obey...challenging any leader to realize many students and church members watch and observe their every action.***
- ***Jesus did not mean the foot washing would cleanse Peter’s soul...or even his body.***

- It was a teaching moment for Peter and all of us... ♫ “What can wash away my sin, nothing but the blood of Jesus.♫,♫,♫ Without the blood covering, we can have no part of him.
- “The same well-meaning but false humility would prevent Peter and anyone else from stooping to receive at the hands of the Lord that spiritual washing which is absolutely necessary in order to have any part in Him.” (Alford)
- The “foot washing” was not necessary for salvation; nor is it a requirement for our journey in life or journey to our future home in heaven.
- It is the flesh/our policies and denominational requirements that make salvation a hard thing to accomplish.
- **Listen to Jesus. He has told you how to be saved!**

“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” John 11:25-26

“Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!”

- “A moment ago, Peter told his Master He was doing too much: now he tells Him He is doing too little.” Peter was still not sure why Jesus wanted to wash his feet...the dirtiest part of the body.
- Sometimes we show a servant’s heart by accepting the service of others for us. If we only serve, and refuse to be served, it can be a sign of deeply rooted and well-hidden pride.
- We need to be bathed by our trust in Jesus and what He did for us on the cross; there is a sense in which that is done once for all.
- “The priest of God, when consecrated first, was washed from head to foot, and so baptized into the service of the sanctuary; but each time he went to offer sacrifice he washed his feet and his hands in the brazen laver.” (Spurgeon)

To be able to go into the Holy of Holies, the priest must be thoroughly cleansed.

To be able to go through the veil between this earthly life and eternal life with the Lord, we must be cleansed by the BLOOD OF THE LAMB.

♪ ♪ ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD...IN THE CLEANSING BLOOD OF THE LAMB? ARE YOUR GARMENTS SPOTLESS...ARE THEY WHITE AS SNOW? ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB? ♪ ♪

“Not all of you are clean!”

Just as Jesus knew that he would have a betrayer amongst them, he also knows that there are betrayers in the world today.”

Do you know what I have done to you?

- *Jesus entire life was a lesson and example to the disciples.*
- *The washing of their feet meant something...and Jesus would not leave the understanding of that up to chance.*
 - ✓ *As their Teacher and Lord, Jesus was teaching and imploring them to show the same humble, sacrificial love to one another... (This act should mark their attitude, their action and reaction to everything Jesus had been teaching and showing them).*
 - ✓ *To be a follower and leader of the Jesus movement, we must set the example of the willingness to serve and not put ourselves first.*

“You also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

- *Some practice and believe this to be a requirement in lieu of just being a time of blessing.*
- *True...if this is done with the right heart it can be a blessing, but Jesus didn’t refer to a ceremony here.*
- *Jesus meant a ceremonial foot washing for any member of the body of Christ is to be done as an act of brotherly love and devotion.*
“I personally feel the act of foot washing is another way of worshipping the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.”

Wash one another’s feet:

- *We, like the disciples, would gladly wash the feet of Jesus.*
- *But He tells us to wash one another’s feet.*
- *Anything we do for each other that washes away the grime of the world and the dust of defeat and discouragement is foot washing.*

Remember: Jesus washed all of us who have had our hearts washed in the blood of Jesus and does so by the washing of water by the word ([Ephesians 5:26](#)).

we should use the same “water” in ministering to others.

“A servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.”

- **Jesus did not mean that the Master of a servant is better or worse than the servant. It means that we all are identified with God as “Children of God.”**
- **Jesus lets us know that when you worship Jesus, you are worshipping the Father...and when you are worshipping the Father, you are worshipping His Son.**
- **By doing so, the Holy Spirit will be identified as the One who brings us to an understanding of servanthood.**

If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them!

The practice of being a servant pleases God.

Having a servant’s heart fulfills our calling and brings blessing and happiness in a way nothing in this life can.

Ministry Studies Used:

- ***<https://enduringword.com/bible>-The Enduring Word Bible Commentary by David Guzik***
- ***<https://answeredfaith.com>Jesus' Love and Humility in John 13: A Deep Dive***
- ***<https://www.studylight.org> , commentaries , eng , dsb, William Barclay***

