

Jesus Washes the Disciple's Feet

John 13:1-20

After the Passover meal, Jesus laid aside His garments and wrapped a towel around Himself. He then filled a basin with water and washed the disciple's feet.

There are two aspects to this story. One is a spiritual illustration, the other is a spiritual application. The illustration is cleansing and the application is serving.

This lesson is about the first aspect, cleansing. When Peter first refused to let Jesus wash his feet, the Lord responded with, "If I wash thee not thou hast no part with me." The Lord's second response was, "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet."

There are two important cleansings we need to be aware of.

I. Salvation: If we are not cleansed of our sin, we will have no relationship with Jesus. (vs. 8)

Ps. 51:2-12 Eph. 5:26
I Cor. 6:9-11 Rev. 1:5

- A. Without being cleansed there is no hope of Heaven.
- B. Without being cleansed every sin will be revealed and judged.
- C. Without being cleansed we will be cast out of His presence.

If we are to have any part with Jesus, we must be cleansed by Him.

We are cleansed of our sin when we place our faith in Jesus Christ. Our faith in Christ is revealed by our attitude towards God's Word. Jesus and God's Word are one.

II. Sanctification: If we are not cleansed of daily sin, we limit Christ's ability to work through us. This daily sin is pictured in the washing of only the feet. (vs. 10)

Eph. 5:26-27
I John 1:9 - 2:2

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- A. Daily cleansing of sin results in fellowship with Jesus
- B. Daily cleansing is a result of walking in truth, "the light".
- C. Daily cleansing results in God hearing me. Ps. 66:18

Not only are we to keep our feet cleansed but we are commanded to cleanse each

others' feet. (vs. 14)

Luke 17:3-4

Gal. 6:1-2

The three key words in cleansing our brothers' feet are:

Repent

Forgive

Restore