

Jesus Explains Servanthood

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John 13:12-17

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Where We've Been

- Jesus washed their feet and asked, *do you understand what I have done to you?*
- Jesus had just taught profound theological truths to Peter¹⁰
- Washing was an illustration Jesus' atoning work for His own

A Profound Question

- Jesus was not establishing foot washing at sacrament or ritual - but lifestyle!
- Jesus clarifies this in Jn13:14-17

Practicing Humble Servanthood

- Attitude - Jesus was aware of His divinity & mission. Jn 13:1,3,4
- He even knew Judas would betray Him but still showed love to Judas
- Jesus had Gospel priorities! Believers called to do likewise...
- Love - Jesus showed love¹ not based on their worthiness... consider:
- Judas - betrayed Jesus, but Jesus offered Judas grace again and again: seated at place of honor²⁶; shared bread w/ him^{26; Ruth2:14}
- Disciples bickering - Jesus loved the unlovely^{Lk22:21-24} knew their hearts^{Jn2:25}
- APPLY: Do you have attitude of Love even for unlovable?
- Obey Jesus *you also should do just as I have done to you*¹⁵
- It is often hard to love as Jesus commanded^{Mt9:12-13}

Jesus' Attitude Applied to the Church

- American Church often uses Homogeneous Unit Principle: likes attract likes
- Jesus teaches Church is a community not a club
- Club = you choose the people; Community = you love those you are with
- Let us emulate our Master and love even the hard to love

Jesus Rewards Those Who Obey!

- Jesus: *if you know these things, blessed are you if you do them*¹⁷
- Beware of just having knowledge and not doing - way of devil^{Jms2:19}
- Jesus tells us doing results in being blessed
- Pursuit of happiness - can't be guaranteed...
- Lies of world: just one more dollar...
- The Bible, God's Word promises joy, peace and blessedness not happiness
- How? Know these truths:
- Jesus is Lord - Jesus not our buddy, but Lord^{Jn14:15}
- Jesus made Himself a servant - Though Lord of glory^{1Co2:8; Jms2:1} He washed feet as humble servant and went to the cross. He still serves^{Jn14:2; 1Jn2:1; Heb7:25}
- You believer are NOT greater than Christ, Your Master - we tend to think too highly of ourselves... be like Jesus humbly serve others
- You are now SENT by Jesus - to be His hands and feet^{Jn13:16}
- What a privilege we have to serve the Most High as humble servants!
- Spend time regularly asking 'how I might serve for Jesus' glory?'... spouse, children, co-workers, neighbors, church family