

# John 13 - Washing of Feet

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## (1) What I am doing **you do not understand** -- MORE than just washing feet

John 13:5-9 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "**What I am doing you do not understand now**, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "**You shall never wash my feet.**" .....Jesus answered him, "**If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.**"

## (2) You shall **never wash my feet** - emphatic - not even till the end of time

**Do we balk at the will of God?...**don't understand?...embarrassing?...do what we don't want?...pride?

## (3) If I do not wash you, YOU have no share with me...

...can't share life with me.....can't be involved with me.....don't belong to me.....have no part with Me.....are not one of my people.....can no longer be my disciple

## **To Be Clean or NOT Clean in this context was related to - BETRAYAL or ALLEGIANCE**

John 13:9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And **you are clean, but not every one of you.**" 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

The Custom - **get a bath once - wash only the feet as needed, then you are completely clean**

- Tit 3:5 ESV he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, **by the washing of regeneration** and renewal of the Holy Spirit

## (4) Washing feet is acknowledging Jesus as -- TEACHER and LORD (no wash no part)

John 13:12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 **You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.** 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

- This is why Judas was not "clean" He rejected Jesus as Teacher and LORD & betrayed Him
- This is why He told Peter, if I don't wash you -- you have not part with me - ALLEGIANCE

## (5) He calls us to "wash the feet of others" - to receive Jesus as Teacher and LORD

John 13:14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you also ought to wash one another's feet.** 15 For I have given you an example, that **you also should do just as I have done to you.** 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a **servant** is not greater than his master, nor is a **messenger** greater than the one who sent him. 17 **If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.**

- We are SERVANTS & MESSENGERS - Blessed when we OBEY (receive him as teacher & Lord)
- This is our Great Commission - teach them to OBEY (John 13-17 Great Commission) Jesus Leaving

## The most amazing comment - the

John 13:20 Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever receives the one I send receives me**, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

**Will you allow Jesus to wash your feet?...**to receive him as teacher and LORD?

**Will you be his servant and messenger...**willing to wash the feet of others? - **blessed if you do them**