

FOOTWASHING SERVICE

TABERNACLE OF PRAISE

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SOME SURE THINGS THAT WILL HAPPEN IN 2009

1. The Bible will still be the Word of God
2. Prayer will still work in 2009
3. God's Power will change the hardest and the vilest sinner
4. God will still inhabit the praises of his people
5. There will still be anointed and holiness preaching
6. God will still be pouring out blessings on His people
7. There will still be room at the foot of the cross for his children
8. There will still be singing and shouting at Tabernacle of Praise
9. His name and his blood will be just as powerful.
10. Home Bible Studies will still be taught in new homes
11. The Safety Center Jail will still rock with revival
12. Jesus is still coming no matter what the skeptics say.

Joh 13:4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

Joh 13:5 After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded.

Joh 13:6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

Joh 13:7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

Joh 13:8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

Joh 13:9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head.

Joh 13:10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

Joh 13:11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

Joh 13:12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

Joh 13:13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

Joh 13:14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

Joh 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

Joh 13:16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

Joh 13:17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

1. Christendom as a whole has abandoned or ignored the Biblical truth of washing saint's feet.
2. **From the offset of my lesson, I declare and believe that washing the saint's feet is an essential New Testament teaching for the church today.** Foot washing was instituted by our Lord as an ordinance for all New Testament saints.
3. **While you are washing your fellow saint's feet,** you should be in a prayerful spirit, rejoicing that you are doing for someone else what Jesus did for His disciples, asking God to bless and honor him for his humility. Each person should wash someone else's feet and have his feet washed if he is physically able.
4. Foot washing breaks down pride, and also breaks down barriers, feelings, and resentments that may exist in our hearts. We are all servants and fellow joint heirs with Jesus Christ.
5. As we are washing one another's feet, we are also washing our hands for service.

OLD TESTAMENT CLEANSING

Exo 30:19 For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat:

Exo 30:20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:

Exo 30:21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute forever to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

1. **What does it mean by “He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet?”**

Answer: Jesus is telling us here that after we are initially saved we do not go through the process of salvation or washing all over again. We are to wash one another’s feet, thus keeping us clean from spiritual defilement in our daily walk with God. A spiritual cleansing occurs when we participate in washing one another’s feet.

2. **What is meant by, “If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them?”**

Answer: Washing the saints feet produces the by product of happiness in the believer’s life because:

- a. We know we have a part with Him
- b. We are spiritually cleansed
- c. We have followed Jesus example
- d. We have obeyed the Word of God.

WE NEED TO DEDICATE OUR FEET, HANDS, EYES, EARS, TASTE,

Pro 6:16 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him:

Pro 6:17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and **hands** that shed innocent blood,

Pro 6:18 A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, **feet** that be swift in running to mischief,

Pro 6:19 A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Heb 12:12 Wherefore lift up the **hands** which hang down, and the feeble knees;

Heb 12:13 And make straight paths for your **feet**, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Psa 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

Psa 24:4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Psa 24:5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Job 17:9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.