

COMMUNION AND FOOTWASHING

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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 bason, 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.

Communion and Foot washing are a very important part of discipleship in the word of God.

1. **Communion is our relationship with God. Foot washing is our relationship with each other.** And how can we have a sweet communion with God and not have a good relationship with each other.

2. There is a spiritual cleansing that happens to us when we obey the Word of God.

SPIRITUAL CLEANSING

2Co 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

2Co 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

1. The Bible tells us to cleanse ourselves, to save ourselves, to keep ourselves in the love of God.
2. How can we do that is by obeying the Word of God and applying the teaching of the Lord to our personal lives.
3. Communion and Foot washing is something that Jesus asked each and every one of his disciples to do.

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Leaving us an example - In general, an example, a pattern for imitation.

That ye should follow his steps - That we should follow him, as if we trod exactly along behind him, and should place our feet precisely where his were. The meaning is, that there should be the closest imitation or resemblance. The things in which we are to imitate him are specified in the following verses.

1. **In Communion Jesus told us** “To do this in remembrance of Him”
2. **In Foot Washing Jesus told us:** John 13:14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
John 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

THE CLEANSING OF THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE OLD TESTAMENT IS A TYPE OF THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Exodus 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a **kingdom of priests**, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Rev 1:6 And hath made **us kings and priests unto God and his Father**; to him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

CEREMONIAL CLEANSING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exo 30:17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Exo 30:18 Thou shalt also make a laver *of* brass, and his foot *also of* brass, to wash *withal*: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

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 for ever to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

1. **Ceremonial Cleansing**: Priest were to wash lest they die
2. **Washing of their hands and their feet**:

3. Foot washing breaks down pride, and also breaks down barriers, feelings, resentments that may exist in our hearts. We are all servants and fellow joint heirs with Jesus Christ.
4. As we are washing one another's feet, we are also washing our hands for service.
5. Christendom as a whole has abandoned or ignored the Biblical truth of washings saint's feet. But we cannot ignore the ordinance from the Lord of Glory to do as he has done.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT OUR FEET

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.

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Heb 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;

Heb 12:13

Make straight paths for your feet - That is, Take the straight path that is before you, do not go in crooked or rough ways, where are stones, briars, and thorns, by which you will be inevitably lamed, and so totally prevented from proceeding in the way;

Pro 4:26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Pro 4:27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Eph 6:15 This part of the armour, for the feet, is needful, considering what a journey we have to go; what a race to run. Our feet must be so shod, that our footsteps slip not. By this only can we tread the rough ways, surmount our difficulties, and hold out to the end.

Psa 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psa 91:12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Psa 91:13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Psa 91:14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Psa 91:15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

Psa 91:16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Psa 122:1 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Psa 122:2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Isa 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.

Isa 35:9 No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*:

Isa 35:10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee aw

HANDS

1. **Feet and Hands are to serve**
2. **The first deacons were to serve and wait on tables**
3. **Dorcas was brought back to life, because of her service to the Kingdom of God. Seeing the garments that she made.**

1Ti 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

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.

Psa 47:1 O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.