

SERVE ONE ANOTHER – John 13:1-17

(v.1-5) Luke 22:7-13; Matthew 26; Mark 14 – Jesus celebrated Passover (Paschal Meal) with His disciples.

Jesus knew three things:

1) His purpose.

(John 12:27-28a) "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name."

2) His destiny.

Hebrews 9:12-14

3) His authority. (v.3). Authority to serve!

Love - motivation behind our purpose, destiny, and authority, in Christ.

Anyone can love in the beginning, but real love, loves to the end!

(Romans 8:38-39) For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Christ washing the disciple's feet was a servile act - Servile - having or showing an excessive willingness to serve or please others.

Not contempt, but compassion!

(v.6-11) three essential characteristics of *Kingdom servitude*.

1) Faith. (v.6, 7).

What we do not understand now, faith reveals later.

(Isaiah 55:9) "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

Faith serves, while leaving the outcome fully in the hands of God!

2) God's reverse leadership paradigm. (v.8a).

(Matthew 20:27-28) "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

3) Washability. (v.8b-11).

Part – Greek; *meros* – allotment, destiny.

(Psalm 139:23-24) Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

(v.9-11) doctrine of sanctification.

Sanctification – to make or to be made holy.

(1 Peter 1:15, 16) “but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

Process without condemnation - (Hebrews 2:11) For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Jesus knows those who are His (truly clean).

(John 10:27) “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

Conclusion: Follow the “example” (v.12-17)

1) Refusal to serve is to think ourselves better than Christ. (v.14).

2) We are blessed when we do what we know! (v.17). “Golden Rule” – Matthew 7:12;

(Luke 6:31) “And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.”

Seek to serve and not be served and you will live a blessed life!