

Gospel Sacrifice: More than a Foot Washing (John 13:1-17)

v.1 - Passover, Hour, Love

v.2-5 – Betrayal, Identity, Foot Washing

Point 1: Serving Sacrificially requires _____; humility is having an _____ understanding of one's identity and worth.

"You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had, who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature. He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross!"

Philippians 2:5-8

Point 2: Service always requires _____.

Whether this be time, energy, finances, convenience, comfortability, it always requires one person giving something up for the sake of the other person.

v.6-7 - Peter's Protest & Gospel Symbolized (see Luke 22:24,27; Mark 10:45)

Point 3: Jesus washing the disciples' feet is the _____ symbolically.

"God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God"

2 Corinthians 5:21

v.8-11 - Clean vs Wash

"Bathed" and "clean" = accepting the word of Who Jesus is; belief in Jesus (see Matt. 16:16; John 15:3).

"Washed" = the coming work of Jesus' death on the cross for sins (John 13:7).

Point 4: By washing Judas' feet, Jesus showed He was going to die even for those who would _____.

"He himself is the atoning sacrifice, for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world" **1 John 2:2**

v.12-15 - The Reason and Model

Point 5: Foot washing was an example in _____ for the Church to serve sacrificially, _____ a Church ordinance (like baptism, communion).

v. 16-17 - Not Greater than Master

Point 6: If it's not beneath Jesus to serve sacrificially, it _____ be beneath us as His followers.

Final Thoughts:

Point 7: The Servant [Jesus] sacrificed to make the Gospel a _____ (v.7).

Point 8: The servants (of Jesus) sacrifice to live out the Gospel in _____ (v.14-15, 17).

Challenge / Questions to ask ourselves:

Am I serving sacrificially?

Where am I withholding service for others in my life and why am I?

Am I willing to sacrifice even if the task is unpleasant or "below" us?