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True Equity and the Greatest Love / John 13:1–20

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#### Notes

09/15 John 13:1-20, "Jesus Serves You," Subtitle: Now serve Him and one another, Scripture: 1 Pet. 5:6-11

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## Service must be intentional and focused (Jesus girded himself, John 13:1-4)

- God completed what He promised (John 13:1)
- ++Jesus knew who He was in God's plan (John 13:2-3)
- ++Jesus prepared to serve, even Judas (John 13:4)

### **Are you God's servant? - If so, then serve**

John 13:1-4 – "Jesus' love was expressed not only in performing the menial service of footwashing but also in what this act symbolized: his humiliating death upon the cross by which spiritual cleansing was made possible (this becomes clear as the story unfolds)."[1]

[1]Colin G. Kruse, *John: An Introduction and Commentary, vol. 4, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003), 275.

# Service is necessary (Receiving Jesus' service was required, John 13:5-11)

- Jesus did what others would not (John 13:5)
- ++Peter was required to accept the Jesus' offering (John 13:6-8)
- ++The "washed" only need cleansing from traveling (John 13:9-11)

## **Are you clean? - If so, then daily let Jesus wash your feet (1 Jn 1:9)**

# Those who receive your witness, receives Jesus and through Him, God John 13:12-20)

- Some will receive the Apostle's witness (John 13:12-19)
- ++Those who accept the Apostle's testimony, receives Jesus and God (John 13:20)

## **Jesus has sent you, now will you witness? - If so, then witness**

**God has sent all Jesus' disciples to serve others, so that through it, they might receive Him, through Jesus Christ -- Now witness for Him**