

Humility and Unity: Foot Washing Ordinance

John 13:1-17

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Join me in reviewing John 13:1-17. This book is different from the synoptic gospels, to many things to mention in the time frame for today's message. But to mention just a few. John does not allude to the Lord's Supper, except in this brief word. Vs. 18. "He who eats bread with me has listed up his heel against me." John audience is not the same audience of the other gospels but the second generation of believers, those who did not see Jesus in person but believe through the words of the disciples. (17:20) John is considered to be the last book of the NT, written in Ephesus after his experience in Patmos c 96 A.D. 19 of the 21 chapters deal with last 10 days of Jesus life.

Chapters 13-17 are written in the shadow of the cross, it is His Farewell message to His disciples. He dies 24 hours later. The final words of individuals are usually very significant. (Mr. Reyes, Fortunata Reyes' husband's, final words to his daughters still ring true and dear to Apolonia and Cecilia. He whispered don't ever leave the Lord nor His church.) What was Jesus's mindset and final message to his disciples? Do you think it be important?

Another think I would like you to consider, who **GAVE** this final message to these men, who were to inherit this young church, men who were jostling for positions in Christ kingdom, unaware of the kind of Kingdom Jesus was setting up on earth, irritated, resentful and jealous of

one another. **THE MESSAGE** is **I am giving a new commandment, I am going to repair** a place for you and **coming to escort** you there myself **the powerful ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT**, (chapters 14-16). Whom they did not know nor were ready to receive, [read 7:37-39] and the need for **HUMILITY** and **UNITY** to succeed where the Israel of old had failed. (Chapter 17)

Who gave the message?

1. (12:49, 50) the fathers commands,
2. Jesus speaks and
3. The Holy Spirit reaffirms. (16:12-15).

Kind of important right?

Read verses 1-17:

1. **You are clean** he knew they would all run and hide due to fear, all would abandoned Him
2. Peter would deny Him not once, nor twice, but three times and curses to convince
3. He knew Judas would betray him, yet he tried
4. **You are clean good to hear**, you who have accepted Jesus he knows your struggles he will lift you up, gently dust you off and say go and sin no more
5. **The full body bath** represents the full cleansing from sin at Baptism
6. **The foot washing** represents the ongoing cleansing needed after baptism. Sanctification

7. **Wash one another's feet**, represents a willingness to forgive and ask forgiveness for the daily irritations and transgressions that threatened the unity in love that Jesus proposed to us v. 35,36.

8. **The good news of foot washing**, is that believers are not in and out of grace as long as they do not choose to turn away. John 10:27-29.

9. **Jesus girded himself**, that means that for the task he would have looked like a slave, a lowly servant, there's a picture here of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples this bible belongs to