

**CLEAN FEET**  
**JOHN 13:1-17**

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. THE HOUR OF THE AGES HAD ARRIVED
  - 1. It was time for Jesus to depart out of the world
  - 2. This was the time for which he was born
- B. THE WICKEDNESS OF HUMANITY REACHED ITS CLIMAX
  - 1. The plot for the betrayal of Jesus was under way
  - 2. Judas had decided to sell the Savior
- C. Then Jesus Washed Their Feet

**I. THE SAVIOR AS A SERVANT**

- A. He laid aside His garments
- B. See how this fit the pattern of Christ's work
  - 1. His position with the Father
  - 2. His leaving of Heaven (rising from the table)
  - 3. His heavenly position laid aside (garments laid aside)
  - 4. His position as a servant (He took the towel)
- C. Jesus is still washing people

**1 Cor. 6:9-11**

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

- D. The Water and the Washing
  - 1. Water symbolizes the Word of God

**Eph. 5:25-27**

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

- 2. His Word keeps us clean day by day

**II. PETER AND HIS PROTEST**

- A. Thou shalt never wash my feet
- B. Peter thinks he can clean up his own life
  - 1. This is a hopeless task
  - 2. Peter will soon learn how hopeless
  - 3. Peter's coming boasts and denials
- C. If I wash thee not, thou hast no part in me.
  - 1. Reformation does not save
  - 2. Only Christ can cleanse from sin
- D. Peter's cry for total cleansing (vs 9)
- E. Peter didn't need a bath; only his feet were dirty
- F. We are washed at Salvation

**Titus 3:5**

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

G. Our feet get dirty walking in this dusty world.

**III. THE CALL TO ALL CHRISTIANS**

A. Ye ought to wash one another's feet

B. What Jesus was saying

1. You ought to forgive
2. You ought to be humble
3. You ought to carefully apply the Bible to others

C. Are you like Jesus with His basin of water?

D. Do you help others keep their feet clean?

**CONCLUSION:**

A. A Call to Humble Service

B. A Call to a Clean Walk

C. Only Jesus Can Keep Us Clean