



“If I Do Not Wash You,
You Have No Part With Me.”

John 13:3-11

Many Levels Of Instruction



- Humility and service to others
- Fulfilling prophecy and foreshadowing the immediate future
- Teaching the principles of salvation and fellowship

Principles Of Salvation And Fellowship



- Jesus must do the washing
- One must be washed to be in fellowship with Jesus
- One who has been entirely cleansed does not need to be re-washed

Jesus Washes The Disciples' Feet

- John 13:3-5 - “Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.”

Peter's Confusion Over Cleansing

- John 13:6-9 - “Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, Lord, are You washing my feet? 7 Jesus answered and said to him, What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this. 8 Peter said to Him, You shall never wash my feet! Jesus answered him, If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me. 9 Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!”

Peter's Confusion Over Cleansing

- Peter is amazed that Jesus wants to wash his feet and he flatly refuses to allow Him to do it.
- Poor, impulsive Peter; he has his own ideas of what is right and is so sure of them that he doesn't hesitate to tell the Lord He is mistaken
- Wonder how often this spirit is at the root of various digressions?

Peter's Confusion Over Cleansing

- Jesus response is that Peter is not equipped with enough information or revelation to grasp the fullness of what is happening
- Poor, impatient Peter; he is not content with the answer he is given; he must know it now, because he wants to act now
- Wonder how often this spirit is at the root of individual errors and personal discouragement?

Peter's Confusion Over Cleansing

- Peter answers with stubbornness: “You shall never wash my feet!”
- Poor, inflexible Peter; he has his mind made up and does not want to be confused by the facts
- Wonder how often this spirit is at the root of persons purposefully abandoning sound doctrine?

Peter's Confusion Over Cleansing

- The Lord replies that Peter's plan will keep him out of fellowship with Jesus
- Peter insists that the Lord do more for him than He said He would do
- Poor, inconsiderate Peter; in his rush to get what he wants or thinks he needs, he expects and demands more of the Lord than He promised
- Wonder how often this spirit is at the root of some comfortable doctrine that abdicates personal responsibility and duty, believing God will take care of him in spite of himself?

Christ's Clarification Of Cleansing

- John 13:8 - "If I do not wash you..."
- Jesus is the one who cleanses; no one else has the authority
 - John 14:6 - "Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
 - Matt. 16:18 - "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

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 - 1Peter 1:18-19 - "knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Christ's Clarification Of Cleansing

- We are the ones who need to be washed
 - Rom. 5:6-8 - “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Christ's Clarification Of Cleansing

- We are the ones who need to be washed
 - Eph. 2:4-6 - “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus”

Christ's Clarification Of Cleansing

- John 13:8 - "...you have no part with Me."
- Unless Jesus washes us, we will not be in fellowship with Him
 - Mark 16:16 - "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."
 - John 3:5 - "Jesus answered, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Christ's Clarification Of Cleansing

- John 13:10 - “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you”
- Jesus is telling Peter that when a man has washed his entire person, *λουω*, and he gets his feet dirty by walking through the streets, all he needs at that point is to wash, *νιπτω*, just the feet.

Christ's Clarification Of Cleansing

- When we obeyed the Gospel, Jesus washed us from our sins
 - Rev. 1:5 - “Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood”

Christ's Clarification Of Cleansing

- However, as we walk through life, we tend to stumble into sin, and we need cleansing -- not re-baptism, but the cleansing of...
 - 1John 1:6 - 2:2 - “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

Christ's Clarification Of Cleansing

- Jesus is teaching us that we do not need to get re-baptized every time we sin, but we do need to come to Him for forgiveness and restoration of fellowship.
 - Psalm 32:5 - “I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

A Finished Cleansing



- John 13:10 - “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet”
- This implies that those who are in Christ need nothing else to make their salvation complete, as the plan of salvation is completely effective

A Finished Cleansing



- His Promises

- John 3:16 - “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
- John 5:24 - “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

A Finished Cleansing

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- His Power

- 1Peter 1:5 - “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

A Finished Cleansing



- His Prayers

- Heb. 7:25 - “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them”
- John 17:24 - “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”

A Finished Cleansing



- His Person

- 1Cor. 12:13 - “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”
- Gal. 3:27 - “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

A Full Cleansing



- John 13:10 - “And you are clean.”
- Who else has the authority and power to say that to a man and make it stick?

A Full Cleansing



- Col. 2:13 - “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses”
- 1John 2:12 - “I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.”
- Psalm 103:12 - “As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

A Full Cleansing

- Isa. 38:17 - “Indeed it was for my own peace That I had great bitterness; But You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, For You have cast all my sins behind Your back.”
- Isa. 43:25 - “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.”
- Jer. 50:20 - “In those days and in that time, says the LORD, The iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but there shall be none; And the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found; For I will pardon those whom I preserve.”

A Full Cleansing



- Micah 7:19 - “He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.”
- 1John 1:7 - “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”