



Jesus Washes Our Feet

In the eyes of religion, the essence of humility is defined as man serving a superior being rather than for the superior being to serve man. All religions in the world coincide with the idea that man must serve his god and/or gods in order to find favor and goodness and in order to live a blessed life. It is man bridging a gap between him and his god through self-sacrifice, whether done with devotion or duty. However, the Bible portrays Christianity much different.

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Meet the unadulterated Jesus. It is to the surprise of many to know that Jesus came to serve you out of His extravagant love for you. Contrary to all religions' deities, Jesus laid aside all His God attribute and became a man, born of a virgin in order to give his life a ransom for you. Yes, we worship Jesus as the Son of God and we magnify His holy name. There is no doubt He is our Lord and Savior, but His whole life, His heart is in serving you. The perfect work of Jesus is all about 100% God coming as 100% man to serve you by loving you, protecting you, forgiving you, blessing you, healing you, providing for you, and saving you.

The twentieth century evangelist, Oswald Chambers, once said the following:

- *“We are not built for ourselves, but for God. Not for service for God, but for God.”*

Until you realize that bankrupt man can never offer anything to God but receive all His perfect love by allowing Him to serve, Jesus will only be seen as just another dead shrine of religion and never enjoy relationship with Him.

John 13:4-5

Jesus “rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 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.”

Notice Jesus took the initiative to serve YOU; His whole ministry is about serving you first. Yet when most come to the Lord, they see their service as a stepping stone to nobility. Like Peter in the story, they take the same position and reaction:

“You shall never wash my feet!” – Peter exclaimed.

“If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” – Jesus answered.”

“Lord, then wash not only my feet but also my hands and my head!” – Peter replied.

It is imperative that you see Jesus as a servant because failure to see Him as a servant is failure to see Him at all. I say it with most reverence towards our Lord Jesus Christ, so please don't misunderstand me; I am not saying that our humanity is above Jesus. A thousand times No! However, seeing Jesus as the compassionate God that He is, in wanting to serve you, will lead you into true worship and turn you into a true worshiper with the heart of a son in wanting to serve Him in return.

The theologian, T.W. Manson, shared a great Biblical concept:

- *“To every toiling, heavy-laden sinner, Jesus says, come to me and rest. But there are many toiling, heavy-laden believers, too. For them this same invitation is meant. Note well the words of Jesus, if you are heavy-laden with your service, and then do not mistake it. It is not, Go, labor on, as perhaps you imagine. On the contrary, it is stop, turn back, come to me and rest.”*

When you see Jesus as a servant, you are actually making Him the Savior that He is in your personal life. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

John 13:10

Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.”

Notice that only those who are bathed only need to wash their feet. Jesus is explaining that you, as a believer in Christ, are already completely clean in Him by the washing of the blood. In other words, you have been forgiven of all your past, present, and future sins through His blood, and possess His eternal righteousness through His resurrection. You are the righteousness of God in Christ!

-But why the feet, then?

The feet symbolize our daily walk in this world as a believer. As a believer in Christ, there is corruption from this world that could keep your life in a defeated state. This is why you need the washing of the Word.

Ephesians 5:26

...that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.

Make sure you are rightly dividing the Word via the lens of the finished work of Christ. By listening to messages filled with the Gospel of Grace your feet are being washed. Messages that continually refresh your memory about being the righteousness of God in Christ by faith, will keep your life hopeful and confident of God's goodness in your life. You will have strength in the days to come to overcome every obstacle that comes your way. You will have an established heart and be a poised and confident person. It will keep you healthy and young. Last but not least, you will become a true worshiper of Jesus. True humility is allowing Jesus to wash your feet, and then you will wash other's feet with love. Will you let Him serve you?

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