

*“So after [Jesus] Had Washed their feet, and Had Taken His Garments, and Was Set Down again, He Said unto them, ‘Know ye what I Have Done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I Am. If I then, your Lord and Master, Have Washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. **For I Have Given You An Example**, that ye should do as I Have Done to you.” John 13:12-15 KJV*



To understand the meaning of this passage we must learn what Jesus did. The Example He Demonstrated was that of menial labor. Foot washing was a service provided to guests by their host. It was meant to wash the dust of travel from their feet as everybody walked and was usually performed by a household servant or slave. Jesus showed by Example that no task was too menial for us in the care and welfare of our siblings in the faith. You may notice Christ removed His own garments and Assumed the role, dress, and attitude of a servant. Peter was at first hesitant to let Him do it. *“Peter saith unto Him, ‘Thou shalt never wash my feet.’ Jesus Answered him, ‘If I Wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me.”* If we would share in the Glory of Christ, we must share in the sufferings of Christ. *“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit Itself Beareth Witness with our spirit, that we Are the Children of God: And if Children, then Heirs; Heirs of God, and Joint-Heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also Glorified together.”* Joint-heirs inherit everything together. We must remember, Jesus did not come to conquer, but to die; to Redeem His Beloved from the bondage of death! Jesus Said, *“Love one another as I Have Loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. By this shall all men know that ye are My Disciples, if ye have love one to another. Ye are My Friends, if ye do whatsoever I Command you.”* Jesus Demonstrated that His Love not only included great Deeds on our behalf, but also extended to the little things as well. To be like our Lord we must allow Him, the Word of God, to wash the dust of this world’s evil from our minds. He Told us, *“Now ye are clean through the Word which I Have Spoken unto you.”* When you read, study, learn, and know God’s Word, so It becomes an integral support of your psyche, you will then hear the Voice of God in your thoughts and the dust of evil, which naturally accumulates in our minds in our pilgrimage, will be washed away! *“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.”* We become honored guests in the House of God and the Beloved servants of His Household whenever we take delight in the Ministry of the Word; both to us and by us. Christ not only Served His Disciples Spiritually, but physically. We need to follow His Example with the Household of Faith.

If I would walk with Christ my Lord,
I must embrace His Servitude,
Obeying His Commanded Word,
In Peace and Joy with gratitude. –CGP

It is not hard to love what your beloved loves. We can truly love and serve one another in the Church, the Body of Christ, if we see one another and ourselves through the Eyes of our Saviour. He Gave His Life that I might live! Have I forgotten so soon? Will I “let” His Word wash my feet, today?

“For so an Entrance shall be Ministered unto you abundantly into the Everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the Present Truth.” 2 Peter 1:11-12 KJV