

"If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:14 KJV



In Jesus' day, foot washing was a common courtesy. Everyone walked or rode an animal. Shoes were usually sandals, allowing sand to escape, and all had dusty feet from the journey.

It was a servant's task. Jesus assumed the role of a servant, and emphasized the need for cleansing from the journey. He could have had a servant perform the task, but He did it Himself to set an example. It symbolizes our need of cleansing from our journey's besetting sin, and that we are to serve one another. To have the "*mind of Christ*," we must have a servant's heart. "*For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister...*" Jehovah, the I AM, the Creator, became a servant. He lovingly did what He did not have to do for those who cared less that He did it. A true servant's heart begins with love. "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...*" You cannot truly give or serve unless you truly love. We must leave behind the grasping, clawing, self-serving greed of our sinful flesh, and clothe our "*new creature in Christ*" with faithful obedience and humble loving service to one another. "*By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*" If we act with envy, covetousness, and lying, we are hiding our Light "*under a bushel.*" Don't delude yourself into believing that desires are needs. "*For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*" If you need food, clothing, or shelter, God promised "*to supply all your need.*" Do you believe that? Unbelief is a sin. Believers are to "*love one another*" and "*preach the Gospel to every creature.*" If we obey the first and great commandment, "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,*" the rest will follow. The desires of a beloved are interpreted as opportunities to please. Is this how you view God's desires? Obedience is an opportunity to demonstrate our love. God knows the intents of your heart, but He's pleased when your love is evident to others. Believers encourage believers with faithfulness. It helps cleanse away the journey's dust. A loving heart is a servant's heart. Are you better than the Master?

Minister to the saints you meet,
And with the Saviour's love, them greet,
Our Lord's example to repeat,
With love we "wash another's feet." ~CGP

There are many ways to serve another saint, but all begin with love. Love the beloved of your Beloved.

"This is my commandment, That ye 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." John 15:12-13 KJV