
John 12:42-50

John 13:1-38

(Basic Bible in English)

Remember salvation through Christ will get you into heaven, not any actions or good works you may do.

42 ¶ Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: This is coming to the conclusion of Jesus' ministry on earth. They either believe Him or they don't. They're either for Him or against Him. We each have to come to a decision in our lives, whether to accept Him or reject Him. These were the secret believers among the religious leaders. They didn't speak out because they'd lose their position in the world and be cast out. A lot of people are like this today. They would lose their jobs, their family, and their friends if they openly expressed belief in Jesus Christ. When you make a decision to believe in Christ, you may get ostracized by some people in your life, too. It is worth it to be ostracized by some in exchange for salvation from Jesus Christ and eternal in heaven with Him.

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. If you want the praise of men, don't acknowledge Jesus Christ. If you want the praise of God, praise Jesus Christ. When you accept and acknowledge Jesus Christ, the world's view with change of you, they will treat you different. That's to be expected.

44 ¶ Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. Christ is having a very private conversation with His disciples and God Himself.

45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. Jesus has said many times, "if you've seen Me, you've seen the Father."

46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. The Word of God will be your light. It takes a lot of effort to study and understand His word. Satan wants to keep man ignorant of God's word. He muddles up our studies of the Word with concepts of religion and other extraneous concepts that have nothing to do with God and His plan.

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. Jesus says He is not here to judge the world at this time. This is the time for recruitment, for salvation, to get men to hear His word and accept Him into their hearts. He's educating men at this time.

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.


49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. Jesus was here to show the Father to mankind. He spoke what the Father told Him to say, He did what the Father told Him to do.

50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak. When God gives you Life Everlasting, no one and nothing can ever take it away from you. Jesus is saying I come from the Father, here I am, I am showing you God's plan and the way life can be on earth and then in heaven.

John 13:1-11

1 ¶ Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. Jesus loved His people with all His heart, as much as any can love another.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; All the restrictions were implied at the Passover – no walking more than 1000 feet, no working, no cooking, etc. A lot of people say that Judas Iscariot wasn't picked fairly. This Judas was already a thief. He was



stealing from the group's money bag. He had his own idea about the messiah which wasn't a correct idea. He did things his way and his way only. His heart was evil. But without Judas, Christ wouldn't have been sacrificed for our sins. Instead of asking for forgiveness for what he does to Christ, Judas goes out and hangs himself later. He was sorry for what he did when he saw what they were really going to do to Christ after he sold Christ for 30 pieces of silver, and he threw the 30 pieces of silver back into the temple. Judas is called the Son of Perdition, the Son of Destruction, and he went to a special place after he died. Judas felt guilty for selling Christ, but he never asked for forgiveness. Judas never accepted Jesus as his messiah. God doesn't make people evil. Free will determines our evilness or goodness. Peter denied knowing Jesus and asked forgiveness. Judas sold Jesus unto His death and didn't ask forgiveness. That's the difference.

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; This word "went" can be translated as "transported". He's going to leave earth and go to heaven with God.

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. He gets up from the supper table and wraps a towel around himself. This is what slaves did. He's doing a strange thing. He's the master and lord and He's dressing Himself as a slave.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Jesus did the work of a slave, washing their feet.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter, you don't understand what I'm doing right now, but you will understand later when the Holy Spirit comes down and dwells within you.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Jesus says, if you don't let me wash your feet, you'll have nothing to do with Me. Peter is always getting into trouble running his mouth, but he's honest and frank. Others are too afraid to speak their minds, but Peter doesn't hesitate.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. If this is your requirement, Lord, why not wash all of me because I want all of You!"

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. Jesus is telling Peter here that when we accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior, we are cleaned. When we walk through this world, our feet will get dirty from earthly contaminates. We don't need our whole bodies cleaned because after we accept Jesus Christ into our hearts, our bodies are clean. We need to clean our feet, or ask for forgiveness when we stumble. 1 John 1:9 is all about this. Asking forgiveness for our sins and getting back in fellowship with Him.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

1 Timothy 5:10


10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work. Here Timothy is talking to widows in the church, the requirements needed to be met to be taken into this special group. The first thing she would need to do to show she was a genuine person of humility is to wash people's feet. Two ordinances we are told to do and repeat are The Lord's Supper and Baptism. This foot washing example is to show us how important it is to be humble. Being humble is more important than being powerful, being first, being the best, etc. When the Lord humbled Himself in John 13:10, it was an example of how important it is to be humble and to always consider the other person first, not yourself.

The two ordinances are only good after you become a Christian. We are to do them until the Lord comes again. They are still relevant. In Corinthians and Paul they both say we are to do these two things until the Lord returns. The baptism is a public declaration of you receiving the Holy Spirit privately. It will enhance your spiritual growth. It

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has nothing to with your salvation. It is a public declaration of your acceptance of Jesus Christ into your heart. Roman 6 talks about baptism. When you are baptized as a baby, all you do is get wet. It does nothing for your soul or your spirit. It needs to be done after you've accepted Jesus Christ into your heart and you understand what is going on, what the symbolism means.