

1. John 13:1-17

- a. What a wonderful picture of how we ought to conduct ourselves among ourselves, and what we should be happily willing to do for one another.
- b. Do I think the Lord Jesus was teaching the disciples to "literally" wash each other's feet? No! Jesus was teaching them something far greater!
 - i. Jesus told Peter, "What I am doing you do not know and understand now, but you will know afterward". If Jesus was simply teaching them foot washing, He wouldn't have said that!
- c. The Lord Jesus was teaching them MUCH MORE.....He was teaching them "BY His EXAMPLE" about how each of them should behave toward each other as disciples of His Kingdom!
 - i. But would they be willing to stoop before each other, as low as their King just did before each of them?
- d. He was teaching them the grace of humility, by doing something for them to see with their eyes, which up to this point, they had not yet learned in their hearts and minds from His spoken Words.
 - i. Matthew 18:1-4, Mark 9:33-35, Luke 22:24-27
- e. Jesus had already taught them on multiple occasions about the danger of pride and seeking greatness for themselves, (this caused strife among them), they had not yet learned the grace of humility, so He taught humility to them by showing it to them. This is one of the greatest demonstrations ever of humility and condescension.
 - i. He took off His outer tunic and put a towel around His waist like a servant would, and then He stooped down on His knees in front of each of them, and their humble King washed their dirty feet.

2. There was silence until Jesus came and stooped down in front of Peter!

- a. Peter pushed back, "Lord, are you washing my feet"? This is humiliating, dirty, and beneath your dignity as my Lord and King! It's unbecoming of you, my King! NO! PETER! Seeking to be the greatest is unbecoming of you as one of my disciples!
- b. Peter, I am teaching you that the greatest in my Kingdom will be those who are humble, who are willing to stoop down and serve both saints and sinners. This Peter is how you become great in my Kingdom!
- c. To NOT stoop down & serve your brethren is unbecoming. Be and do as I, your Master and Lord have done to you, Peter!

3. We should be willing to humbly serve each other brethren, to stoop down and do whatever we must to wash each other's feet from the filthiness of sin and this evil world.

- a. It's beneath the dignity of some to stoop down and serve others, but it must not be who you and I are brethren! Let

us always be ready to help each other by serving each other in meekness and humility. Let me help you by praying for you, encouraging you with the Word, by "washing your feet with the clean water of the Word". Ephesians 5:25-27

4. The church doesn't need a bunch of lords, the church needs saints willing to stoop down and humbly serve after the example of our Lord Jesus.

a. Nothing should be beneath you, child of God, for the good of your brethren and for the sinners that live among you, then for you to be a humble servant to all of them. John 13:13-17

i. Each of you as children of God should show forth the humility of Christ in the world... "Happy are ye if you do these things".