

# The Perfect Love of the Savior for His People

*"He loved them to the end"*

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#31 – John 13:1-20

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## Introduction

1. John 1-12 centers on the ministry of Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_
2. John 13-17 centers on the ministry of Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_

Theme of John 13:1-20 - Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, demonstrated His limitless love for His own by humbling Himself to the form of a slave to serve the disciples as an example for them to follow in demonstrating their love for one another.

## The Setting - John 13:1-4

1. It was before the Feast of Passover, \_\_\_\_\_
2. It was in an \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem
3. Jesus loved His own who were in the world to the full extent of His love

Knowing \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Jesus prepared to humbly serve \_\_\_\_\_

## The Humble Service - John 13:5-11

1. Jesus began to \_\_\_\_\_
2. Peter said, "Lord, do \_\_\_\_\_ feet wash?"
3. Jesus answered, "What I do, you do not \_\_\_\_\_ now, but you will \_\_\_\_\_ later."
4. Peter said, "Never (\_\_\_\_\_) shall You wash my feet."
5. Jesus answered, "Unless by means of my \_\_\_\_\_ work of humiliation - of which this feet-washing is only a part - I cleanse you from your sins, you will have no saving relationship with Me."
6. Peter said, "Lord, then wash \_\_\_\_\_." 7. Jesus said, "He who is bathed is \_\_\_\_\_ and needs only to wash his feet. But \_\_\_\_\_.  
Bathing is \_\_\_\_\_  
Foot-washing is \_\_\_\_\_  
For Judas: Foot-washing was \_\_\_\_\_

## The Teaching - John 13:12-20

1. Positively: Since I, the Lord and Teacher, washed \_\_\_\_\_ feet, you also ought to wash \_\_\_\_\_ feet. I gave you an example that you also should do AS (NOT WHAT) I did to you.
2. Negatively: A \_\_\_\_\_ is not greater than his \_\_\_\_\_ nor the \_\_\_\_\_ greater than the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Since you \_\_\_\_\_ these things AND if you \_\_\_\_\_ these things, you will be happy.
4. Again, these things do not \_\_\_\_\_
5. Judas' treacherous betrayal, for which he is \_\_\_\_\_, should not undermine the disciples' faith because it has been foretold by \_\_\_\_\_ and by \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus affirms the \_\_\_\_\_ originating from the Father to the Son to the disciple.

### One Question and One Observations:

1. Question: Should foot-washing be practiced as an ordinance within the Church?

Grudem: In his Systematic Theology, he cites 6 compelling reasons for lack of scriptural support for practicing foot-washing as an ordinance within the Church. #4 is provided here: "To make foot-washing an ordinance like baptism and the Lord's Supper reduces it to a symbol - and if it is a symbol, then Jesus' words command us only to perform a symbol, and the real force of Jesus' command (to act in humility and love) is lost."

2. Observation: Boice (from Stedman) notes the following parallels in Jesus humbling Himself in the foot-washing of the disciples (John 13) and Jesus humbling Himself in the incarnation (Philippians 2) :

#### Foot-washing

Jesus rose from supper  
Jesus laid aside His garments  
Jesus took on the garb of a servant  
Jesus poured out water to cleanse feet  
Jesus put on His clothes and returned  
to His place

#### Incarnation

Jesus rose from His throne of glory  
Jesus emptied Himself (laid aside His glory)  
Jesus took on the form of a bond-servant  
Jesus poured out His blood to cleanse sin  
Jesus has been glorified at the right hand of  
the Father

### Implications for us:

1. We must continually remind ourselves that Jesus loves us (His own) who are in the world  
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2. We must \_\_\_\_\_ love and serve one another since we know the command of Jesus
3. Those who do not \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ are excluded from the promises and blessings of God, as was Judas.