

That You May Believe and Have Life: A Study in John

Lesson 7 – The Way, the Truth and the Life John 13 & 14

John 13:1 *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

13:2 - 17 *During supper, when the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God, and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments; and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.*

5 Then He poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter who said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me." 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." 10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For He knew the one who was to betray Him; that was why He said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 When He had washed their feet, and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"

13 "You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. 14 "If I then, your Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 "For I have given you an example that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 "Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

- A. Looking at verses 13 – 15, what is the plain and practical lesson on the surface of what Christ is teaching here?
- B. Looking at verse 17, how are we blessed when we follow this lesson?
- C. What is the spiritual lesson in verses 8 – 10, what do you think this washing represents?

33 "Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek Me; and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

- D. How does verse 34 say we are to love other believers?
- E. What would you say characterizes Christ's love for us? What aspects of Christ's love for us are we to emulate toward others?
- F. Is this easy or difficult? How are we to accomplish this?

John 14:1 – 6 John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.2 "In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will take you to Myself; that where I am you may be also.

4 "And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how can we know the way?"
6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, except through Me. (John 14:6)

- G. What do you find in verses 1 – 3 that is comforting and encourages your own heart not to be troubled? What is comforting about this?
- H. Examine the following verses. What does each tell you about how Christ IS life?
 1. (John 8:12)
 2. (John 6:67 & 68)
 3. (John 10:10)
 4. (John 15:5 & 6)

14:21 – *Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.*

- I. Take several minutes to read this verse over and think about it.
 1. What does it mean to have His commandments?
 2. How is love for Christ revealed in our lives?
 3. How does He manifest Himself to us? What has this looked like in your own life?