

**"THE FOOT-WASHING"****Introduction**

1. These wonderful chapters: 13-17
2. The Upper Room Discourse
3. Here: the Foot-Washing

**1. WHAT CHRIST KNEW + LOVED**

- 1) Here we see into Christ's very mind.
- 2) Very important things referred to:
  - (i) v.1: "his hour was come". Explain
  - (ii) v.1: "depart...unto the Father"
  - (iii) v.1: "loved his own"
  - (iv) v.3: "all things": Explain
  - (v) v.3: "come from God"
  - (vi) v.3: "went to God"

**DOCTRINE:** Christ's knowledge + love here displayed  
**APPLICATION:** How we need such a Saviour!

**2. WHAT CHRIST DID AND WHY**

- 1) v.4: the actions of a servant
- 2) A gentle rebuke to His disciples
- 3) But also a good lesson for them:
  - (i) v.6: Peter understandably surprised
  - (ii) v.7: a prophetic significance
  - (iii) v.8: a symbolic significance also
  - (iv) v.12: obviously a great lesson
  - (v) v.13-17: example to them + to us

**OBSERVE:** To serve one another in love is to have the spirit of Jesus.  
**APPLICATION:** Do we keep this clearly in mind?

**3. WHAT CHRIST SAID AND TAUGHT**

- 1) v.8: "no part with me". Explain
- 2) v.9-10: two different washings
- 3) What these two washings are:
  - (i) the bath: Justification
  - (ii) the regular wash: Daily Pardon
- 4) **OBSERVE:** The justified sinner is not condemned but he must still confess sin regularly.
- 5) This taught in 1 John 1-2:2  
**DOCTRINE:** Justification is perfect but sanctification is not yet perfect.  
**APPLICATION:** Keep short accounts with God.

**4. WHAT CHRIST WARNED ABOUT**

- 1) There is a warning note all through.
- 2) See these things here:
  - (i) v.2: ref. to Judas
  - (ii) v.10: "not all" of them were clean
  - (iii) v.21: "one of you...betray me"!
  - (iv) v.26: the sop to Judas
  - (v) v.27: "Satan entered into him"
  - (vi) v.27: "Do quickly"
  - (vii) v.30: "It was night"

**OBSERVE:** Satan has friends and accomplices in church.

**CONCLUSION**

Let us be careful not to do the devil's work for him.

**PSALM**

**10: 1 – 5**

**55: 12 – 18**

**17: 5 – 9**