

# Wash One Another's Feet

(John 13:1-17)

- Introduction:
1. The theme for our congregation this year is "Consider One Another."
  2. Consequently, I've decided to preach on several "One Another" passages throughout the year.
  3. Today's lesson is entitled, "Wash One Another's Feet."
  4. This is a command given by Jesus and if you aren't obeying this command, you need to repent and do what he commands.
  5. In this lesson, we'll examine what this command means and how we can obey it.

## I. The Context

- A. (John 13:1-17).
- B. Sometimes we are asked if we take the Bible "literally."
- C. Better than saying "I take the Bible literally" is "I take the Bible "literarily."
- D. What Jesus was commanding was not the specific action of "foot-washing," but the principle of service that motivates "foot-washing."
  1. Ills. – Burn the midnight oil.
  2. Ills. – Roll up the window.
  3. Ills. – Carbon copy me.
- E. These are all commands that have outlived their specific application.
- F. This is the exact thing that was going on when Jesus commanded us to wash one another's feet.

## II. The Meaning

- A. We must serve one another.
- B. (John 13:15).
- C. (Matthew 20:26-28).
- D. Many of us have been blessed throughout our lives by the spirit of service that permeates the church of Christ.
- E. But instead of asking when was the last time someone washed your feet, a better question would be when is the last time you "washed another's feet?"
- F. (1 Peter 4:10; Romans 12:5-8).

- Conclusion:
1. The point of this lesson is to remind you of this command that Jesus once gave, and it's continued present day application.
  2. Consider one another! Whose feet can/should you wash?
  3. We will never look more like Jesus than when we "humble ourselves, kneel before each other with a pitcher and a towel and wash one another's feet."