



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 13:1-11
From Sermon 8.18.24

Read *John 13:1-11*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: In this beautiful, humble, and loving act, Jesus has begun the process of consecrating this new guard (the faithful Apostles) unto New Testament Church ministry. Through Peter's naïve rejection, Jesus also teaches even more about His work, His grace, the enormity of love on the elect, and the security all believers enjoy. History has shown: when we get any of those truths wrong, we can grow despondent and ineffective as worshippers and ambassadors.

1. Of all the traits and virtues demonstrated by Jesus, which one(s) is the most challenging for you? Various Personal Answers. Possibilities: His Grace. Forgiveness. Confrontation. Absolutes. Wrath.

2. What group comprised the priesthood of the Old Testament? The Levites.

2a. Besides birthright, what process did they have to undergo to be qualified to minister? A discipleship process of learning the Law and the required rituals. A One-And-Done consecration—being set apart for the ministry. Annual, weekly, and situation-by-situation cleansing and washing to be eligible.

3. What two purposes are behind Jesus' washing of their (our) feet?

1) The Ordination of a new priesthood—consecrated. See *2 Timothy 2:20-21*

2) An Example of Christ's love for all to follow. See *John 13:13-15*

4. Because of this humble, beautiful act of grace, is foot washing now a new ordinance/commandment/practice to join the Lord's Supper and Believer's Baptism? No.

4a. Why do we believe that? No further mentions of foot washing occur in Scripture. We have no instructions or examples, even from the writing Apostles (Peter & John) who were there that day.

5. Because of Jesus' words: "*He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean...*", what is the difference between "One-and-done" washing vs daily, situational washing? We are washed forever clean at conversion. Positionally, we are justified and holy—fit for heaven. Practically, because we are in these sinful, fallen bodies, we still sin and need routine spiritual cleansing. See *1 Corinthians 6:11* (noting the past tense verbs) & *1 John 1:9* (noting the present tense).

6. On Sunday, it was taught that the Devil is busy with two tasks. What are they? Discuss each.

- He's busy convincing lost people that they are saved/safe.
- He's equally busy convincing saved people they are lost.

6a. Have you witnessed or even experienced these? Various Personal Answers

7. If anyone had reason to doubt completed work of Christ in washing & securing salvation it was Peter. Explain. Then, read what God the Holy Spirit has him write in *1 Peter 1:4-5*.