

INTRODUCTION: "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." John 13:15

1. Christ gave an example, not a church ordinance.
 1. It is not once elsewhere referred to in the New Testament as a church ordinance.
 2. It is only once referred to elsewhere in the New Testament. in 1 Tim. 5:10 it is named as the mark of a godly widow. "If she have washed the saints feet..."
 - (1) Paul here classes the "washing of feet" with the good work of "Bringing up children" and "visiting the sick" and following every good work.
2. "Feet-Washing" not binding today as a church ordinance.
 1. No mention is made of "feet-washing" as a church ordinance until the fourth century when the tide of corruption was sweeping in.
 2. Inspired history of the church as recorded in Acts and the Epistles is silent concerning any such ordinance.
3. ORDINANCES ESTABLISHED BY THE LORD : *Prescribed for continued practice*
sacrament, that which is sacred
 1. THE LORD'S SUPPER
 1. He established the Lord's Supper the night before he was crucified.
 2. We discover it just as soon as the church is in existence on the day of Pentecost.
 1. Acts 2:42; "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."
 2. Acts 20:7; "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread..."
 2. BAPTISM
 1. In his commission, Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16, just before his ascension, Jesus established the ordinance of baptism.
 1. On Pentecost Peter commands it and "they that gladly received his word were baptized:..." Acts 2:41
 2. And so it continues, these church ordinances, the Lord's Supper and baptism are continually mentioned throughout Acts and the Epistles, by the Apostolic Fathers and writers of the history of Christianity, while "feet-washing" is named just once more in the New Testament. 1 Timothy 5:10.
4. "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." John 13:15
 1. How do we follow Christ's example?
 1. When we weep with sympathy, feed and clothe the hungry and naked, minister to the sick, and literally wash the feet of the disciples if their feet need washing, do good to all men: enemies or friends; then we are following the example Christ set for us.
 2. Old Brother Judas was yet in this group whose feet were washed by Christ.
 1. Jesus did not draw the line on him.
5. The background of our lesson. At Jerusalem for the supper of the feast of the passover. In the upper room. Matt. 26:17-19;
Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13.
 1. The expectation of the disciples when they sat down at this supper.
 1. No doubt they expected the immediate manifestation of the kingdom.
 2. They no doubt felt that it was going to be a sort of a state occasion.
 3. Each one apparently wanted the "chief seat at the feast," and among themselves had some controversy over the old question, "Who should be the greatest?" Examples:
 1. The mother of James and John, Matt. 20:20,21; Mark 10:35-37; Luke 9:46.
 2. Argued the question among themselves: Matt. 18:1-6; Mark 9:33,34 ETC.

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PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS SCRIPTURE

1. The desire to be greater than others is the cause of many quarrels and much evil in the world and in the church.
 1. The argument of the disciples: Matt. 18:1-6; Mark 9:33, 34; Luke 9:46-48.
2. Man's way to be great is to seek to be greater than others: SELF-SEEKING.
3. God's way for man to be great is for man to serve others, to do all he can for others: LOVE
4. The great law of the Kingdom of heaven is not this: USE THYSELF FOR THYSELF.
 1. Still less is it this: USE OTHERS FOR THYSELF.
 2. But it is this: USE THYSELF FOR OTHERS.
5. The power of voluntary in the kingdom of love:
 1. The power of service rendered under the impulse of humility and self-denial.
 2. Such service makes a man:
 1. A spiritual power and gives to him a unconscious and blessed greatness.

FOUR PICTURES OF LIFE

1. The Sublime Saviour.
 1. There must have been a stillness that could have been heard as the disciples watched the Saviour prepare for the work of washing feet.
 1. They must have realized that something was wrong when Jesus arose from supper, girded himself with a towel, poured water in a basin.
2. The stubborn Simon.
 1. "Thou shalt never wash my feet." John 13:8
 2. Jesus calmly watched Peter, listened to what he said, and then quietly spoke again.
3. The Startling Statement. (John 13:8)
 1. Jesus calmly told Peter, "if I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." John
4. The Sensible Surrender. John
 1. Peter replied, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." 13:9

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