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Footwashing

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FOOTWASHING
Jno. 13:1-17

Jesus' last lesson before crucifixion.

Give a church ordinance or some timely lesson?

I. REASONS BELIEVE DID NOT GIVE AS CHURCH ORDINANCE.
   A. Not listed as ordinance, nor observed anywhere.
   B. Only other mention—private hospitality. I Tim. 5:3-10
   C. Classified as "good work" not church law. I. 10.
   D. No reference made in connection with church worship.

II. A CUSTOM CHOSEN TO TEACH A NEEDED LESSON.
   A. Lesson contained in dialogue between Peter and Christ
      1. Question: Dost thou wash my feet? Vs. 6.
         a. You're violating a law of our custom:
            (1) Lord, I'll serve—but my way.
            (2) Case: Boy study A's, not preach. Modernist.
      Truth: Don't understand now, but will later on.
      2. Statement: You'll never wash my feet! Vs. 8.
         a. I'm embarrassed enough—won't let you rub it in.
            (1) Don't need lesson. Won't study. Won't learn.
            (2) Case: Boy bragged—preached without study.
            Threat: Won't learn, then not my disciple. Jno. 6:68.
      3. Plea: Wash my hands and head too.
         a. Consecrate all of me for thy service.
         b. Will submit to anything to be your disciple.
            (1) Case: "I'll go as Servant. Knt. P. 365.
      Result: Peter submitted in humility and shame.

INVITATION: Lesson applicable to all men everywhere.
Only sincere believers will respond.
Obeying Christ involves surrender—humble spirit.
Hard to repent and obey all of Christ's will.

The Principle:
He who will not serve shall not be saved.
All members of the body cannot do the same thing—nor at the same time.

Therefore, Dad's work must be organized. Organization does not prevent any individual service.

a. 1 Cor. 14:40. How? Like Jesus, Paul, and apostles did!

b. Mk. 6:7. Sent 12 apostles by 2s. Like M.T. Ministers time to work


e. Acts 13:1-4. Paul's company sent:

Barnabas, Abell, Mark, Timothy, Silas,
Lucius, Jason, Sosipater,
Gaius, Sosthenes, Demas, Luke,
Archippus, Silvanus, Erastus, Eubulus,
Tychicus, Onesiphorus, Linus, Claudia,
Apella and Aquila, Nymphus,
Tychicus, Epa-phroditus, etc.


g. Phil. 1:6. Unorganized? All separate?

I. Col. 15:58. 3 questions:

1. You steadfast? Steady! Consistent faith.


3. Always encouraging! Backing the others

Bearing the work! Encouraging others

Resisting! Ascending souls to Jesus!

B-R-C-B.