

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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The Saviour Washed an Enemy’s Feet

“He riseth from supper and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash his disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with a towel wherewith he was girded” (John 13:4-5).

In time past, I had not considered Jesus as washing Judas’s feet. Yet, per the account of the scriptures, Judas the Betrayer was present when our beloved Master washed his disciples’ feet. For in verse twenty-one of our aforementioned text it, was obvious that Judas was present; for Judas did not depart until after the partaking of the sop and Satan entered into him.

I have recently thought upon this text seeing that our Lord Jesus knowing ALL things, especially the fact that he who was to be the arch betrayer, to deny the Master and sell him out for thirty pieces of silver, had his feet washed along with all the disciples; even Peter, who was predestined to deny the Saviour, was present at the Lord’s judgment and condemnation by the wicked and cruel hands of men.

Yes, dear brethren, our sovereign Head and divine Saviour washed the feet of those who would betray and deny him in time. Just to think about this act of love and servitude toward he who would betray him is a perfect example of our Lord giving himself for those of mankind who are born by nature alien and enemies of the Lord and His kingdom.

In this example of love and servitude is the beautiful picture of our Saviour giving himself as the ultimate sacrifice for those born by nature denying the Almighty God of eternal glory.

Yes, dear brethren, “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners(enemies), Christ died for us. For if when we were ENEMIES, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more being reconciled we shall be saved through his life” (Rom. 5:8 & 10).

Oh! the free gift of salvation wrought about by divine love and everlasting mercy. Praise be unto our Lord for the quickening of His Spirit that CAUSED salvation's work to be accomplished within the heart of undeserving sinners. For truly it is by GRACE that we are sought and delivered from the curse of sin and the dominion thereof. For that glorious GRACE and FAITH is not of ourselves, it is the GIFT of God least any man should boast, as our Lord Jesus is the AUTHOR and FINISHER of such divine FAITH. For it is by the Faith of Christ that we are caused to believe upon His lovely name. Oh! Such supernatural work of God that we would be granted "the substance of things HOPED for, and the evidence of things NOT SEEN." Yes, our God has taken his enemies and transformed us into the kingdom of his dear Son that we would be the citizens of another country whose builder and maker is God. To HIM be the glory, honor and praise forever without end.

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