

SERVANTS OF GOD'S LOVE

We have studied Truly, Truly messianic doctrines listed in John Chapters 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, and 12.

This study begins a study of seven Truly, Truly messianic doctrines from the Upper Room Discourse (Jn.13:16, 20, 21, 38); (Jn.14:12); and (Jn.16:20, and 23). The Upper Room Discourse occurs the day before Passover and Jesus' crucifixion (Jn 13:1; 18:23; 19:31).

This lesson will study four aspects of the Truly, Truly messianic doctrine of Servants of God's Love.

1. The Upper Room Discourse opens with visual aid of foot washing of disciples by Jesus to teach the Truly, Truly messianic doctrine of Servants of God's Love (Jn.13:1-11).

It occurred while the evening meal was being served (Jn.13:2-5). During the foot washing, a conversation between Peter and Jesus took place about the doctrinal lesson to be learned from it (Jn.13:6-11).

The Doctrinal Point of Foot Washing:

(Jn.13:1) "Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved (agapao/ a.a.ptc) His own who were in the world, He loved (agapao/ a.a.ind) them to the end."

Note two parts of love in (Jn.13:1).

This doctrinal point, coming out of the foot washing, is important to our Truly, Truly messianic doctrine in our lesson text (Jn.13:12-17) (vs.16).

2. After finishing the foot washing Jesus resumed his position at the meal and introduced the Truly, Truly messianic doctrine with this question.

(Jn. 13:12) "Do you know (ginosko/ p.a.ind.2pl) what I have done (poieo/ perf.a.ind 1ps) to you (su/ dplm) [dative of benefit]?"

This is not about literal foot washing or this question would not be needed. The answer was suggested in (Jn.13:1) and now extended into the messianic doctrine (Jn.3:13-17) (vs.16).

Principle: When a master [teacher] with divinely delegated authority over his servants [students] does menial task to/for the servants [students], he becomes an example of the **messianic doctrine**.

(Jn 13:16) "Truly, truly I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him." [Divine chain of command]

3. Jesus taught His disciples that humility always trumps humiliation of Divinely delegated authority. (Jn.13:15; Acts 8:32-33)

He taught them by practical application of a foot washing. (Mark 10:45). It would normally have been done when entering the place.

(Acts 20:19) "**Serving the Lord with all humility** (tapeinophrosune) and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews."

There are three stages to reaching and maintaining spiritual maturity in Col.3:12-17.

- Putting on Divine Virtues stage (Jn 3:12-14)- humility is just one of eight virtues
- Peace of Christ's rule (brabeuo) [arbitrate, deciding all matters] stage (Jn.3:15)
- Word of Christ indwells richly within stage (Jn.3:16-17)

Jesus' foot washing lesson was not about literal foot washing. "Do you know what I have done to you?"

BE HUMBLE SERVANTS OF GOD'S LOVE.

4. In closing, Jesus pronounced the status, BLESSED (makarios), upon those who fulfill (Jn.13:17).

- Jesus used makarios (Blessed) with the Beatitudes (Matt.5:1-12).
- Paul used blessed with the character of God In (1Tim.6:15).
- Paul used blessed with the 50 Things in the package of grace of salvation in (1 Tim.1:11).

Jesus closed with it in Jn 3:17.

- **YOU** "If (1cc/ true) you know (oida/ perf.a.ind.2pl) Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD) residing and functioning from the right lobe of mentality) these things,
- **YOU** "are (eimi/ p.a.ind.2pl) **blessed (makarios/ predicate adjective/ nplm)**
- **YOU** "if (3cc/ volition) you do (poieo/ p.a.subj.2pl) them." (Jn 13:17)

Jesus did not say you would be a blessing, but rather you are blessed.

Blessed is a grace gift based on consistent cycling of Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD) residing in the soul of **SERVANTS OF GOD'S LOVE** (2 Tim.3:16-17; 2 Cor.5:7).