

THE HUMILITY OF LOVE
(John 13:1-17)

- I. The Profound DEPTH of Christ's Love (John 13:1)
 - A. The Feast of the PASSOVER was near
 - B. Jesus knew His "HOUR" had come
 - 1. He would DEPART from this WORLD
 - 2. He would RETURN to the FATHER
 - C. Jesus loved "HIS OWN"
 - 1. They are IN the world, but they are NOT "the world"
 - 2. He loved THEM "to the FULLEST MEASURE"
- II. The Powerful DEMONSTRATION of Christ's Love (John 13:2-11)
 - A. Occurred during their EVENING MEAL
 - B. Judas had already DECIDED to BETRAY Jesus
 - 1. It was satanically INSPIRED, but personally INTENTIONAL
 - 2. Judas was INCLUDED in Jesus' humble demonstration
 - C. Jesus was AWARE of and IN CONTROL of everything
 - D. He had COME FROM God and was RETURNING TO God
 - E. He dressed as a SLAVE and WASHED their FEET
 - F. Peter declared, "NEVER shall you EVER wash my feet!"

- G. Jesus replied, “If I don’t WASH you, you have no part with ME”
 - H. Peter insisted that He also wash his HANDS and his HEAD
 - I. Jesus said that one who has BATHED needs only his FEET washed
 - J. They were ALREADY clean, but not EVERY ONE of them
 - 1. Salvation cleanses the SOUL and is never REPEATED
 - 2. The one cleansed still needs washing from the DAILY defilement of SIN
 - 3. One of the disciples REMAINED UNCLEANSED
- III. The Personal DEMAND of Christ’s Love (John 13:12-17)
- A. The One who had washed their feet is “the LORD and the TEACHER”
 - B. They should think no act of SERVICE beneath their DIGNITY
 - C. We are not GREATER than the MASTER who SENT us
 - D. True BLESSING flows from OBEDIENCE (cf. 1 John 2:6)