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Washing the Disciples' Feet

Theme for the Month

- John 13: 34:
“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”

Outline

- Text: John 13: 1- 17
- Washing of feet – the Spiritual Dimension
- Washing of feet – the Practical Dimension
- Washing one another's feet.

Washing of Feet – the Spiritual Dimension

- Foot washing used to be a ritual in Christianity but that has since disappeared although some churches still follow that ritual. See Exo. 30:17–21; Heb. 7: 26–28.
- In Islam it is one of the obligations of pious people.
- God is vitally concerned about the purity of heart, character, attitude, motive and service of those who serve Him. Because we are to serve Him every day, this requires specific and continuing daily attention to our purity.

Washing of Feet – the Practical Dimension.

- Abraham's example – Gen. 18: 1–4
- The Example of Jesus – John 13: 5
- Paul's instruction about widows – 1 Tim 5: 9–10.

Washing one another's feet – Practical brotherhood

- Practical love in Caring – James 2: 14 – 15.
- Practical love in Giving – Gal. 6: 7 – 10.
- Practical love in Conduct – Romans 12: 9 – 21.
Involving: undefiled love, preferring one another in love (not avoidance), serving the Lord faithfully together, rejoicing together in hope, praying together, distributing to our needs, blessing those who persecute us, being of the same mind, no evil for evil, no vengeance, overcome evil with good.