

**WCBC SERMON NOTES - JULY 30, 2017**

**TOPIC:** *Christ's Great Humility!*

**TEXT:** John 13:1-15

**INTRO:** What is foot-washing?

**I. THE *ILLUSTRATION* ON HUMILITY: vv.14-15**

1. His great humility !

Note: Jesus did a servant's work!

- Ralph Gower

2. His great service! - Matthew 20:28

- Mark 1:16-20

**II. THE *INSTRUCTION* ON HUMILITY: vv. 8-10, 14-15**

1. Concerning Salvation - vv. 8-10

v.10: "*has had a bath*"= Greek word, "louo," meaning, "to bathe completely"

"*to wash*"= Greek word, "nipto," meaning, "to splash one's feet, hands, or face"

- A. Washing of sins - v.10 cf. I Cor. 6:9-11 ("louo" bath)
- B. Washing of daily sins -v.8 cf. I John 1:9 ("nipto" cleansing)

2. Concerning Others - vv.14-15

- A. To forgive them - SPIRITUAL sense
- B. To encourage them - LITERAL sense

**III. THE *INSPIRATION* ON HUMILITY: vv.14-15**

Note: This selfless, humbling example of the Lord Jesus will inspire us:

- 1. To do even the little things for God!
- "Little becomes much when you place it in the Master's Hand!"
- 2. To help others!

Note: Christ helped them by washing their feet.

Let us do likewise! - Prov. 3:27-28; James 2:15-16;

I John 3:17-18

- U.S. Pres. Theodore Roosevelt
- 3. To look to Jesus as our great example! - v.15

Note: The Lord Jesus did even the lowliest task, the foot-washing, a SERVANT'S job!

**CONCLUSION:** How Can Blood Cleanse Sin?

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**Simpson's Most Valuable Discovery!**

In the year 1847, a doctor from Edinburgh, Sir James Simpson, discovered that chloroform could be used as an anaesthetic to render people insensible to the pain of surgery. From his early experiments, Dr. Simpson made it possible for people to go through the most dangerous operations without fear of pain and suffering. Some people even claim that his was one of the most significant discoveries of modern medicine.

Some years later, while lecturing at the University of Edinburgh, Dr. Simpson was asked by one of his students, "What do you consider to be the most valuable discovery of your lifetime?" To the surprise of his students who had expected him to refer to chloroform, Dr. Simpson replied, "My most valuable discovery was when I discovered myself a sinner and that Jesus Christ was my Saviour!"

- *Glad Tidings*

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**Verse For Today**

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time!" - I Peter 5:6*

**Food For Thought**

"True humility is not to think low of oneself, but to think rightly, truthfully of oneself!" - Paul L. Tan

