

## UNLESS I WASH YOU,

**JOHN 13:8** "No," SAID PETER, "YOU SHALL NEVER WASH MY FEET." JESUS ANSWERED, "**UNLESS I WASH YOU, YOU HAVE NO PART WITH ME.**"

**Leviticus 4:13-21** "If the whole Israelite community **sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the LORD's commands, even though the community is unaware of the matter, they are guilty.** <sup>14</sup>When they become aware of the sin they committed, the assembly must bring a young bull as a sin offering and present it before the Tent of Meeting. <sup>15</sup>The elders of the community are to lay their hands on the bull's head before the LORD, and the bull shall be slaughtered before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Then the anointed priest is to take some of the bull's blood into the Tent of Meeting. <sup>17</sup>He shall dip his finger into the blood and sprinkle it before the LORD seven times in front of the curtain. <sup>18</sup>He is to put some of the blood on the horns of the altar that is before the LORD in the Tent of Meeting. The rest of the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. <sup>19</sup>He shall remove all the fat from it and burn it on the altar, <sup>20</sup>and do with this bull just as he did with the bull for the sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for them, and they will be forgiven. <sup>21</sup>Then he shall take the bull outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bull. This is the sin offering for the community.

1. SOME WERE CLEAN
  - A. **PSALM 51:7** CLEANSE ME WITH HYSSOP, AND I WILL BE CLEAN; WASH ME, AND I WILL BE WHITER THAN SNOW.
  - B. **ISAIAH 4:4** THE LORD WILL WASH AWAY THE FILTH OF THE WOMEN OF ZION; HE WILL CLEANSE THE BLOODSTAINS FROM JERUSALEM BY A SPIRIT OF JUDGMENT AND A SPIRIT OF FIRE.
  - C. **ZECH. 13:1** "ON THAT DAY A FOUNTAIN WILL BE OPENED TO THE HOUSE OF DAVID AND THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM, TO CLEANSE THEM FROM SIN AND IMPURITY.
2. SOME WERE NOT
  - A. **PROVERBS 30:12** THOSE WHO ARE PURE IN THEIR OWN EYES AND YET ARE NOT CLEANSED OF THEIR FILTH;
  - B. **ISAIAH 1:16** WASH AND MAKE YOURSELVES CLEAN. TAKE YOUR EVIL DEEDS OUT OF MY SIGHT! STOP DOING WRONG,
3. JESUS SAYS UNLESS I WASH YOU, A DAILY TASK, I WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
  - A. **1 COR. 6:11** AND THAT IS WHAT SOME OF YOU WERE. BUT YOU WERE WASHED, YOU WERE SANCTIFIED, YOU WERE JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND BY THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD.
  - B. **EPHESIANS 5:26** TO MAKE HER HOLY, CLEANSING HER BY THE WASHING WITH WATER THROUGH THE WORD,
  - C. **TITUS 3:5** HE SAVED US, NOT BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUS THINGS WE HAD DONE, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS MERCY. HE SAVED US THROUGH THE WASHING OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
4. Some refuse to be washed by the Word - that is they do not believe the Word.
  - a. **John 13:7-18** Jesus replied, "**You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will**

understand." <sup>8</sup>"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." <sup>9</sup>"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. <sup>12</sup>When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup>"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup>I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. <sup>18</sup>"I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the scripture: 'He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.'

5. To understand this we need to look at the example the Word gave us - Peter.
  - a. **John 13:36-38** Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later." <sup>37</sup>Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!"
6. Jesus will instruct Peter to pray that he be not lead into temptation.
  - a. **Matthew 26:41** "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."
7. He knows he has a good relationship with Jesus, he does not have to worry. The attitude of the church today.
8. The following verses are taken from the Four Gospels showing the failure of Peter and the results.
  - a. **Matthew 26:75** Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.
  - b. **Mark 14:72** Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept.
  - c. **Luke 22:60** Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.
  - d. **Luke 24:12** Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.
  - e. **John 18:27** Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.
  - f. **John 20:6** Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,
  - g. **John 21:2-3** Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

- h. **John 21:12** Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.
9. The angel showed the true status of Simon in the Book of Mark
  - a. **Mark 16:7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "
10. Jesus will wash Simon son of John until he has been restored.
  - a. **John 21:17** The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."
    - i. You can not regard Jesus the Christ as just a friend, a family member, you must see Him not only as your Savior, but as your Lord - God - and He has every right to tell us what to do.
11. Jesus Christ saves us from our sins, what does He expect us to do now?
  - a. **John 8:11** "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."
12. What was the message of Jesus back then, and the message of the Holy Spirit today?
  - a. **Matthew 4:17** From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."
  - b. **Matthew 4:23** Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.
  - c. **Matthew 5:19-20** Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.
13. What does the Epistles teach us about the Law for the believer?
  - a. **James 4:17** Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.
  - b. **2 Peter 2:21** It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.
  - c. **1 John 5:13-17** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him. <sup>16</sup>If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. <sup>17</sup>All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.
14. What did Paul have to say about these people who sin, but not the sin that leads to death?
  - a. **1 Cor. 5:6-11** Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? <sup>7</sup>Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth. <sup>9</sup>I have written

you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people-- <sup>10</sup>not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. <sup>11</sup>But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.

The Lord's Supper

15. **1 Cor. 11:17-33** In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. <sup>18</sup>In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. <sup>19</sup>No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. <sup>20</sup>When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, <sup>21</sup>for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup>Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not! <sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "**This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.**" <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.**" <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup>Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. <sup>32</sup>When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world. <sup>33</sup>So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other.

Father God help us this day be aware of the gift - Your Son. May we walk in newness of life.  
Amen