

SPIRITUAL FOOTWASHING

Reference: **John 13:1-15**

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People in ancient Middle Eastern countries wore sandals, and most ancient streets largely consisted of dirt. Because someone's feet would be dirtied from even the smallest of journeys, a servant would be assigned to wash someone's feet just moments after he had entered the house.

Jesus used a foot-washing experience as a visual aid to teach Simon Peter and the rest of the disciple's two important lessons:

Read **verses three** and **four** and then **five** through **seven**

LESSON ONE is _____

The washing of someone's feet was considered the least desirable of that which a servant might be required to do. That is what Jesus did.

Read verses twelve through **fifteen**

LESSON TWO is _____

There are two categories of forgiveness:

DEFINITION: Judicial forgiveness is comprehensive and all inclusive forgiveness from God acting as a judge and results in the legal forgiveness of _____, i.e. past, present, and even future sins.

In this narrative the _____ represents judicial forgiveness

DEFINITION: Parental forgiveness is forgiveness from God acting as a parent and results in the forgiveness of sin that has broken our _____ (i.e. relational closeness) to God.

In this narrative the _____ represents parental forgiveness

One of the reasons God designed communion as an ordinance in the church is so that we might interrogate ourselves and confess our sin(s) to God (i.e. wash our feet in a spiritual sense) Let's answer these questions:

- Do we find it _____ to confess sin to God?
- Is our confession _____?
- Do we keep _____ sin accounts with God?
- Are we willing to _____ our sin to God?

Read **verses eight** through **ten** and then **verse eleven**

In summation, there are two more questions we need to answer:

- Have you had a spiritual _____?
- Do you need to have your _____?