

Problem:

we have not been called to wash our own feet -

<http://www.worshiphousemedia.com/mini-movies/33134/life-is-better-with-community>

Context:

The word *love* is used only twelve times in John 1–12, but in John 13–21 it is used forty-four times! It is a key word in Christ's farewell sermon to His disciples, climaxing in His High Priestly Prayer (John 17:26)

love is the light shining through the darkness

As light shines through the darkness

Text:**In the midst of betrayal**

John 13:1 ¶ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that **his hour had come** to depart out of this world to the Father, **having loved (agape) his own** who were in the world, **he loved them to the end (limit).**

John 13:2 During supper, **when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,**

John 13:3 Jesus, **knowing** that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and **was going back to God,**

John 13:4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.

John 13:5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

(1) knowing - His hour had come - His hour had come - 7:30; 8:20

(1) having loved His own - not his family - Luke 8:19-21; but the called Jn 10:1-5, 14-15 - always a mixed multitude

(2) He loved to the end - John 19:28-30 - love is a verb, an action not a feeling

A blessing

John 13:6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

John 13:7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing **you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.**"

John 13:8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet (forever)." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

John 13:9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" **(he was too humble to be washed yet he didn't hesitate to command the Lord)**

John 13:10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you."

John 13:11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

John 13:12 ¶ When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, **"Do you understand what I have done to you?"**

John 13:13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.

John 13:14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13:15 For **I have given you an example**, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

John 13:16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

John 13:17 If(since) you know these things, **blessed are you if you do them.**

(7)- phil 2:1-11 - foot washing is a tangible application of the ultimate example of agape

(8) Peter was supposedly too humble to be washed yet he didn't hesitate to command the Lord... - Luke 22:24-27 - likely context

(10) the one who has bathed - 1 John 1:7-9 (all were washed but not all were clean -walked in darkness) darkness in the midst of light - live in light of His sacrifice

(12, 17) do you understand - blessed - abundant life - Jn 10:10-11 - not about thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less

main idea: *Joy comes through Jesus and the dirty feet next to you*

From the darkness of night

John 13:18 I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, '**He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.**'

John 13:19 I am telling you this now, before it takes place, **that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.**

John 13:20 Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever receives the one I send receives me**, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

John 13:21 ¶ After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **one of you will betray me.**"

John 13:22 The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke.

John 13:23 One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side,

John 13:24 so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.

John 13:25 So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?"

John 13:26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

John 13:27 Then after he had taken the morsel, **Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly."**

John 13:28 Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him.

John 13:29 Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.

John 13:30 So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. **And it was night.**

(18, 27) lifted his heel against me - (Psalm 41:9); (an idiom likely meaning to step upon me) what happen17ed to David happened to the greater David

Gen 3:15 an important image in light of the serpent

(25) Lord is it I - - we are not so different from judas - how do we relate to the darkness?

(30, 19) it was night vs that you may believe - Jn 3:18-21; 8:12; 9:4-5; 11:9-10; 12:35-48 - yet he did not go from light to dark - He chose to REMAIN in the dark

A greater commandment/better rule

John 13:31 ¶ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

John 13:32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.

John 13:33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.'

John 13:34 **A new commandment** I give to you, **that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.**

John 13:35 **By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."**

John 13:36 ¶ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward."

John 13:37 Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? **I will lay down my life for you.**"

John 13:38 Jesus answered, "**Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.**

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Here are some article for further study:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-new-commandment-of-christ-love-one-another-as-i-have-loved-you>

<http://www.gotquestions.org/agape-love.html>

http://www.lhm.org/roc/2013downloads/robb_oneanother.pdf