

Series: Peter: The Transformed Life
Text John 13:1-20; Luke 22:24-27
Title: Destination: Christlikeness

Dinner with Brad

The term Christian is used very loosely in today's world.

I have always said there are five types of "Christians". Of the five only two will be in heaven.

Five types of "Christians:"

Cultural

Creedal

Community

Converted yet Carnal

Converted and Connected

The WORD Christian

Slandered and Christ-like

Slandered

- First referred to as "Christians" by the Gentiles of Syrian Antioch, and the name was more than likely meant as an insult (see Acts 11:26).
- In the New Testament, believers never refer to themselves as "Christians"; rather, they use such terms as **brethren** (Acts 15:1; 1 Corinthians 16:20, NAS), **disciples** (Acts 11:26; 14:24, NKJV), and **saints** (Acts 9:13; 2 Corinthians 13:13, ESV).
- Before his conversion, Saul of Tarsus sought out those "**who belonged to the Way**" (Acts 9:2), indicating that an early label for Christians could have been "**people of the Way**" (see also Acts 19:9; 24:22).
- Christians, it was common for the Greeks to give **satirical nicknames** to particular groups. So those loyal to the Roman General Pompey were dubbed "Pompeians," and the followers of General Sulla were called "Sullanians." Those who publicly and enthusiastically praised the emperor Nero Augustus received the name Augustinians, meaning "of the party of Augustus."
- unbelieving Jews referring to Christians as those "of the Nazarene sect." They followed the Nazarene

Christ – the Messiah: Anointed One

Suffix - ian

-an, -ean, -ian suffix. (forming adjectives and nouns) belonging to or relating to; a person belonging to or coming from:

European. (forming adjectives and nouns) typical of or resembling; a person typical of: Elizabethan. (forming adjectives and nouns) adhering to or following; an adherent of: Christian.

What does that look like?

Let's look at the picture Jesus gives on what it means to be Christlike.

John 13:1-20 ESV

¹Now 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 his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 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, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." 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? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 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. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. 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.' ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. 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."

All four gospels speak of the events of this evening and they all must be looked at to gain the beauty and weight of the night.

The Example in the Evening

"Go, get a room for us to use."

They arrive. – (Just Jesus and the twelve – there are no servants around.)

They sit and begin the dinner... then during dinner...

- Judas' heart is shifted.
- Jesus knows that God has given all things to him.
- He knows He is returning to the Father.
 - What will they do when he is gone?
 - Who among them will take the lead in their own minds?
 - They are HIS..... yet they will likely argue over this point after he is gone.
 - This proves to be the case as even later after he washes His feet,,, they argue the point
- **Who is the Greatest?**

Luke 22:24-27 ESV

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷ For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Then Jesus gets up and washes their feet.

- Including Judas

The Lord's supper is offered.

After, he speaks about denials.

- Who is it?
- He is revealed and he leaves.

Disciples argue over who the greatest.

He tells them of a new commandment – to love.

He declares that he is the Way, the Truth and the Light.

He declares that he is the True vine and we are to abide in him... we can do nothing without him.

He says to Philip – I and the Father are one – if you have seen the Father you have seen me.

The hatred of the world – because the world hates Him.

The coming of the Holy Spirit – to guide and comfort.

They would experience sorrow and the hate of the world.

A servant is not greater than his master.

Sorrow will turn to joy.

He had overcome the world.

He prays over them a priestly prayer and for us as well.

During dinner Jesus says one will betray him

- Who is it?
- Dipping of bread
- “Go, do what you need to do.”
- The disciples are confused about it.

Then he sharing and offering up the bread and the cup.

Lessen: the Least is the greatest

I would like to look deeper into the exchange that Peter and Jesus had regarding the washing of feet

- No servant is present.
- Who would make the choice to be the one to wash the other’s feet?
- No one wanted to see themselves lowly in the pecking order.
- Which one is the least?

Christ like: Washing of Feet

- Jesus
- Near Eastern customs
 - Hospitality and Servanthood
 - At entrance and before bed... the last act of the evening when it is only family present
 - Wash the feet of travelers – usually a gentile slave... not even a Jewish slave
 - It was to welcome them into the HOME
 - A servant to the master
 - At times the wife to the husband
 - Abigail washed David’s feet in 2 Sam. 25
 - A child to the parent
 - A pupil to their teacher
- Jewish customs
 - The first duty of the host.(Gen. xvii.i. 4, xix. 2, xxiv. 32, xliii. 24; Judges xix. 21)
 - The act of the priest.
 - It was the act of the Kohen – the priestly cast prior to doing their priestly functions.
 - the washing of the hands and feet, so the Israelite, and especially the priest, is forbidden in his unclean condition to approach YHWH, for he who comes defiled will surely die.

- the priests were accustomed to rub and wash their hands and feet in the basin twice, to insure the proper degree of cleanliness.
- Jesus does this act prior to praying the priestly prayer in John 17.
- The example of Christ
 - Jesus tells us why.
 - It is an example to follow.
 - Humility at all times.
 - St. Augustine: “As man was lost after imitating the pride of the deceiver, let him now, imitate the redeemer’s humility.”

Peter – not me!

- What was his motivation?
 - False humility?
 - Others allowed it... he would not. “He was better.”
 - Embarrassment of his dirt?
 - The Master should not be the one?
- You are the host, the master, the leader.... You should not be the one!

You have No Part of me

- Jesus says unless this happens you have no part of me.
- “Peter had to accept this from Jesus. He became a pattern for us. If we do not accept the humble service of Jesus to cleanse us, we have no part with Him.” David Guzik
- We also see that this daily humility of being cleansed and humble to God, for the cleansing is essential to the Christlike person.

All of me – not needed

- A natural response by peter – if this is what it takes.... Wash all of me!
- 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.”
- We are baptized into Christ at salvation... completely clean. There is no second and third salvation... We are in Him at the point of confession and belief.
- “The priest of God, when consecrated first, was washed from head to foot, and so baptized into the service of the sanctuary; but each time he went to offer sacrifice he washed his feet and his hands in the brazen laver.” (Spurgeon)
- The place between God and man and the place between man and God Is the service we have. We Are to be prepared by being sure that we are humble before the Lord.
- Honest before the Lord.
- And cleanse ourselves
- Forgive us our transgressions

The servant is not greater than the Master

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- Be the servant.
- You will be rejected as I am – Judas and Peter.
- You will be persecuted as I am – Beaten and whipped.
- You will be martyred – as I am – to the cross.
- But do not be overcome -
- “I am the way.”
- “I am the Vine.”
- The Holy spirit is in you.

Challenge: “Lord make me a servant!”

- Daily confession of humility to You
- Daily representation of You to the world
- Daily humility in serving one another
- Daily desire to be like Jesus