

TITUS

Sermon Notes – Sept. 1, 2019

[#7] *Teaching what Accords with Sound Doctrine*

Titus 2:1–3:11

(Pt.4) *The Beautiful Service of God Our Savior*

(Titus 2:9–10)

Children’s Sermon: Wash My Feet!

Who wants to wash my feet?! Why won’t you wash my feet?

John 13:1, 3

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 his own* who were in the world, *he loved them to the end*. ... 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*... (washed the disciples feet!)

Jesus is the King! Why did he wash his disciples feet?

The greater your are in God’s kingdom, the more people you love to serve!

Jesus our king loves us and is willing to serve us!



Transition: Clean Except for Your Feet? (Cf. Jn. 6:66–69)

John 13:10, 13–15

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.” ...

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. (Cf. Mark 9:35; 10:43-44; Matt. 20:26-27; 23:11-12; Luke 22:26)

What was Peter missing?!

Consider the Beautiful Service of Our King!

Notes:

Philippians 2:5–8

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in *Christ Jesus*, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by *taking the form of a servant*, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by **becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross**.



- I. Well pleasing to His Father (Matt. 3:17; 12:17–21; 17:5)
- II. Not argumentative (John 12:27; Luke 22:42; Pilate)

III. Kept nothing back for himself

IV. Showing complete good faith (John 12:49; Phil. 2:8)

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

¹³ Behold, **my servant** shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ **Surely he has borne our griefs** and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ **But he was pierced for our transgressions**; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to **his own way**; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, **yet he opened not his mouth**; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ **Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him**; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; **the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand**. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² **Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong**, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Beginning to Look His Kind of Beautiful

Today's Biblical Bullet...

Freely & faithfully serving earthly masters is a beautiful picture of God our savior.



- I. Christian Slaves (2:9–10)
 - A. A Brief Word About Slavery (Deut. 24:7; 1 Cor. 7:15–24)
 - B. Paul's Point:
 - ⁹ Bondservants *are* **to be submissive** to their own masters in everything;
 - they are* **to be** well-pleasing,
 - not** argumentative (speak against),
 - ¹⁰ **not** pilfering,
 - but** *showing* all good faith,
- so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.**

Jesus Must Wash Our Feet!

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Dying to ourselves does not come naturally,
it is a gift from God our savior!



- I. How Do We React to the Call to this kind of Radical Service?
 - A. Irreligion (Run away)
 - B. Religion (Guilt)
 - C. Gospel (Heartfelt Prayer)
 - II. Traits of “Front Line Prayer” (vs. “Maintenance Prayer”)

“...the three basic traits of frontline prayer are these:

 - 1. A request for grace to confess sins and to humble ourselves
 - 2. A compassion and zeal for the flourishing of the church and the reaching of the lost
 - 3. A yearning to know God, to see his face, to glimpse his glory”ⁱ
 - III. Worldly Freedom is Lawlessness
 - A. It is Slavery
- 2 Peter 2:19**
They promise them freedom, but they themselves are *slaves of corruption*. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. (Cf. John 8:34–36 – “if the Son sets you free...”)
- B. It is Ugly & Destructive
- IV. The Household of Faith is a Beautiful House of Service
 - A. **Men:** Models; Sound in Faith, Love & Steadfastness
 - B. **Women:** Husband & Children Lovers
 - C. **Christians Servants:** Freely giving their lives to please their masters!
 - D. **Why?** Because the grace of God has trained them to be about the grace of God!

Titus 2:11–14

¹¹ For **the grace of God has appeared**, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.



ⁱ Keller, Timothy. Center Church (p. 73). Zondervan. Kindle Edition.