SERVING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. Sunday, June 30th, 2024 Pastor Audie D. Clairmont

JOHN 13:1---17---AMP. (ON SCREEN)

THE PURPOSE WAS TO <u>DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVE.</u>

13:1--2-....<u>And as He had loved those who were His own in the world, He</u> <u>loved them to the last</u> and to the highest degree.

2 So [it was] during supper, Satan having already put the thought of betraying Jesus in the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, ...

1John 3:16 - Message Bible

16 This is how we've come <u>to understand</u> and <u>experience love</u>: Christ sacrificed his life for us. <u>This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers</u>, and not just be out for <u>ourselves</u>.

2. THE PURPOSE WAS TO MODEL HUMILITY.

- **13:3---5** --- ...3 [*That*] Jesus, knowing (fully aware) that the Father had put everything into His hands, and that He had come from God and was [*now*] returning to God,
- 4 <u>Got up from supper, took off His garments, and taking a [servant's] towel, He</u> fastened it around His waist.
- 5 Then He poured water into the washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the [servant's] towel with which He was girded.

Luke 22:24---NLT

24 Then they began to argue among themselves about *who would be the greatest among them.*

Luke 7:44---AMP

- 44 Then turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, do you see this woman? When I came into your house, you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
- 13:6 -- ... When He came to Simon Peter, [Peter] said to Him, Lord, are my feet to be washed by You? [Is it for You to wash my feet?]
- 13:7 -- ... Jesus said to him, you do not understand now what I am doing, <u>but you will</u> understand later on.
- 13:8—10 ... Peter said to Him, you shall never wash my feet! Jesus answered him, Unless I wash you, you have no part with (in) Me [you have no share in companionship with Me].
- 9 Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, [wash] not only my feet, but my hands and my head too!
- 10 Jesus said to him, *Anyone who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is clean*

all over. And you [My disciples] are clean, but not all of you.

Hebrews 10:22---NLT

22 let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him. For our guilty consciences <u>have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean</u>, and <u>our bodies have been washed with pure water</u>.

THE PURPOSE WAS TO REPRESENT HIS ENTIRE MISSION.

13:13---14 --- ... You call Me the Teacher (Master) and the Lord, and you are right in doing so, for that is what I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher (Master), have washed your feet, you ought [it is your duty, you are under obligation, you owe it] to wash one another's feet.

1 Peter 5:5---AMP

Clothe (apron) yourselves, all of you, with humility [as the garb of a servant, so that its covering cannot possibly be stripped from you, with freedom from pride and arrogance] toward one another.

1John 3:16---18---NLT

- We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. **So we also ought** to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.
- 17 If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?
- 18 Dear children, <u>let's not merely say that we love each other; let us</u> <u>show the truth by our actions.</u>

Matthew:20:25---28---KJV

"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—<u>just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"</u>

Luke:6:35

"But love [even] your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil"

- **13:15---16--** ... For I have given you this as an example, so that you should do [*in your turn*] what I have done to you.
- **13:17**—... If you know these things, blessed and happy and to be envied are you if you practice them [*if you act accordingly and really do them*].