

## ***Called to Serve***

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### ***John 13:1-17***

#### **Jesus served His disciples by washing their feet!**

*John 13:14-15* “If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

“Footwashing was a common element of hospitality in a dusty country where people wore sandals. This task was usually performed by the lowliest member of the household.”<sup>1</sup>

*Matthew 20:28* “... the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve ...”

❖ Jesus met their need! This is the essence of serving – meeting the need!

#### **We are called to serve one another!**

*John 13:17* “If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

*Acts 20:35* “...we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

*Galatians 5:13* “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

Ä Christians are called to freedom, not for selfish purposes but free to serve!

*1 Peter 4:7-10* “... As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

• 1 Corinthians 12:1-7; 14-27

❖ Corinth, one of the largest cities in the Roman empire, was notorious for its immoral culture. The government was corrupt, the church leaders were immature, and the church was full of serious problems!

Ä What were the Corinthian Christians to do? Focus on the work of our Lord!

*1 Corinthians 12:7* ⇒ Each Christian has gifts given by God to bless other Christians!

*1 Corinthians 12:12* ⇒ The Body of Christ consists of many members – though diverse and with differing gifts, together are one body!

*1 Corinthians 12:15-25* ⇒ No member of the Body of Christ can say that they are not needed or are insignificant!

❖ God wants us to care for one another!

*1 Peter 4:11* “...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Sproul, R.C. *The Reformation Study Bible*. Orlando: Ligonier Ministries, 2005.

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