

# 5.10.25 pm Communion Sunday Evening Service: Peter's Challenge

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[ 0 : 00 ] Good evening and a warm welcome to the service this evening. Good to see everyone here and! especially those from different congregations who are visiting. One or two notices just! to say that tomorrow the services are at the usual times 11 and 6 to 11 o'clock service is the service that we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and 6 pm evening service, thanksgiving service and then a fellowship afterwards where Malcolm will share with us that as well. So be encouraged to come along to these services again, as a reminder that the session remains open. We were thankful yesterday to receive Gina McLeod who's at the back there and also Lois McLeod, our own Lois and also Ailey Morrison. The session met with them last night and we're very pleased to receive them into communion membership in the congregation.

So we pray for them and we give thanks for the Lord's work in our lives. If you know the Lord and are trusting the Lord but having yet professed faith, then be encouraged to meet with the elders who will be in the room on my left at the end of the service.

Easy to think of all the notices and I'm now just going to hand over to Malcolm and he will be us in worship. Well, it's good to be here to worship God and we can do so by singing from Psalm 65 and sing Psalms verses 1 to 5.

In Zion praise awaits you Lord.

To you our close will pay. To you our people will come here. You'll hear us when we pray.

[ 2 : 46 ] When we were overwhelmed by sins and guilt upon us may.

You pardoned all our trespasses and washed our guilt away.

How blessed are those you choose and bring within your course of grace.

We're filled with blessings in your house. In your most holy place.

With thoughts and deeds of righteousness. You answered us, O God.

[ 4 : 11 ] Our Savior, O God. Our Savior, O God. Our Savior, O God. Our Father, O God. And O the earth, O God.

Our Savior, O God.

Shall we pray? Lord, we give thanks that we can come into your presence again.

We realize in a certain sense we never leave your presence because you are everywhere. But we also know there's a special sense in which we can come in to worship you, the great eternal God.

Lord, we thank you, Lord, that we can do so even though we don't have very much awareness of just how great you are. We know certain things that we use words to describe.

[ 5 : 18 ] But we need to have more than an intellectual appreciation of your splendor and your wonder. And we need your Holy Spirit to impress upon us the greatness of God.

We can look around in the creation and we can see something there of your power. And also of your wisdom.

But it doesn't tell us very much about your attitude towards us. But in your word we are given much details about it. And especially what's revealed to us through Jesus, your beloved Son.

And the one who came into the world and said and did things in the presence of people. And as he himself summarized his life when he said, He that has seen me has seen the Father.

And we look at all these incidents and we realize that in them there is God at work. So whether he is dealing with outcasts like lepers or dealing with disciples that didn't fully understand.

[ 6 : 36 ] Or even when he was speaking to the Pharisees and analyzing and criticizing their assessment of things.

In all these instances we see God and we thank you Lord for that. And it's even more astonishing as we think about the cross and what took place there.

And to realize that there was Jesus, God in our nature, suffering in ways that we can't even comprehend.

And suffering at the hands of God. But we pray Lord that we would, as we have this communion time, this communion season, that we would be led into these features of our faith.

And that we would have an experience in which we make contact with the great God of heaven.

And we thank you for the work of the Holy Spirit.

[ 7 : 43 ] Who as Jesus indicated would take of the things of Christ and reveal them to us. And we pray for his help tonight as we look at the word that he inspired.

And the one that he illuminates our minds to understand. And we ask Lord, even if it's a passage that we're familiar with, that we would see something in it that would be beneficial to us in a fresh way.

And that you would speak to us personally. And speak to us powerfully, but also to speak to us lovingly. We thank you Lord for the new members and we pray you bless them.

And bless the congregation as a whole. And anyone else who might be thinking about professing you, that you would help them to do so. So we commit ourselves to you for the service.

Keep the devil away from us. And pardon us we pray. For Christ's sake. Amen. And we can sing again to God's praise.

[ 8 : 46 ] This time from Psalm 139. 1-3-9-A. And sing Psalms. And we'll sing verses 13 to 18.

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[ 9 : 53 ] You have formed within my loom. Because I'm wonderfully made. With all your grace I tell.

Your work, my ship, is marvelous. And this I know who am.

When in the secret place my faith was made before my birth.

You saw my body yet unformed within the death stronger.

And all the days that I should live. Which you ordained for me.

[ 11 : 31 ] Were written in your blue collar. Before they came to be.

O God, how precious are your thoughts.

I scan them from our heart. And thus I see to God's plan all.

How numberless they are. When I took them, they would be.

Born on the gates of sight. When I awake, I am with you.

[ 12 : 58 ] Still sleep within pure heart. And then I see to God's plan.

We can turn to the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John in chapter 13. And we can read verses 1 to 20.

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. During supper, the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him.

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, rose from supper.

[ 14 : 15 ] He laid aside his outer garments and, taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet.

And to wipe them with a towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, Lord, do you wash my feet?

Jesus answered him, What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand. 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. Simon Peter said to him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

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.

[15:16] For he knew who was to betray him. That was why he said, Not all of you are clean. 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?

You call me teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 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 should also do just as I have done to you. 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.

If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. 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. I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place, you may believe that I am he.

[16:29] Truly, truly, I say to you, Whoever receives the one I send receives me. And whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

And may God bless that reading. Well, now I sing from Psalm 40 in the Scottish Psalter.

Psalm 40, verses 1 to 5. I waited for the Lord my God and patiently did bear. At length to me he did incline my voice and cry to hear.

Verses 1 to 5. Psalm 40, verses 1 to 5. I waited for the Lord my God and patiently did bear.

For the Lord my God And patiently did bear But then to me he did incline My voice and try to hear He took me from a fearful pit And from the mighty day And on a rock he set my feet Establishing my way

[18:28] He put a new song in my mouth Her God to magnify Many shall see it and shall fear And on the Lord rely O blessed is the man Whose trust upon the Lord relies Respecting not the crown nor such

Has turned a sigh to rise O Lord my God For many are The wonders Thou hast done Thy vicious thoughts Thou hast done To us were far Above all thoughts are gone In order none can wreck on them To thee if let he bear And speak of them

I would they more Than can be numbered up And we can turn back to the passage we read John chapter 13 And we can take us a text Verse 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? I just want us to Look at the passage itself It's a very well known incident In the Life of Jesus It's the Last day of his life on earth The Hebrew day began at the evening Not in the morning So it's now Thursday evening And It's the Passover time And Within 24 hours Jesus is going to be dead So it's the Last day Of his Earthly Journey as it were I'm sure we all know That There's the There's some Incidents in the Bible That are referred to In all the four Gospels And Usually When they're Referred to In each of the Gospels There is Some similarity Between the accounts Well As we know All of them Refer to the Last 24 hours Of Jesus' Life But John Tells us things That the other Gospel writers Don't mention And the other Gospel writers Mention things That John doesn't mention Rather Surprisingly Although this is the Night when the Lord's Supper Is instituted John doesn't Mention the Lord's Supper at all And No doubt He was guided To do that By the Holy

[23:26] Spirit It's very hard For us to work out A reason why He doesn't Mention it But anyway He doesn't And that's it On the other hand The other three Gospel writers Matthew Mark And Luke Don't mention This incident Of him washing Their feet And we might Expect them To record it Because it's Such a Startling Incident But they don't Mention it And Again We can't Really say Reasons why They chose To do that But they were Guided by the Holy Spirit And But anyway We can put the Gospels together And work out What has Happened The incident That we read About Takes place Before Judas Is identified

So He's among The twelve That get Their feet Washed And that Again is Very striking Isn't it I wonder What Jesus Felt like When he Was washing The feet Of Judas And what Judas Felt like When Jesus Was washing His feet Because Already was In Judas Heart As we read There Is already In his Heart To betray Jesus So Jesus Washes The feet Of the Betrayer And the Betrayer Has Got this Last As it Were Touch From Jesus To Just Want us To Think About What This Incident Might Have Meant For The Disciples Under Four Headings And the First One is Event What the Event Meant For Them And then Secondly How Jesus Was an Example For Them And then The Explanation He Gave To Them And lastly The Exhortation That he Made To them At the

End The Event What was The event Like Well I Suppose The Disciples Saw Jesus In Different Outlooks It was He's a Real man Of course And Sometimes They Would Have Seen Him And He Would Have Been Sad Because He Is Called The Man Of Sorrows Other Times They Would Have Seen Him And He Would Be Very Happy When He Rejoices We're Told Now And Again In The Gospels That He Rejoices On Specific Occasions And No Doubt When He Rejoiced He Did Rejoice And When He Was Sad He Was Sad He Didn't Do Anything 50% Everything He Did Was 100% And On This Occasion There's A Great Deal Of Intensity In His Outlook Because Luke Tells Us About This Particular Occasion That Jesus Said To Disciples With Desire Have I Desired To Eat This Passover Before I Suffer And Nothing About Jesus Could Be Hidden!

Last Day What Would We Say Well Jesus Knew It Was His Last Few Hours With The Disciples And He Spends It Instructing Them And He Instructs Them As We Know About The Holy Spirit He Is Speaking About What Is Going To Happen In Their Lives After He Leaves Them And It Is Possibly A Case That They Didn't Take It All In But There He Is Speaking To Them About The Profound Effects The Holy Spirit Is Going To Have In Their Lives So There's Intensity And There's Almost New Instructions But There Certainly Are Final Instructions And He Also Gives Stark Warnings He [ 28 : 51 ] Warns Them About Judas But He Also Warns Them About Peter And There's A Certain Sense And Which From An External Point Of View They Appeared At Times To Be The Most Important Of The Disciples Judas As We Know Was The Person That Had The Money Bag The Treasurer Of The Group And He Was Making Taking Money Out For Himself But He Was Still And That Was His Role When Peter He Seems To Be The Spokesman Whenever A Question Is Asked Usually Peter Jumps In With The Answer Whether It Was The Correct Answer Or Not He Still Offered It And And We're Going To See In This Incident That Peter Has

Got A Major Part To Play In It But It's A Time Of Stark Warning And The Saviour Was It's Not Right To Call Him Blunt But It Is He Was Straight Straight Forward In How He Spoke And He Spoke With Clarity And His Disciples Would Have Heard It And It Puzzled Them And It Upset Them And The Last Thing I Can Say About What At This Moment What The Event Was Like Was That There Is These Symbolic Actions The Lord's Supper The One That's Repeated Every Time That His Death Is Remember Which We Are Very Familiar With But It Was Something Totally New To The Disciples They Had Seen Nothing

Like It Before And Certainly Had Never Heard Somebody Say This Is How You're Going To Remember Me But He Said It And It Symbolic And No Doubt That Puzzled Them What Does This Mean Because They Imagine That They're On The Verge Of Greatness On The Verge Of Human Greatness Of Climbing To The Top Of The Tree Of The Jesus About To Take The Throne Somewhere In Jerusalem That's What They Imagined And They Thought They Would Be Prominent In The Days To Come And Instead He's Talking About A Symbolic Manor And Then There's This One Here We're Going To Think About He Washes Their Feet A Symbolic Action Now It Is

Quite Unusual Or Quite Surprising That No One Has Washed Their Feet For The Past Few Days The Disciples Have Been Spending Every Night In Bethany They Would Stay In Bethany Probably In The House Of Martha And Mary And Lazarus And Then They Were Going To Jerusalem For The Day And Then Back Again And To Bethany At Night And It Was A Jewish Custom That Whenever People Came Into Your House Someone Would Wash Their Feet And Therefore It's Virtually Certain That In All The Previous Nights Of That Week These Disciples Had Had Their Feet Washed It's Impossible To

Imagine The House Of Mary Martha And Lazarus Ignoring This Normal Practice And Therefore It's Quite Astonishing That No One Did It Here Earlier In The Day Jesus Had Told Peter And John To Go And Prepare The Room For The Passover So Everything In That Room Had Been Put There By Peter And John Including The Water And Including The Towel That Jesus Was Going To Use When He Washed Their Feet And Yet Despite The Fact That They Had Been Instrumental In [ 33 : 52 ] Getting The Room Ready And It Wasn't An Easy Task To Get The Room Ready Because The Primary Reason Why They Were To Get The Room Ready Was To Make Sure There Was No Leaven In It If There Was Any Leaven In The Room Then The Occasion Would Have Been In Jeopardy And Therefore They Would Have Been Very Scrupulous In Ensuring That There Was No Leaven And At The Same Time They Made Sure That Everything That Was Needed For The Occasion Was In The Room Including The Water And The Towel And That Raises The Obvious

Question Doesn't It Why Didn't Peter Use The Towel And The Water That He Had Put Into The Room And I Suppose We Could Make Lots Of Suggestions As About Why He Didn't Do It Maybe He Felt It Was Since He Had Been Busy Getting The Room Ready It Would Be More Appropriate For Somebody Else To Do It And Maybe The Others Just Thought Since Peter Got The Room Ready He Should Do It For Whatever They Thought None Of Them Did It But It Is Really Quite Surprising This There Is Nothing It Is Very Unusual For Us To Be Somewhere Where Somebody Washes Somebody's Feet But It Wouldn't Be Unusual In Israel It Would Be A Daily Activity It Would Be As Common As Having A Cup Of Tea And Yet On This Night Of All Nights No One Did It It Is A Very Strange Event And Of Course We Know What It Like Don't We When The Time For Doing Something Has Passed And We Spot It And We Are Reluctant To Draw Attention To It And Maybe That Maybe That Is What Happened Here Until Jesus Threw Attention To It And That Just Leads Us To Our Second Point His Example To Them Here He's Doing Something That's Far Greater Than Emigration But He is Going To Another Country He's Leaving Israel And As He Tells The Disciples In This Upper Room He's Going To His Father's House And And We Know From John Chapter 14 That They Don't Know What He's Referring To As Thomas Says To Them We Don't Know Where You're Going But He's Given Them A Real Surprise He's Going To A Country That They Know Nothing About But He Knows Where He's Going And Therefore He's Going To Give Them An Example Of How They Should Live Once He Has Gone And There The Start Of The Chapter And The Beginning Of End Of Verse One We're Told About This John's Reminiscing Of what Was Happening That Night Isn't It Under The Guidance Of The Holy Spirit John Sixty Or So Years Later Is Just Reciting To Us The Things That Affected Him As He Was In That Room And The First Thing That He Tells Us About It Is That Jesus Knowing That His Hour Had Come To Depart Out Of This World To The Father Having Loved His Own Who In The World He Loved Them To The End There's A Bit Of A Dispute As To How The Words Translated There To The End

[ 39 : 09 ] How They Should Be Translated The It Could Mean To The End Of The Period Or It Could Mean That He Loved Them Completely He Loved Them Constantly He Loved Them All The Way And Throughout That Period He Loved Them Fully And Therefore John Is Framing This Action By Jesus He's Referring He's Framing It Under Jesus Love Jesus Washed Their Feet Because He Loved Them And That's Wonderful To Know Isn't It That Because The One Thing They're Showing Is A Lack Of Briarly Love Isn't It None Of Them Have Taken It Upon Themselves To Wash Their Brothers Feet They Haven't Taken It Upon Themselves To Wash The Feet Of Jesus Either But Their Jesus Loves Them Completely At This Moment When They Are Not Even Showing Love In A Little Way And In His Heart There's This Great Affection For Them And He's Doing At A Difficult Time Because For Himself Because He Tells That We're Told There In Verse Three That He Knows That The Father Has Given All Things Into His Hands And That He Had Come From God And Was Going Back To God How Is He Going To Get Back To God What's The Itinerary That Jesus Faces In The Next Few Hours On His Journey Back To God And We Know What It Was Like For Jesus There's Only One Way Back To God And That Way Is Through The Cross And Via The Resurrection And So On But The Only Way That He Who Came From God Came On This Mission Of Rescue To Pay The Penalty For Sin And So That His People Could Be With Him Eventually He Can't Go Back To God Until He Has Completed It And He Knows That This Is Coming And It's It's Starting To Press Upon His Mind And His Heart And Indeed In A Short Time After He Said This He's Going To Be Rolling About The Ground In The Garden Of Gethsemane With A Tremendous Crushing Sense On His Heart As The As The Fullness Of The Of The Commitment He Made In Heaven As The Fullness Of That Just Starts To Impact Him In A New Way And He Prays To Such An Extent That He's There's His Bodily Functions The Blood Is Coming Through His Skin As It Were And He Is Going To Be In Agony Wrestling In Earnestness In The Garden Of Gethsemane And It Is In His Mind Here Because He Knows He's Going To The Father And The Only Way He Can Get To The Father Is By The Agony Of The Cross And He Looks At These Disciples And His Love For Them Is Going To Take Them There And He's Going To A Country Another Country That Was Straight Forward For Him To Leave That Country He Just Came Down And Became A Man An Astonishing Miracle But Something That Well It Was We Could Say It Was Pleasurable For Him But To Go Back Well No One Has Yet Written The Map As How He's Going To Do It Sometimes!

[ 44 : 16 ] When We Go On Holiday We Look At A Map Before Hand And If We're Travelling Anywhere We Look At The Map To See How To Get There And If Somebody Has Said To Jesus On This Occasion What's The Road Like Back To Heaven What Would He Have Said Because No One Has Ever Travelled It No One Has Gone Before Him To Say This Is What It Like No One Has Mapped Out And Said After This Certain Distance You'll Get This And After Another Bit Of A Distance You'll Get This It's All Unknown And He's Got This Ahead Of Him And As It Starts To Loom Upon Him As I Mention In The Garden Of Gethsemane In A Short Time He's In Great Distress But Here In

The Garden In The Upper Room He Is Thinking About His Disciples And Therefore He Thinks About Their Benefit And As We Look At This Washing The Feet It's A Sign Isn't It It's A Sign Of Lots Of Things It's A Sign Of Greatness We Might Say A Sign Of A Truly Great Person Because Jesus Is The Greatest Person And Here He Is Facing His Greatest Moment As It Were And What Does He Do This Great Person Great Savior He Serves He Serves It Should Have Been The Other Way Around We Serve Greater People But Here This Sign That He Gives Well He Reveals His Greatness By Serving Indeed That Was His Whole Lifestyle I Am Among You As He That Serves It's Also A Sign Of Grace Isn't It To Serve The Sinful When You And I Serve Somebody It's Just Sinners Serving Sinners But When Jesus Served He When He Was Serving Sinners It was A Sign Of Grace It's A Sign Of Grace To Serve The Sinful People

Like Peter And James And John And All The Others Who At That Particular Moment Were Thinking About Which Of Them Should Be The Greatest But There Is The Greatest And He's Serving Them Washing Their Feet And I Suppose Something Else Is A Sign Of As As We Look At This Incident And What Does Somebody On The Road To Glory Do Because That's Where Jesus Is Going He's On The Road To Glory What Does He Do And He's On A Road To Glory Where He Has Been Faithful In Every Step And He's Laying Out An Example For Everybody That Travels On The Road To Glory And

The Example Is That Those Who Are Truly On The Road To Glory That They Serve The Failure Everybody In This Room Tonight Sorry In The Upper Room That Night Apart From Jesus Every One Of Them Is Going To Fail And Yet Jesus Washes Their Feet And It's A Marvelous Sign Isn't It Just To Sit There And Watch Him And A Sign Of Greatness To Serve A Sign Of Grace To Serve Sinners A Sign That A Person Is On The Road To Glory That He Serves Failures!

[ 49 : 12 ] And Therefore It's Good For Thus That John Included This Incident In His Gospel So We Thought About What The Event Meant For Them And How Jesus Is An Example For Them But Then Thirdly He He He Mention Or He Gives To Them An Explanation And The Explanation Might Seem To Us A Little Bit Cryptic As He Speaks To Peter There In Verse 10 And Says To Him The One Who Is Bathed Does Not Need To Wash Except For His Feet But Is Completely Clean Jesus There Takes The Two

Kinds Of Washings That We Can Have One Is Bath Where Every Part Of Our Body Is Washed And The Other One Is A Wash Where Only Our Feet Are Washed And What Is The Bath Picture And What Is The Feet Washing Picture Well The Bath Is No Doubt We Know The Bath Is The Overall Cleansing We Get The First Time We Trust In Jesus If you And I Have Trusted In Jesus On That Wonderful Day When It Happened All All Our Sins Were Forgiven Past Present And Future Slate Was White Clean Forgiven Completely A

One Not Whoever The Greatest Saint Is He's Never Done Anything Perfect Paul After A Lifetime Of Service And As We Look At Paul We Can Feel A Bit Like Well We're So Small In Comparison To Paul But How Did Paul Look At His Life As He As He Looked Back

On All His Years Of Service What He Tells Us In One Of The Last Letters That He Wrote Where He Said He Doesn't Say I Was The Chief Of Sinners People Miss The Point When They When They Try To Argue Did Paul Sin More Than Others Before He Was Converted Because Paul Is Using The Present Tense And He's Talking About Himself After Decades Of Christian Service And He Says I Am The Chief Of Sinners And If We Could Interview Him And Say To Him You've Written Half The New Testament Paul But I Am The Chief Of Sinners I've Planted You've Planted Churches In Scores Of Places But I Am The Chief Of Sinners You've

Got A Great Understanding Of All These Doctrinal Mysteries That Most Of Us Puzzle Over His Reply Would Still Be I'm The Chief Of Sinners Sinners And That's Just a Realization That We Sin And We Sin Whether We're Aware Of It Or Not Nobody There's Never Been A Christian Yet Who Got 100% In Anything And It Might Be Hard For Us To Take That In But We Are Sinners But God

Has Provided This Marvelous Remedy This Two Fold Remedy Of Having A Bath Or Having A Wash Both Of Them And The Bath Is Our First Introduction To The Grace Of God And [ 54 : 46 ] We Are Washed Clean Extraordinary And It Doesn't Matter If We Are A Young Person Who's Got A Lot Less Sins Than Somebody Who's Been Alive For 100 Years At The Moment They Believe For The First Time All Their Sins Are Washed Away And We're Clean But That's Not The Whole Story!

It's Good To Have That But We Also Need Ongoing Cleansing And That's Where The Washing Comes In Cleansing Of The When The Literal Sense When Somebody Got Their Feet Washed It Was Just Because Their Feet Had Touched The Dust And The Dirty Ground And Whatever Else There Was They May Have Had A Bath That Morning But Having Gone Out For A Walk In The Street Well They Had Picked Up All The Various Things That Could Affect Their Feet As It Were And Their Feet Might Have Been Sore Because They Might Have Walked On Some Stones Or They Might Have Stood On Some Thorns Who Can Say That They Had Been Impacted On Their Feet By What They Had From Contact With The World And That Happens To Us As Well Doesn't It Although We've Had Our Bath And Although We're Clean We Still Have Contact With A World That Makes Us Weary And It Can Also Make Us It Can Affect Us And We Find Ourselves Doing Things That Are Worldly And We Need To Be Cleansed And The Astonishing And Wonderful Reality Is That The Same Blood That Cleanses Us In Our Bath Also Cleanses Our Feet Which Of Course Tells Us At The Same Price Had To Be Paid For Both So The Sins That You And I Have Committed Today As Christians We Needed The Blood Of Christ As Much Today As The First Day When We Had Our Bath And That's Wonderful The Apostle John Says That When We Confess Our Sins He's Writing Describing Christians When We Confess Our Sins He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive Us Our Sins And To Cleanse Us From All Unrighteousness And If Your Conscience Is Healthy Today And If My Conscience Is Healthy Today We'll Be Aware Of Our Sinfulness And We Won't Want To Brush It Under The Carpet Rather We'll Want To Go To Jesus And Get Our Feet Washed And To Be Cleaned Once Again And As We Come Towards The Lord's Supper Tomorrow How Are We To Approach It Well We Have To Approach It As Those Who Have Been For A Bath And Have Had Scores Of Washes Hundreds Of Washes Thousands Of Washes We're All Dependent Of What Jesus Did There As He Suffered On The Cross And He's Telling His Disciples On The Night In Which He's Betrayed Your Bath And Your Numerous Washings Can Only Happen Because I Am Going To The Cross And [ 59 : 18 ] There's A Certain Sense In Which We Reveal Our Assessment Of The Bath By How Often We Use The Food Washing Because The Same Sins That I Committed Today Need The Blood Of Jesus At All Times So That's His Explanation The Master's Explanation Of The Christian Life Starts Off With A Bath And Continues With Washings Again And Again And Again And Then That Just Leads Us After His Explanation That Leads Us To Think About His Exhortation How He Applies This How

The Savior Does It And He Gives That Application In Verse 14 If I Then Your Lord And Teacher Have Washed Your Feet You Also Ought To Wash One Another's Feet I Have Given You An Example That You Should Do Just As I Have Done To You Why Has He Washed Their Feet Because He Loves Them He's Doing This Very Simple Thing I Mean The Cross Was Not Going To Be Simple For Jesus But Here He's Doing A Very Simple Thing Washing Their Feet And He's Saying To Them I'm Doing This Because My Heart Is Full Of Love For You You Should Do Things To One Another

And It May Just Be Little Things Like Washing Feet Which Is A Daily Custom In Israel It's Nothing Unusual It's Just What Everybody Would Have Done You Know The Place Of The Upper Room May Have Been The Only Place In Jerusalem Where Nobody Washed Their Feet Apart From When Jesus Came And Did It But Until He Had Done It The Only Place In Jerusalem Where No One Had Washed Their Feet Was Probably In The Upper Room And As I Mentioned Earlier One Reason Why They Hadn't Done It Was Because They Did Not Have An Adequate Sense Of Brotherly Love! But When You And I Meet A Fellow Christian What Kind Of Person Are We Meeting We've All Met Christians Today Who Did We Meet Well We Met Somebody Who's In Contact With The World We've Met Somebody Who In One Way Or Another Just Taking The Picture Jesus Uses We Met Somebody In One Way Or Another Whose Defeat Have Been Defiled By Just The Contact That They Can't Avoid And Jesus Says When That Happens We Are To Do Something About It I Read

Somewhere Once That The

Person Was Talking About Washing One Other's Feet And He Talked About The Water And He Said Sometimes We Get Angry With One Other And We Use Boiling Water At Other Times We Are Indifferent And We Use Frozen Water Water When We Are To Use Proper Water As It Were When We're Washing One Another's Feet And As We Come To A Close As We Think Of This Picture That Jesus Has Here Of Washing Feet What Ideas Come Into Mind Because

[64:10] At the First Lord's Supper Every Disciple Who Sat At It Had Had Their Feet Washed We're Coming To Our Lord's Supper Jesus Is Not Here Literally To Wash Feet But We Are What Kind Of Attitude Does That Indicate Should Be In Our Hearts And Here's Just Some Suggestion Washing Feet Points To Humility It's Only Possible To Wash Feet From One Posture And That Is Down In Our Knees And Being Down In Our Knees Is An Expression Of Humility And Even Jesus Well

Who Was He When He Washed Our Feet He's The One Who Humbled Himself And How Far Had He Humbled Himself Well He Hadn't Yet Humbled Himself Fully Because He Was Going To The Cross Where He Was Going To Humble Himself More Than He Had Ever Done Already But He Is Saying To Us Isn't He I Wash Your Feet Because I'm Humble That's What He Says And He Says To His Followers Do It In The Same Spirit Humble Yourselves To Wash One Another's Feet It's Not Easy Sometimes The Savior Has Given Example But Not Only Is It Something We Do Humbly We Also Do A Sense Of Honesty It May Be The Case That The Person Whose Feet Were Washed We Are Washing Spiritually Speaking Needs His Feet To Be Washed Or Her Feet To Be Washed And We're That Moment We're Recognizing That They're Not Perfect And We May Be Washing Their Feet By Reminding Them Of A Bible Verse Or Something Like That But It's Honesty It's Required There Can't Be Pretense So We Have To Be Humble And We Have To Be Honest But At The Same Time Because The The

Mutual Washing Of One Another's Feet Is A God Given Path To Blessing That We Can Engage In It Full Of Hope Can't We I Mean If We Meet Somebody For Example Another Christian Who For That Moment Is Affected By Doubts And We Just Say Something Simple To Them Like I Quoting A Verse From The Bible But We Do It Hopefully Don't We That God Would Speak Powerfully Through His Own Word And All These It's Just A Little Thing Reciting A Verse That Maybe God Has Blessed Us With That Already This Day And We Just Repeat It It's A Simple Thing But

It's A Word Of Power And Therefore We Can Say It With Hopefulness That It Will Bring A Blessing To The Person We're Speaking To And It's Also An Activity That Honours The Savior Because He's Told Us To Do It It's An Expression Of Obedience To Him It's An Expression Of Rarely Love Between Us But It's An Expression Of Obedience To Him Because If I Find Myself In A Situation Where I Have An Opportunity Of In Some Simple Way Helping Another Christian By Doing The Equivalent Of Washing Their Feet And I Don't Do It That's Me Dishonoring Christ Because He Expects Me To

[69:12] Do It And You Might Be Apprehensive What Will The Person Think When I Try To Help Them Well The Answer To That Question Is No One Can Tell You Until You Actually Done It But It Can Be Done And It Is A Way Of Honoring Jesus Is It Too Much To Assume That Just As With The First Lord's Supper Every Lord's Supper Should Be By The Daily Cleansing Of Sin But Also By The Mutual Interaction Of Fellow Christians Because As Jesus Said I Have Given You An Example To Do

What I Have Said Last Thing I Want To Say About It Is Washing Feet Like This Doing Little Things To Help Other Christians As It Were Is An Evidence That We're Heavenly Minded Because What Kind Of Mind Did Jesus Have When He Washed Their Feet What Was He Thinking About He Was Thinking About The Place He Was Going To And When You And I Sit At The Lord's Table We Should Be Thinking About The Place We're Going To Heaven And In Heaven There's No Opportunity Of Washing Feet It Is Done Forever We Only Can Do It On Earth The Last Thing I Want To Say Is This Why

Don't We All Think Of Ourselves In A Thousand Years Time Imagine Heaven And There We See Somebody That May Not Have Been Very Prominent In The Things Of This Life Either In The Society Or In The Church That We See Them There In Glory And Jesus As It Were Is Giving Them Reward After Reward After Reward And Where Are Most Of These Rewards Coming From Why Are They Getting Them It's Because Throughout Their Life On Earth They Spent A Lot Of Time Washing

Other Believers Feet And Jesus Astonishingly Never Forgets Any Of Them As He Said To His Disciples On One Occasion Even If You Give A Cup Of Cold Water It Will Get Its Reward And If There Is The Possibility Of Sadness In Heaven And There Probably Isn't But Speaking About It From A Human Point Of View When We Look Back On Our Lives And Then We Remember That We Could Have Done Something On Such And Such A Date!

We But Chose Not To Do It We Could Have Said A Comforting Word Or We Could Have Offered A Measure Of Correction Or Or We Could Just Have Acted In A Brotherly Manner And Washed Another Christian's Feet It Would Be Sad If That Kind Of Memory Was To Come To Our Minds I Have No Idea If That Kind Of Thing Will Happen In This Life Jesus Calls Us To Remember That Every Christian Every Day Is Affected By Walking Through This World And In One Way Or Another While We Cannot Do What He Did When He Washes Our Feet Because He Cleanses Them Through His Blood But He Does Tell

[ 74 : 05 ] Us Doesn't He To Do Something That Will Help Christians Who Have Been Walking! Through The Grime Of This World And It Can Just Be Something Very Simple That We Can Do It Is All About Browly Love These Disciples For Some Reason Chose On This Evening Of Evenings Not To Do It And Now We Know We Know About It Two Thousand Years Later That Jesus Example Is There For Us To Imitate Shall We Pray Lord We Give You Thanks That The Savior Was So Kind And So Compassionate

And So Focused And As He Looked Out And His Disciples With Great Love In His Heart And He Saw Them Unwilling To Do This Little Thing And We Thank You For His Wisdom That He Was Able To Take That Little Lapse As It Were By The Disciples And Turn It Into A Profound Moment Where He Gave Them Instruction About The Effects Of His Upcoming Death And That The Blood That He Was About To Shed Would Be Sufficient For Them To Have The Equivalent Of A Bath And The Equivalent Of Countless Daily Washings And At The Same Time To Invite His Disciples These Disciples Who

Had Failed At That Moment To Invite Them In The Days Ahead To Wash One Other's Feet Help Us Lord To Do Something Whatever It Is That You Lay Upon Our Heart Whenever We See Other Believers So Lord Remember Us In That Way As We Prepare For The Lord's Supper Tomorrow And We Just Ask For Your Guidance And Your Help To Be Given To Us As We Interact In The Time Between Now And Then So Bless Us Lord We Pray For Your Own Name's Sake Amen We We Can Sing From Psalm 133 In The Scottish Psalter Behold How Good A Thing It Is And How Becoming Well Together Such As Brethren Are

In Unity To Dwell We'll Sing The Whole Psalm Behold The Good Nothing alguém alguém alguém alguém Like precious only men darn the head That the bearded flow

He made all the air not to the skirks Then all his garments full And there much to the Jew that died On Zion's hills he said For there the blessing God commands Life that shall never end

[ 79 : 15 ] May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ The love of God the Father And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit Be with us all Amen