

## Sermon: A Cleansing Comparison

John 13:1-20

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A correct contrast makes all of the difference in the world.

- *It is evident that man never attains self-knowledge until he has previously contemplated the face of God, and come down after such contemplation to look into himself. John Calvin*
- *Humility is honestly assessing ourselves in light of God's holiness and our sinfulness. C.J. Mahaney*

### This passage is all about contrasts...

- Verses 1 and 2 show the depths of love versus hate
  - ◇ The last phrase in verse 1 tells us that Jesus was prepared to show the full extent of His love to His disciples.
    - How did He do that? \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◇ By comparison, as Satan worked through Judas Iscariot the disciples were about to see the full extent of hate he had for Christ.
- Verses 4-8 show the humble servant versus the dominating master
  - ◇ Compare the stages John mentions in the act of washing to the actual life of Jesus
  - ◇ How did Satan desire to use Christ? How did he ultimately use Judas this weekend?

- Verses 8b and 9 show the self-supplier and the needy
  - ◇ In an instant, seemingly, Peter realizes that he cannot bring true cleansing to himself.
- Verses 10 and 11 show the difference between the dirty and the clean
  - ◇ Jesus' cleansing of the disciples is a picture of a cleansing that goes beyond the feet all the way to the heart.
- Verses 12-20 show the actions of the redeemed and the rebellious
  - ◇ The redeemed live out the example set by Jesus as they do not consider themselves great than the lead servant.