

## Is a Foot Washing Ceremony a Required Part of Remembering and Proclaiming **Yahshua's** Death?

*[CAVEAT: Everything between the pink brackets that is written in bold, ten-point, italic fonts are not to be taken as part of the scriptures. They are only my attempt to help the readers understand the scripture better. T.A.H.]*

First Corinthians 11 (23) For I have received of the **Sovereign** that which also I delivered unto you, That the **Sovereign Yahshua** the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread: (24) And when He had given thanks, He brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.** (25) After the same manner also *He took* the cup, when He had supped, saying, **This cup is the New Testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.** (26) For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the **Sovereign's** death till He come.

NOTE to everyone who reads this very short article: Even if it is not what you presently believe, please be like a good juryman and examine all of the evidence before reaching a verdict on the matter.

To help us understand the circumstance of foot washing in the narrative where it was presented, we need to insert part of Luke's testimony concerning the emblem of the bread and the cup of the fruit of the vine into John's testimony. Luke's testimony (Luke 22:17-30) does not conflict with John's. It enhances it because John does not mention all the things that took place after the meal. We shall start with John 13:1 and then insert Luke 22:17-30 between John 13:1&2. Everything will then fall into its proper place.

John 13 (1) Now before the Feast of the Passover, when **Yahshua** knew that **His** hour was come that **He** should depart out of this world unto the **Father**, having loved **His Own** which were in the world, **He** loved them unto the end.

In Luke's account of what happened after that last meal that **Yahshua** shared with the apostles as it relates to the taking of the bread and cup of the fruit of the vine and his account as it relates to the betrayer. In the very next two verses, they questioned among themselves about who the betrayer was **AND** they **also had a strife** among themselves as to who should be the greatest. All of this had to take place while **still at the table after supper.** (verse 20-21) Also see John 13:28.

Luke 22 ... (17) And **He** took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, **Take this, and divide it among yourselves:** (18) **For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the Kingdom of Yahweh shall come.** (19) And **He** took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, **This is My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me.** (20) **Likewise** also the cup **after** supper, saying, **This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you.** (21) **But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth Me is with Me on the table.** (22) **And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom He is betrayed!** (23) And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do **this thing.** (24) **AND there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.** (25) And **He** said unto them, **The kings of the Gentiles exercise rule over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.** (26) **But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.** (27) For whether *is* greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? **Is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am among you as He that serveth.** (28) **Ye are they which have continued with Me in My temptations.** (29) **And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as My Father hath appointed unto Me;** (30) **That ye may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

Following the above strife, **Yahshua** rose from supper and did the foot washing. *Continuing in John 13:2-*

John 13 (2) And **supper being ended**, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray **Him**; (3) **Yahshua** knowing that the **Father** had given all things into **His** hands, and that **He** was

come from **Yahweh**, and went to **Yahweh**; (4) **He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself.** (5) After that **He** poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith **He** was girded. (6) Then cometh **He** to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto **Him**, **Sovereign**, dost **Thou** wash my feet? (7) **Yahshua** answered and said unto him, **What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.** (8) Peter saith unto **Him**, **Thou** shalt never wash my feet. **Yahshua** answered him, **If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me.** (9) Simon Peter saith unto **Him**, **Sovereign**, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head. (10) **Yahshua** saith to him, **He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.** (11) **For He knew who should betray Him; therefore said He, Ye are not all clean.**

After the foot washing, **Yahshua** taught them to be humble and serve one another rather than exalt themselves to be served. He then speaks again of Judas, the prophesied betrayer.

John 13 (12) So **after He** had washed their feet, and had taken **His** garments, and was set down again, **He** said unto them, **Know ye what I have done to you?** (13) **Ye call Me Instructor and Sovereign: and ye say well; for so I am.** (14) **If I then, your Sovereign and Instructor, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.** (15) **For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.** (16) **Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his Sovereign; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent Him.** (17) **If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.** (18) **I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with Me hath lifted up his heel against Me [Psa. 41:9].** (19) **Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am He.** (20) **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth Me; and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me.**

(It is interesting to note that **Yahshua** referred to the betrayer in Luke's narrative immediately after the cup with the fruit of the vine was given. (Luke 22:21) **Yahshua** referred to the betrayer again in John 13:10&11 before washing the apostles' feet and then again after washing their feet. (John 13:18) The betrayer was referred to several times thereafter. However, **John never mentions the fact of the dispute among the apostles** that came up very early right after the giving of cup of the fruit of the vine in Luke's account.)

It is obvious that because of the strife among the apostles at the supper table that **Yahshua** did the foot washing to teach them humility and commanded them to follow His live example. I do not think that He did it to **make it a required ceremony or ritual** to use with the **partaking of the emblems of the bread and the cup of the fruit of the vine which relate to His death.** After all, **His death was the sacrificing of the Passover Lamb of Yahweh.**

In the repeat below of my first scripture, I notice that the apostle Paul makes no mention of the foot washing in the instruction that he received of the **Sovereign**.

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Is it okay to wash one another's feet during the service in which we partake of the **emblems of the bread and the cup of the fruit of the vine** declaring **the sacrifice of the Lamb of Yahweh till Yahshua comes?** I see no difference in doing that than saying prayers and singing psalms and praises of **Yahweh** and **Yahshua** at the service. Therefore, I have no problem participating in the foot washing with the Brethren who do feel it should be part of the remembering **Yahshua's** death till He comes. Halleluyah!!!

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