

Upcoming Events

Business Meeting: October 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class: October 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Panera Bread Open Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Hebrews class Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Commitment

“Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.” Galatians 6:9

“Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.” Proverbs 16:3

“But Jesus said to him, ‘No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.’”
Lk. 9:62

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” Deuteronomy 6:5

October Birthdays

3 Betty Heitmeyer

28 Allan Brown

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:
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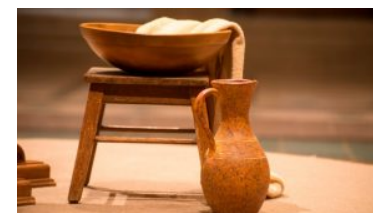
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Foot Washing

By Kevin Cauley

There are some religious groups that practice foot washing. They take the example that Jesus gave in John 13:3-15 literally, and occasionally, they have a foot washing event. That wasn't what Jesus was talking about doing, but there's nothing wrong with it as long as it doesn't turn into a mindless religious ritual that forgets Jesus intent, and what was that intent? Jesus was trying to teach the disciples to serve one another. We don't have examples of the apostles washing each other's feet in the New Testament, but we do have commands such as Philippians 2:3-4, *“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”* This is the kind of “foot washing” that Jesus wants us to do.



When we “wash feet,” a lot of spiritual good takes place. First, when we “wash feet,” we are too busy to worry about things that are out of our control. Our focus is upon the task at hand, not upon things that we can't control. Idle hands lead to worried minds. Second, when we “wash feet,” we demonstrate the love of Christ. We show to others that we really care about them enough to put their needs above our own desires. Jesus did that when He went to the cross. Third, when we “wash feet,” we think of self less and

others more. We realize that life is about other people, not self alone. This reduces pride and increases humility. Fourth, when we “wash feet,” we give ourselves away to others, and “*it is more blessed to give than to receive.*” We need to be “foot washers!” Let’s follow Jesus’ example and love each other.

Paul Committed to the Lord

By Dan Jenkins

When Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy, he knew the end was near. He looked back over his life and used two illustrations from the Grecian games to describe it. He mentioned fighting (wrestling or boxing) and racing. “*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith*” (4:6). It is at times like this that a man reflects on how his life has been spent. It is a time for self-evaluation.



Look at his words in chapter one. He urged Timothy to never be ashamed of the gospel nor of Paul. “*Share with me in the sufferings for the gospel*” (1:8). Four verses later he mentions his suffering again. “*For this reason, I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed...*” Throughout much of his life he had been despised, mocked, blasphemed, beaten and imprisoned. The world looks at such men with contempt, yet Paul was not ashamed.

How could this be? Read the rest of this verse. “*For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I*

have committed to Him until that Day.” Just what had he committed to the Lord? Take time to consider the following thoughts as if we knew our life was about to end and then reflect back on it. What have we committed to the safekeeping of God until the day of judgment?

- He had committed to the Lord his choice to suffer shame at the hands of men for Him to recompense on the final day.
- He had committed his soul to the Lord. That eternal spirit was about to depart from his body, and he had loved the Lord with all of his heart and soul. He believed the Lord knew this and would keep it until the end.
- He had committed his body as a living sacrifice, and it was offered on the altar of service. Now the time had come for his life to be sealed with his own blood. With absolute confidence he knew he would be vindicated someday.
- He had committed the future into God’s hand and while there was much uncertainty about that future, he knew Who held the future. “*I know whom I have believed...*” He may not have known the “what,” but he knew the Who!
- He had committed all that there was to Him who was able. On this earth there were times when Paul was bound and helpless because there were those who were able to do this to him. Yet Paul knew that their power was nothing compared to the power of the Almighty. There is no comparison to be made between the two. Those Roman soldiers thought they were able to control Paul’s future. He knew better.

How deep is our commitment to the Lord? How much of ourselves or our life belongs to Him?