

Ebenezer Youth Fellowship
The Upper Room Discourse (1) – The Humility of Love
Text: John 13:1-17

1. Introduction

- a) Some of the most poignant and powerful teaching in Jesus' entire earthly ministry took place on the last evening He spent with His disciples commonly called the Last Supper.
- b) John 13-16 is the most complete record of what occurred and what was said that evening of at most a few hours.
- c) This was as if the last parting words of Jesus before He faced betrayal, mocking, spitting and death on the cross for our sins.

2. We live in a world obsessed with self-esteem, self-love, self-fulfillment and selfish pursuit.

- a) Pride and self-centredness are hostile to true Christlike godliness (John 13).

3. "He Loved Them To The End" (v.1)

- a) Chapter 13 marks a transition in John's Gospel. His public ministry had ended in the people's complete and final rejection of Him as Messiah.
- b) Jesus knew all things that would come (John 18:4) would focus His heart this last night on His disciples to demonstrate His self-sacrificial gracious love.
- c) When Jesus and His disciples arrived at the Upper Room, there was no servant to wash their feet which was customary. The disciples would not do it. Jesus took up the towel and basin to kneel down to wash His disciples' feet.
- d) The disciples were preoccupied with "who is the greatest" issue.
- e) Jesus' love for His disciples is to the uttermost (v.1) with true humility.

4. Love...In Deed And In Truth (1 John 3:18)

- a) How could anyone reject this kind of love shown by Jesus? Judas did (v.2).
- b) Jesus' love was in deed and in truth in washing the disciples' feet including Judas. See the contrast of Jesus' love and Judas' hatred.

5. If I Wash Thee Not, Thou Hast No Part With Me (v.8)

- a) Peter was the outspoken disciple and boasting seems to come easily to him.
- b) Peter must learn the lesson of submission to the words of Jesus.
- c) Jesus wanted them to know the assurance of salvation when one is completely washed (v.10). Does Judas have it? Jesus knows every heart,

6. Ye Also Ought To Wash One Another's Feet (v.14)

- (a) An example to follow our Master. The servant is not greater than his Master (v.16).
- (b) True humility is loving service to others

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Share your salvation testimony if you are truly cleansed and trusted in Jesus as your Saviour.
- 2. Share a person that you have struggled to show Christ's love and what you intend to do to now follow the example of Jesus Christ.