

LESSONS FROM THE
FEET OF JESUS, # 2

I. At the feet of Jesus, Christians learn to be students of the gospel of Christ!

“Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus’ feet, and heard his word”-Luke 10:38 & 39.

“Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid”-Luke 8:35.

TO “SIT AT JESUS’ FEET” HAS REFERENCE TO SOMEONE WHO IS A DEVOTED LEARNER OF THE LORD!

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children”-Hosea 4:6.

“Jesus answered and said unto them, ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God”-Matthew 22:29.

“For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead”-John 20:9.

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ”-II Peter 3:18.

NOTE THE CONTEXT OF THIS VERSE:

“As also in all his epistle, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction”-II Peter 3:16.

IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE LEADS TO SELF-DESTRUCTION OF DISCIPLES!!

INSTABILITY AND IGNORANCE ARE, “A DEADLY DUO,” IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN!!

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so”-Acts 17:11.

“But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food”-Job 23:10-12.

“I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation”-Psalms 119:99.

THIS TEXT SHOWS HOW FAR DEVOTED STUDENTS OF GOD’S WORD CAN ADVANCE!

BIBLE STUDENTS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO “SIT AT THE FEET OF JESUS” TO THE POINT OF EVEN KNOWING MORE THAN THEIR TEACHERS!!

SOME STUDENTS BECOME “RETARDS” IN GOD’S WORD INSTEAD OF ADVANCING IN IT!

“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat”-Hebrews 5:12.

Question: How sickening and discouraging would it be to see a 15 year old son or daughter return to nursing baby’s milk out of a bottle?

At twelve years of age, the Lord was so advanced in His knowledge that the “doctors” were astonished at His understanding and answers-see Luke 2:46 & 47.

THERE WAS NOTHING MIRACULOUS HERE; THE SPIRIT OF GOD DID NOT COME UPON THE LORD UNTIL HE WAS BAPTIZED!!

Christians need to know God's word to the point that those who hear us teach are amazed at our knowledge and understanding of His word!

ONE OF THE REASONS THAT SPIRITUAL MINDED CHRISTIANS ENCOURAGE ALL CHRISTIANS TO ATTEND ALL SERVICES IS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT THOSE WHO HAVE THE HABIT OF DOING SO ARE NORMALLY FAR ADVANCED IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD!!

I personally have never known of even one Christian who "attended less;" but knew more than other Christians!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to be dedicated students of God's word!

In a common figure of speech, "We ought to be burning the midnight oil in the study of God's word!"

II. At the feet of Jesus, we learn to have deep appreciation and dedicated service for the blessings He has bestowed upon us!

A. THE "SINNING WOMAN" who was forgiven by the Lord-see Luke 7:36-50.

1. In verse 38, we need to observe the imperfect tenses: this woman "kept on drying, kissing, and anointing the feet of Jesus!"

Simon, the Pharisee did nothing!

2. The Lord had forgiven her, and because of the great appreciation she had for the Lord's forgiveness, she did these things!

In verse 47, Luke used a perfect tense verb (apheontai) which has the meaning, "Your sins have been, and remain forgiven!"

What the Lord is teaching in the verse is that this woman's amazing and admirable outpouring of love came because of her deep and great appreciation for the Lord's forgiveness!

B. THE SAMARITAN LEPER-see the record in Luke 17:11-19.

Here's the record of the Samaritan's response to having been cleansed by the Lord!

“And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God.

And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan”-verses 15 & 16.

Here's the response of the Lord to the ten being healed.

“And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?

There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole”-verses 17-19.



BRETHREN, SIN IS FAR WORSE THAN LEPROUSY!

Let's be reminded that Christians have been cleansed from their sins by the precious blood of Christ!

1. *“Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood”-Revelation 1:5.*

2. *“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood”-Acts 20:28.*

3. *“For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins”-Matthew 26:28.*

4. *“For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God;*

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood”-Romans 3:23-25.

5. *“The lamb slain from the foundation of the world”- Revelation 13:8.*

6. *“But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”-I Peter 1:19.*

7. *“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ”-I Peter 1:2.*

8. *“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*

But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water”-John 19:30 & 34.

9. *“Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.*

And he shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities”-Isaiah 53:10 & 11.

My questions to every Christian: “Have we ceased showing our deep love and appreciation for the Lord?” He died and shed his blood for us, what are we doing to demonstrate to Him our thankfulness and appreciation? How would any Christian explain the lukewarmness in their life without acknowledging they have ceased thanking and glorifying the Lord for what He has done, and continues to do for them?

Would the Lord place us in the category of the nine lepers who did not thank Him for His great cleansing?

Or, would He commend us as He did the one Samaritan leper?

Do we realize that lukewarmness will cause the Lord to spew us out of his mouth? See the record in Revelation 3:14-22.

According to Revelation 3:20, The Lord will stand outside and knock on the door of Christians who have shut Him out!

Will we open the door and let Him in?